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**COMMENTS INVITED ON REGION 20 (WASHINGTON, MARYLAND &
NORTHERN VIRGINIA) PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN AMENDMENT
(Gen. Docket No. 90-7)**

Comment Date: July 18, 2001 Reply Date: August 2, 2001

On June 4, 2001, we received an amendment request from the Region 20 (Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area) Regional Planning Committee proposing to amend its 821-824/866-869 MHz (800 MHz) Public Safety Plan, which was adopted by the Commission on March 26, 1990.¹ The instant plan amendment requests modifications (see Region 20's annotated frequency assignment list, attached as Appendix 1) that would revise the current channel allotments to reflect changes resulting from Region 20's third filing window. The amendment request includes concurrences from the surrounding Regions 28², 36³, 42⁴ and 44⁵. The amendment also lists spectrum "give backs" that will make additional spectrum available to non-800 MHz band users, and confirms that other previously required administrative modifications have been made.

In accordance with the Public Safety National Plan, each region is responsible for planning its use of public safety radio spectrum in the 800 MHz bands.⁶ The Public Safety Plan for Region 20 governs the use of 800 MHz spectrum assignments within Washington, D.C., the state of Maryland and Northern Virginia.

The Commission is soliciting comments from the public before taking action on this proposed plan amendment. Copies of the Region 20 amendment request may be viewed at the Commission's Reference Information Center, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. Copies may also be obtained from the Commission's Copy Contractor, International Transcriptions Services, (ITS), which is located at 1231 20th St., N.W., Washington, DC. ITS may be contacted by phone at (202) 857-3800. The Region 20 amendment request may also be viewed on-line by

¹ *Order*, General Docket No. 90-7, 3 FCC Rcd 1984 (1990)

² Adjoining Region 28 encompasses eastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and the state of Delaware.

³ Adjoining Region 36 encompasses western Pennsylvania

⁴ Adjoining Region 42 encompasses the commonwealth of Virginia, except northern Virginia

⁵ Adjoining Region 44 encompasses the state of West Virginia

⁶ *Report and Order*, General Docket No. 87-112, 3 FCC Rcd 905 (1987).

accessing the Commission's Electronic Comments Filing System (ECFS) and initiating a search of records for General Docket Number 90-7.

Interested parties may file comments to the proposed amendment on or before July 18, 2001, and reply comments on or before August 2, 2001. 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 90-7 Region 20 Public Safety Plan amendment request. 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 e-mails 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.

Questions regarding this public notice may be directed to Ms. Joy Alford, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (202) 418-0694, TTY (202) 418-7233.

REGION 20 FREQUENCY ASSIGNMENTS

Windows 1, 2 and 3¹

<i>Jurisdiction / Geographic Area</i>	<i>Assigned Channels</i>				
Alexandria City, VA	673	675	810		
Anne Arundel County, MD	636	750* ²	777	798	818
Arlington County, VA	654*	662*	727*	766*	
Baltimore City, MD	608	615	617	627	634
	647	650	663	665	667
	669	672	687	689	692
	707	710	712	739	745
	747	752	759	761	763
	765	767	775	787	796
	801	807	810	821	827
Baltimore Washington Airport Baltimore, MD	620*	655*	697*	701*	742*
Calvert County, MD	670	686	690	695	779
Carroll County, MD	612* ²	686	702* ²	709	711
	713	720	748	778* ²	
Charles County, MD	625*	803*	823*		
Fairfax County, VA	609	611	623	631	633
	657	685	688	697	699
	705	708	725	738	749
	751	758	762	776	791
	797	817			
Fauquier County, VA	710*	729*	741*	747*	787*
	795*				
Frederick County, MD	646	670	769	789	811

Harford County, MD	619* ³ 736*	622* 781* ³	659* 813*	698* 816*	704*
Howard County, MD	602* 652* 737*	604* 674* 754*	630* 676* 756*	640* 684*	643* 724*
Loudoun County, VA	641* 701*	644* 755*	661* ⁴ 804* ⁴	678* ⁴ 813*	681* ⁴ 824*
Manassas City, VA.	606	608	743	783	785
Maryland Central Booking Baltimore City, MD	606*	611*	623*	726*	784*
Montgomery County, MD	616 732* 764 800 826	621* ² 740 773 802	626 744 780 806	638 746 782 820	649 760 786 822
Metro Washington Airport Authority Arlington, Loudon & Fairfax Counties, VA	603* 703 815*	651 716*	668 718*	671 768	691 808
Princes George's County, MD	607 682 812	614 722* 828	618 770	645 788	660 790
Prince William County, VA	613 674 765 821	635 676 778 827	637 731 799	653 736 801	655 745 819
RINS – Washington DC Metro Area	792				
Saint Mary's County, MD	612* 735*	634* 748*	658* 763*	713* 809*	724* 814*
SERS 01* ⁵ Alexandria, VA	720				

Upper Maryland Eastern Shore Talbot and Queen Anne's Counties, MD	644* 785* ⁶	653* ⁶ 789*	661* 793*	675* 805*	719* 830*
University of Maryland College Park College Park, MD	632*	726*	784*	794*	830*
Washington Council of Governments Washington DC Metro Area	628 734	664	666	694	714

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¹ * = Window 3 assignment.

² Window 3 reassignment as part of Inter-Regional Matrix rework (2/99) with Regions 20, 28 & 36.

³ **License limitations per Region 28 concurrence.** (1) Harford County is to include a copy of their letter to Region 28 (dated July 11, 2000) with their APCO/FCC submittal. This letter contains provisions relating to criteria to be used in resolution of possible harmful interference to the State of Delaware. (2) Harford County obtains a Letter of Concurrence from the State of Delaware relating to item one of this section. The Letter of Concurrence will provide protection to the State of Delaware should there be harmful interference, and shall be included with the APCO/FCC submittal.

⁴ **License limitations per Region 36 concurrence.** (1) Licenses for the Loudoun Heights location, or nearby (within 1 mile) additional or replacement sites, require the use of directional antenna arrays with the null oriented at 330 degrees and implemented with at least 3 degrees of down tilt per discussions between Region 36 and Loudoun County representatives. (2) Loudoun County maintain its system design such that its 40 dBu contour does not extend closer than three miles south of the Pennsylvania service area border. (3) Region 20 and Loudoun County agree that the Loudoun County allocation does not entitle Loudoun County from adjacent-channel protection from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's deployment of channels 682 and 805 in Adam County and channels 662 and 679 in Franklin County, provided that the Commonwealth maintains its operations within the 40 dBu contour defined by a line three miles outside its service areas.

⁵ **Administrative change.** Channel 720 was originally listed to "MCT Medical Services," Alexandria, VA; it is now designated as "SERS 01," Alexandria, VA to more closely reflect the category of use as assigned. [Per: "Before the Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554 In the matter of) Washington, DC Metropolitan Area) Regional Public Safety Plan) Gen. Docket No. 90-7 (Region 20))) Philadelphia Metropolitan Area) Regional Public Safety Plan) Gen. Docket No. 89-573 (Region 28)) ORDER Adopted: December 9, 1996 Released: December 9, 1996;" paragraphs 16, 17 & 18.]

⁶ **License limitations per Region 28 concurrence.** Sudlersville site shall use a BMR 12H antenna at 345 degrees with a 1.5 degree electrical down tilt and an additional 1.5 degree mechanical down tilt at 345 degrees. The maximum ERP at 75 – 255 degrees shall be no more than 468 watts with the antenna center no higher than 275 AGL.