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## WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ANNOUNCES THAT AMERICAN MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION, INC., IS CERTIFIED AS A FREQUENCY COORDINATOR FOR 800/900 MHz BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL/LAND TRANSPORTATION FREQUENCIES

On April 18, 2001, the Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau), released an *Order* finding it in the public interest to expand competition among frequency coordinators in the 800 MHz and 900 MHz private land mobile radio (PLMR) frequencies.<sup>1</sup> Additionally, the Division concluded that United Telecom Council (UTC), the Industrial Telecommunications Association, Inc. (ITA), the Personal Communications Industry Association, Inc. (PCIA), and MRFAC, Inc. (MRFAC) - - each of which was already certified as a frequency advisory committee (FAC) for the Industrial/Business (I/B) Pool of PLMR frequencies below 512 MHz, and each of which had requested certification for 800 MHz and 900 MHz bands - - were qualified to be FACs for 800 MHz and 900 MHz Business and Industrial/Land Transportation (I/LT) frequencies.<sup>2</sup> Consequently, UTC, ITA, PCIA, and MRFAC were certified to coordinate those PLMR frequencies.

Other FACs currently certified to coordinate below 512 MHz I/B frequencies were invited to perform the same function for frequencies in the 800 MHz and 900 MHz Business and I/LT categories.<sup>3</sup> They were provided with forty-five days from the date the *Order* was released (April 18, 2002) to notify the Bureau of their intention to coordinate these frequencies.<sup>4</sup> During this time period, Forest Industries Telecommunications (FIT) indicated interest in coordinating the 800 MHz and 900 MHz PLMR frequencies by providing the required notification.<sup>5</sup> By *Public Notice* dated June 22, 2001, FIT was certified to coordinate 800 MHz and 900 MHz Business and I/LT channels.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> In the Matter of United Telecom Council, Informal Request for Certification as a Frequency Coordinator in the PLMR 800 MHz and 900 MHz Bands, *Order*, DA 01-944, ¶ 9 (WTB PSPWD 2001).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*, ¶¶ 11, 18.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*, ¶ 13.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*, ¶ 18.

<sup>5</sup> See Letter from Paul J. Feldman, Counsel for Forest Industries Telecommunications to D'wana Terry, Chief, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission (dated April 25, 2001).

<sup>6</sup> Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Announces that Forest Industries Telecommunications is Certified as a Frequency Coordinator for 800/900 MHz Business and Industrial/Land Transportation Frequencies, *Public Notice*, DA 01-1474 (WTB PSPWD rel. June 22, 2001).

On June 11, 2001, the Bureau released an *Order* finding the American Mobile Telecommunications Association, Inc. (AMTA) qualified to act as a frequency coordinator for the PLMR frequencies below 512 MHz.<sup>7</sup> Thus, AMTA was certified to coordinate these channels.<sup>8</sup> As a current FAC for below 512 MHz I/B frequencies, AMTA is eligible under the April 18, 2001 *Order* to perform the same function for frequencies in the 800 MHz and 900 MHz Business and I/LT categories. It has indicated an interest to do so, and by correspondence dated June 13, 2001, AMTA has provided the required notification.<sup>9</sup> We hereby certify AMTA to coordinate 800 MHz and 900 MHz Business and I/LT channels.

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By the Chief, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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<sup>7</sup> In the Matter of American Mobile Telecommunications Association, Inc. and American Trucking Associations, Inc., Petition for Transfer of Frequency Advisory Committee Certification, *Order*, DA 01-1411, ¶¶ 13-16 (WTB PSPWD 2001).

<sup>8</sup> Additionally, the Bureau granted a request by the American Trucking Associations, Inc., to discontinue its frequency coordination services to eligibles in the I/B Pool of PLMR frequencies below 512 MHz. *Id.*, ¶ 18.

<sup>9</sup> See Letter from Alan R. Shark, President, American Mobile Telecommunications Association, Inc., to D'wana R. Terry, Chief, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission (dated June 13, 2001).