

Independent Emergency Alert System Stakeholders

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Press Release

[Group files Petition with the FCC to get more unsettled CAP-EAS issues on the record](#)

Santa Paula, California November 22, 2010: Nearly two months after the FCC started its 180-day clock to mandate that broadcasters purchase and install Common Alerting Protocol Enhanced EAS (CAP-EAS) receivers - and over a month since the NAB petitioned for an extension - a group of independent EAS stakeholders has filed a petition with the FCC to emphasize the need for the extension as well to get still unaddressed CAP-EAS issues on the record.

Their Petition states that CAP-EAS “has not yet been fully fleshed out, certified, tested and validated on a large scale by the agency that has the overall responsibility for it, the Federal Communications Commission.”

The Petition was filed to ask the FCC take several issues into consideration before the thousands of broadcasters, cable and satellite providers and other distributors of entertainment and information providers nationwide are required to receive CAP v1.2 Standard formatted Emergency Alert System (EAS) messages.

Among these still unresolved issues are the need for greater involvement of Special Needs individuals and the Department of Justice for AMBER messaging, logging and discrepancy reporting certification, emergency management buy-in, governor mandatory EAS messaging, compression standards for CAP-EAS attachments, reinforcement of IP distribution for CAP-EAS messages, CAP-EAS compatibility with National Weather Service warnings, and state and local EAS plan rewrite challenges.

The Petition that was accepted for filing by the FCC today has been circulated to other key EAS stakeholders and has already received favorable reviews From Jim Gabbert, Chair of the California EAS State Emergency Communications Committee and Suzanne Goucher, Chair of the Main SECC.

The Petition can be downloaded from the FCC’s Electronic Comment Filing System (EFCS) website or it can be sent to interested parties by emailing the contact address above.

The current members of the IEASS are Adrienne Abbott, Chair of the Nevada SECC, Clay Freinwald, Chair of the Washington State SECC, Barry Mishkind, Editor and Publisher of the Broadcast Desktop Resource, and Richard Rudman, Vice-Chair of the California SECC.