



FCC Regulatory Fee Increase

AFC Fall 2015 – Montreal

FCC Fee Increase Background



- FCC attempted to increase regulatory fee from \$300 to \$350 for 10 year license
 - Fee is split into a per year charge
 - Does not include application fee (\$130)
- Proposed raise was in addition to previous year
 - Raised from \$150 to \$300
 - Proposed at \$350, but ASRI filing reduced it down to \$300

AFC Filing



- AFC filed against the proposal in June 2015
 - Flaws in the FCC's budget calculations
 - Previous increase was unwarranted
- Supported by multiple AFC member organizations
 - ASRI
 - A4A
 - AOPA
 - Boeing
 - Delta
 - Harris
 - RC
 - SITA
 - Southwest

FCC Response



- FCC Rulemaking released in Sep 2015
 - Agreed with filing that increase unwarranted
 - Reduced fees to \$200
 - Unexpected result
- Combination of good support and argument
 - Possible filing model to forward with?
- Result not guaranteed for future
 - 2016 review expected mid-2016
 - May need to repeat the process



Questions?