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Title: Proposed Change to the Size of the OP Delegations to the PCG

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1. Introduction

At PCG # 5 it was agreed to change the maximum number of representatives from each Organizational Partner, to a PCG meeting, from three to five.

The hallmark of the working methods of 3GPP is openness and transparency. This has been our true key to success. Recently there have been multiple instances of sensitive and strategically very important policy discussions in PCG meetings. Most notable among these discussions were on the issues of evolution of technology directions. These types of discussions will decide the future of 3GPP, and how its work would influence the future of the telecommunications landscape around the world. It is only appropriate that the major industrial players should take part in these discussions and be able to guide the future of 3GPP. Within ATIS we have experienced an increased need for broader industry representation at PCG meetings. Other Partners may have had similar experiences.

2. Discussion

ATIS believes that the PCG should upwardly revise, with immediate effect, the limit of the number of representatives allowed to take part in PCG meetings from each Organizational Partner.

In our internal discussions, we have considered the effects of totally eliminating a limit on the number of representatives, or, alternatively, of raising the limit to a very high number such as 10. We have arrived at a conclusion that such an action would not be conducive to the effective decision making process that we have come to expect in PCG.

ATIS wants to make it clear that our suggestion is not to be viewed as an effort to compromise the integrity of the working methods of PCG. The process of Organizational Partner Delegation views on substantive issues being discussed freely in an open forum, aided by the guidance of the leadership of the Technical Specification Groups, and inputs from our valued Market Representation Partner representatives, ITU representatives, and Observers has served us very well over the years. And this process needs to be preserved.

3. Proposal

(i) ATIS proposes to increase the limit of the number of Organizational Partner (OP) representatives (i.e., delegates) to a PCG meeting. The appropriate number should be agreed during PCG #14 meeting. We also suggest that the new agreed limit be operative immediately after the close of the PCG #14 meeting.

(ii) Based on the above agreement, the Working Procedures Ad Hoc Group should be tasked to make appropriate modifications to the Article 15 of the 3GPP Working Procedures. For the ease of your consideration, we provide below the Article 15 as it appears in the Working Procedures at present.

Article 15: PCG participation

The following shall have a right to participate in the PCG:

- A maximum of five representatives of each Organizational Partner;
- A maximum of three representatives of each Market Representation Partner. (MRPs are however urged to limit their participation to one representative wherever possible.);
- The Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of the TSGs as ex-officio members;
- A maximum of three ITU representatives;
- One representative of each Observer.