

UTILITIES AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS ALERT

House Energy and Commerce Committee Presents Questions on Spectrum Policy

What steps can be taken to increase the spectrum available to meet commercial demand? What criteria should the Federal Communications Commission use in evaluating whether to issue a spectrum license? Should more spectrum be made available for unlicensed uses like WiFi? What role should the National Telecommunications and Information Administration play in the licensing and management of spectrum?

These are some of the questions presented by the House Energy and Commerce Committee (“Committee”) in its second white paper in a series on communications laws. The Committee is gathering information to assist in its review and modernization of the Communications Act. While discussions and questions presented in the white paper center on specific aspects of spectrum policy, the Committee is seeking comments on any aspect of spectrum policy. Businesses that use either licensed or unlicensed spectrum to offer their services should participate to protect their interests as Congress develops legislation to amend existing law.

The Committee is requesting that responses be submitted to commactupdate@mail.house.gov by Friday, April 25, 2014. Click [here](#) to access the full text of the white paper. For additional information, please contact Earl Comstock at 202.659.6627 or Jim Falvey at 202.659.6655.

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