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COMMENTS INVITED ON NEW ENGLAND AREA (REGION 19) PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN AMENDMENT (GEN. DOCKET NO. 90-53)

Comment Date: December 8, 2000 Reply Date: December 26, 2000

On September 14, 2000, Region 19 submitted a proposed amendment to its Public Safety Plan that would revise the current channel allotments to reflect changes made as a result of its seventh window application process. The requested amendment proposes modification of the Region's frequency allocation tables to provide new assignments for the Connecticut State Police, Berkshire County (Massachusetts) Sheriffs and the Hyanis (Massachusetts) Fire Department.

In accordance with the National Public Safety Plan, each region is responsible for planning its use of public safety radio frequency spectrum in the 821-824/866-869 MHz bands. The Public Safety Plan for Region 19, which was adopted by the Commission on April 26, 1990, governs the use of frequency assignments in the 821-824/866-869 MHz within the New England area. ²

The Commission is soliciting comments from the public before taking action on this proposed plan amendment. Interested parties may file comments to the proposed amendment on or before December 8, 2000, and reply comments on or before December 26, 2000. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), [See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 Fed. Reg. 24,121 (1998)], or by filing paper copies. Commenters who submit by paper should send original and five copies of comments to the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554. Commenters should clearly identify all comments and reply comments, whether submitted electronically or as paper copies, as submissions to General Docket 90-53 New England Public Safety Region 19.

¹ Report and Order, General Docket No. 87-112, 3 FCC Rcd 905 (1987).

² Order, General Docket 90-53, 5 FCC Rcd 2844 (1990).

Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number.

Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

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