

Secretary for Communications and Information and NTIA Administrator on spectrum policy matters.

**DATES:** Applications must be postmarked or electronically transmitted on or before January 31, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons may submit applications, with the information specified below, to Antonio Richardson, Designated Federal Officer, by email to [arichardson@ntia.gov](mailto:arichardson@ntia.gov), or by U.S. mail or commercial delivery service to Office of Spectrum Management, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 4600, Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Antonio Richardson at (202) 482-4156 or [arichardson@ntia.gov](mailto:arichardson@ntia.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commerce Spectrum Management Advisory Committee is chartered by the Department of Commerce under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. app. 2, and pursuant to section 105(b) of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 904(b). The committee will continue as provided in Executive Order 14109, effective September 29, 2023. The Department of Commerce re-chartered the CSMAC on November 21, 2023, for a two-year period. The CSMAC advises the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information on a broad range of issues regarding spectrum policy. In particular, the current charter calls for the committee to provide advice and recommendations on needed reforms to domestic spectrum policies and management to: (1) license radio frequencies in a way that maximizes their public benefit; (2) keep wireless networks as open to innovation as possible; and (3) make wireless services available to all Americans. The CSMAC functions solely as an advisory body in compliance with the FACA. Additional information about the CSMAC and its activities may be found at <https://www.ntia.gov/category/csmac>.

Under the terms of the committee's charter, it will have no fewer than five (5) members and no more than thirty (30) members, who serve in the capacity of Special Government Employee (SGE). As SGEs, members must comply with certain Federal conflict-of-interest statutes and ethics regulations, including some financial disclosure requirements. Members will not receive compensation or reimbursement for travel or for per diem expenses. No

member may be a registered Federal lobbyist, pursuant to the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (codified at 2 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*). See Office of Management and Budget, "Revised Guidance on Appointment of Lobbyists to Federal Advisory Committees, Boards, and Commissions", 79 FR 47482 (Aug. 13, 2014). No member may be an agent of a foreign principal required to register pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended (codified at 22 U.S.C. 611 *et seq.*).

The Secretary of Commerce appoints members of the committee, who serve at the Secretary's pleasure and discretion for up to a two-year term and may be reappointed for additional terms. NTIA currently seeks applicants for a new two-year term that will commence approximately in June 2024 and continue for two years from that date, subject to the anticipated timely renewal of the committee's charter or its termination by proper authority.

The committee's membership will be fairly balanced in terms of the points of view represented by members and the functions to be performed. Accordingly, its membership will reflect a cross-section of interests in spectrum management and policy, including non-Federal spectrum users; State, regional, and local sectors; technology developers and manufacturers; academia; civil society; and service providers with customers in both domestic and international markets. A description of factors to be considered in determining each applicant's expertise is contained in the committee's Membership Balance Plan, available at [https://www.ntia.gov/sites/default/files/2023-12/csmac-membership\\_balance\\_plan.pdf](https://www.ntia.gov/sites/default/files/2023-12/csmac-membership_balance_plan.pdf).

NTIA seeks applicants with strong technical and engineering knowledge and experience, familiarity with commercial or private wireless technologies and associated businesses, or expertise with specific applications of wireless technologies. The Secretary may consider factors including, but not limited to, educational background, past work or academic accomplishments, and the industry sector in which a member is currently or previously employed. All appointments are made without discrimination on the basis of age, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, disability, cultural, religious, or socioeconomic status. A diverse membership of the Committee assures expertise reflecting the breadth of the Committee's responsibilities and, where possible, the Secretary will also consider the ethnic, racial, and gender diversity and various abilities of the United States population.

Each application must include the applicant's full name, address, telephone number, and email address, along with a summary of the applicant's qualifications that identifies, with specificity, how his or her education, training, experience, expertise, or other factors would support the CSMAC's work and how his or her participation would help achieve the balance factors described above. Each application must also include a detailed resume or curriculum vitae.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Telecommunications and Information Administration 2024 NTIA Spectrum Policy Symposium

**AGENCY:** National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), U.S. Department of Commerce, will host a public symposium on February 1, 2024, focusing on implementation of the National Spectrum Strategy, which the Executive Office of the President released on November 13, 2023.

**DATES:** The symposium will be held on February 1, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST).

**ADDRESSES:** The symposium will take place at the National Press Club, located at 529 14th St. NW, Washington, DC 20045. The event also will be webcast through the NTIA website at <https://www.ntia.gov/page/ntia-spectrum-policy-symposium>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Alden, Telecommunications Specialist, Office of Spectrum Management, NTIA, at (202) 482-8046 or [spectrumsymposium@ntia.gov](mailto:spectrumsymposium@ntia.gov). Please direct media inquiries to NTIA's Office of Public Affairs, (202) 482-7002; email: [press@ntia.gov](mailto:press@ntia.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NTIA serves as the president's principal advisor on telecommunications policies and manages the use of the radio-frequency spectrum by federal agencies. See 47 U.S.C. 902(b)(2). NTIA is hosting a symposium to focus on implementing the National Spectrum Strategy released by the Executive Office of the President on November 13, 2023. The Strategy

was accompanied by a *Presidential Memorandum* titled “Modernizing United States Spectrum Policy and Establishing a National Spectrum Strategy,” which calls for the Secretary of Commerce, acting through NTIA, to publish an Implementation Plan for the Strategy. This will chart the course for federal agency actions, pursuant to the *Presidential Memorandum*, to further the policy objectives stated in the Strategy.

The strategic objectives in the Strategy are grouped under four “pillars” for further action:

- *Pillar One*: A spectrum pipeline to ensure U.S. leadership in advanced and emerging technologies;
- *Pillar Two*: Collaborative long-term planning to support the nation’s evolving spectrum needs;
- *Pillar Three*: Unprecedented spectrum innovation, access, and management through technology development; and
- *Pillar Four*: Expanded spectrum expertise and elevated national awareness.

Speakers from the Department of Commerce, the Executive Office of the President, the Federal Communications Commission and Congress have been invited to provide keynote remarks. Panelists are expected to include participants from the FCC, Executive Branch agencies, and the private sector. Prior to the symposium event, NTIA will post detailed program information on its website: [www.ntia.gov](http://www.ntia.gov).

The symposium is open to the public and members of the press to attend or to view through a webcast available on the NTIA website. While it is not required, NTIA asks that online attendees provide registration information prior to the event. This information will include names, email addresses, and organizations (optional). Registration information, the agenda, meeting updates, if any, and other relevant documents will be available on NTIA’s website.

The event webcast will be close-captioned. Individuals requiring special accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, should notify Mr. Alden at the contact information listed above at least ten (10) business days before the event.

**Stephanie Weiner,**

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**COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION**

**RIN 3038–AF40**

**Commission Guidance Regarding the Listing of Voluntary Carbon Credit Derivative Contracts; Request for Comment**

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission

**ACTION:** Proposed guidance; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the “Commission” or “CFTC”) is issuing for public comment this proposed guidance regarding the listing for trading of voluntary carbon credit (“VCC”) derivative contracts. Specifically, the Commission is proposing to issue guidance to outline factors that designated contract markets (“DCMs”) should consider when addressing certain provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act (“CEA”), and CFTC regulations thereunder, that are relevant to the listing for trading of VCC derivative contracts. The Commission recognizes that VCC derivatives are a comparatively new and evolving class of products, and believes that guidance that outlines factors for a DCM to consider in connection with product design and listing may help to advance the standardization of such products in a manner that promotes transparency and liquidity. The Commission requests comment on this proposed guidance and further invites comment on specific questions related to the listing for trading of VCC derivative contracts.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before February 16, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by “Commission Guidance Regarding the Listing of Voluntary Carbon Credit Derivative Contracts” and RIN 3038–AF40, by any of the following methods:

- *CFTC Comments Portal:* <https://comments.cftc.gov>. Select the “Submit Comments” link for this release and follow the instructions on the Public Comment Form.
- *Mail:* Send to Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581.
- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Follow the same instructions as for Mail, above.

Please submit your comments using only one of these methods. Submissions through the CFTC Comments Portal are encouraged.

All comments must be submitted in English, or if not, accompanied by an English translation. Comments will be posted as received to <https://comments.cftc.gov>. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. If you wish the Commission to consider information that you believe is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), a petition for confidential treatment of the exempt information may be submitted according to the procedures established in § 145.9 of the Commission’s regulations.<sup>1</sup>

The Commission reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to review, pre-screen, filter, redact, refuse, or remove any or all of your submission from <https://www.comments.cftc.gov> that it may deem to be inappropriate for publication, such as obscene language. All submissions that have been redacted or removed that contain comments on the merits of the guidance will be retained in the public comment file and will be considered as required under the Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws, and may be accessible under FOIA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lillian A. Cardona, Assistant Chief Counsel, (202) 418–5012, [lcardona@cftc.gov](mailto:lcardona@cftc.gov); Steven Benton, Industry Economist, (202) 418–5617, [sbenton@cftc.gov](mailto:sbenton@cftc.gov); Nora Flood, Chief Counsel, (202) 418–6059, [nflood@cftc.gov](mailto:nflood@cftc.gov); Division of Market Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

*A. The Regulatory Framework for DCMs*

The CFTC’s mission is to promote the integrity, resilience, and vibrancy of the U.S. derivatives markets through sound regulation.<sup>2</sup> An independent agency of the U.S. federal government, the CFTC exercises the authorities granted to it under the CEA to promote market integrity, prevent price manipulation and other market disruptions, protect customer funds, and avoid systemic risk, while fostering responsible innovation and fair competition in the derivatives markets.<sup>3</sup>

DCMs are CFTC-regulated exchanges that provide participants in the derivatives markets with the ability to execute or trade derivative contracts

<sup>1</sup> 17 CFR 145.9.

<sup>2</sup> CFTC Mission Statement, available at: <https://www.cftc.gov/About/AboutTheCommission>.

<sup>3</sup> See CEA section 3(b), 7 U.S.C. 5(b).