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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ANNOUNCES UNITED TELECOM COUNCIL AND MRFAC, INC. ARE CERTIFIED AS FREQUENCY COORDINATORS FOR PART 90 929-930 MHz PAGING FREQUENCIES AND PLMR SPECIAL EMERGENCY FREQUENCIES BELOW 512 MHz

On May 6, 2004, the Public Safety and Critical Infrastructure Division and Mobility Division (Divisions), Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau), released an *Order* finding it in the public interest to expand competition among frequency coordinators in the Part 90 929-930 MHz paging frequencies¹ and Private Land Mobile Radio (PLMR) Special Emergency frequencies² below 512 MHz.³ Additionally, the Divisions concluded that the Industrial Telecommunications Association (ITA) and American Mobile Telecommunications Association, Inc. (AMTA) - - each of which was already certified as a frequency advisory committee (FAC) for the Industrial/Business Pool of PLMR frequencies below 512 MHz, and each of which had requested certification for the Part 90 929-930 MHz paging frequencies and PLMR Special Emergency frequencies below 512 MHz - - were qualified to be FACs for the frequencies in these two categories.⁴ Consequently, ITA and AMTA were certified to coordinate these frequencies.

We offered the opportunity for other Part 90 certified frequency coordinators to perform the same function for the 929-930 MHz paging frequencies and PLMR Special Emergency frequencies below 512 MHz.<sup>5</sup> Interested coordinators were provided with forty-five days from the date the *Order* was released (May 6, 2004) to notify the Bureau of its intention to coordinate these frequencies.<sup>6</sup> By correspondence

 $<sup>^1</sup>$  The five shared 929-930 MHz paging frequencies are listed in 47 C.F.R.  $\S$  90.494(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Prior to radio service consolidation in 1997, certain Part 90 frequencies were available for stations in the former Special Emergency Radio Service. Under current rules, applications for these frequencies must be coordinated by the Special Emergency Coordinator. For convenience, we refer to these frequencies herein as "special emergency" frequencies, which are listed in 47 C.F.R. § 90.20(c)(3) with the symbol "PS" in the coordinator column.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Industrial Telecommunications Association, Informal Request for Certification as a Frequency Coordinator in the Part 90 929-930 MHz Paging Frequencies and PLMR Special Emergency Frequencies Below 512 MHz Bands, *Order*, 19 FCC Rcd 7614 (WTB PSCID/MD 2004).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 7621-22 ¶¶ 19-20.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> *Id.* at 7622 ¶ 20.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> *Id*.

dated June 9, 2004, the United Telecom Council (UTC) provided the required notification. Additionally, by correspondence dated June 16, 2004, MRFAC, Inc. (MRFAC) provided the required notification. We hereby certify UTC and MRFAC to coordinate the Part 90 929-930 MHz paging frequencies and PLMR Special Emergency frequencies below 512 MHz.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See Letter dated June 9, 2004 from Jill M. Lyon, Vice President and General Counsel, United Telecom Council, to D'wana R. Terry, Chief, Public Safety and Critical Infrastructure Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> See Informal Request for Certification as a Frequency Coordinator for Part 90 929-930 MHz Paging Frequencies and PLMR Special Emergency Frequencies Below 512 MHz, Notice of Intent to Coordinate, filed by Marvin W. McKinley, President, MRFAC, Inc. (dated June 16, 2004).