**CHARTER**

**of the**

**FCC’S COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY, RELIABILITY, AND INTEROPERABILITY COUNCIL**

* 1. Advisory Committee’s Official Designation

The official designation of the advisory committee will be the “FCC’s Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council” (hereinafter, Council or CSRIC).

* 1. **Authority**

The Council is being amended at the direction of the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. 10.

* 1. Objectives and Scope of Activities

The purpose of the Council is to provide recommendations to the FCC regarding ways the FCC can strive for security, reliability, and interoperability of communications systems. CSRIC’s recommendations will focus on a range of public safety- and homeland security-related communications matters, including: (1) the security and reliability of communications systems and infrastructure; (2) 911, Enhanced 911 (E911), and Next Generation 911 (NG911); (3) emergency alerting; (4) Artificial Intelligence learning; and (5) national security/emergency preparedness (NS/EP) communications, including law enforcement access to communications.

* 1. **Description of Duties**

The duties of the Council will be to formulate recommendations to the FCC to promote communications reliability and resiliency within the parameters set forth in Section 3 above, develop those recommendations, and submit them to the FCC. These duties are solely advisory in nature.

The Council's duties may include the following:

1. Develop and recommend best practices and actions the FCC can take to improve the security and reliability of communications networks.
2. Develop and recommend best practices and actions the FCC can take to manage security risk in emerging 5G implementations.

1. Develop and recommend best practices for the design and deployment of communications networks to mitigate risks posed by vulnerable supply chains, open-source software platforms, and the proliferation of Internet of Things devices.
2. Review risks to service provider operations from attacks in service providers’ software and cloud services stacks and develop mitigation strategies for these vulnerabilities that are external to communications infrastructure.
3. Develop and recommend best practices on how the Commission most effectively can support industry participation in the development of 5G technical standards relating to security, resiliency, and interoperability by appropriate standards-setting organizations.
4. Develop and recommend best practices and actions the FCC can take that promote reliable communications services, including 911, E911, and NG911 service.
5. Develop recommendations for actions the FCC should take to enhance the ability of the public to receive timely and accurate emergency alerts and warnings.
6. Develop recommendations to ensure integrity regarding NS/EP communications and to ensure appropriate law enforcement access to communications.
7. Make recommendations with respect to such additional topics as the Chairman of the FCC may specify.
   1. Agency or Federal Officer Receiving the Advisory Committee’s Advice/Recommendations

The Council shall report to the Chairman of the FCC.

1. Support

The FCC’s Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau will provide the necessary support for the Council, including the meeting facilities for the Council.

1. Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years

An estimated one FCC staff year annually will be expended in support of the Council. The Council’s estimated total operating cost to the FCC is approximately $230,000 per year.

1. **Designated Federal Officer (DFO)**

A full-time or permanent part-time employee, appointed by the FCC Chairman, will serve as the Designated Federal Officer (DFO). The DFO must:

1. Ensure the Council’s activities comply with the FACA, FACA Final Rule, FCC’s administrative procedures, and any other applicable laws and regulations;
2. Approve or call all meetings of the advisory committee or subcommittee;
3. Approve the agenda;
4. Attend all advisory committee and subcommittee meetings for their duration;
5. Fulfill the requirements under the requirements under 5 U.S.C. 1009(b);
6. Adjourn any meeting when in the public interest;
7. Chair any meeting when so directed by the agency head;
8. Maintain information on advisory committee activities and provide such information to the public, as applicable; and;
9. Ensure advisory committee members and subcommittee members, as applicable, receive the appropriate training (e.g., FACA overview, ethics training) for efficient operation and compliance with the FACA and FACA Final Rule.
10. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings

The Council will meet approximately four times per year, approximately every three months.

1. **Duration**

The Council will have two (2) years from the date its Charter is filed to carry out the purposes for which it was created.

1. Termination

Unless renewed by appropriate action, this Council will terminate two years from the Filing Date of this charter.

1. Membership and Designation

There shall be approximately 40-50 members of the Council appointed by the Chairman of the FCC including a Chairperson(s) of the Council. Members will be selected from among Federal, state, tribal, territorial and/or government agencies, consumer or community organizations or other non-profit entities, and the private sector to balance the expertise and viewpoints that are necessary to effectively address the issues to be considered. Members will be appointed as Representatives, Special Government Employees (SGEs), or Regular Government Employees (RGEs), as necessary. Membership details are included in the committee’s Membership Balance Plan.

1. **Subcommittees**

The Chairman of the FCC has the authority to create informal subcommittees that may meet more frequently than the Council. Activities and recommendations of the informal subcommittees must be reported to the Council as a whole, and only as modified or ratified by the Council as a whole may such recommendations be reported to the Chairman of the FCC.

1. **Recordkeeping**

Records of the proceedings will be kept, as required by applicable laws and regulations. All records of the committee, formally and informally created subcommittees, or other subgroups of the committee, shall be handled in accordance with General Records Schedule 6.2 or other approved agency records disposition schedule. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

1. Filing Date

March 26, 2024.

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