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Mr. James Bradford Ramsay
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Dear Mr. Ramsay:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology on Thursday, July 11, 2013, to testify at the hearing entitled "Improving FCC Process."

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions by the close of business on Monday, October 21, 2013. Your responses should be e-mailed to the Legislative Clerk in Word format at Charlotte.Savercool@mail.house.gov and mailed to Charlotte Savercool, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,

Greg Walden

Greg Walden
Chairman
Subcommittee on Communications and Technology

cc: Anna Eshoo, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology

Attachment

The Honorable Henry Waxman

Section 13(a)(1)(A) of the draft legislation effectively requires the FCC to issue a Notice of Inquiry (NOI) for every new rulemaking.

1. Can you think of situations in which an NOI confers no benefit and unnecessarily leads to delay? For example, if the FCC is looking to update technical rules that would re-designate certain spectrum from voice to broadband services, would the requirement for the FCC to issue a NOI really contribute to the process?

2. What happens when the FCC has to address routine matters, such as fee proceedings, or refresh the record in an already open proceeding? Would an NOI still be necessary in such instances?