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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ACTION

REGION 43 (WASHINGTON STATE) PUBLIC SAFETY PLANNING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES PLANNING MEETINGS

The Region 43 (Washington) 700 MHz Regional Planning Committee announces a series of upcoming meetings related to the development and adoption of a Regional Plan for the 700 MHz band. Each meeting will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The meeting schedule are as follows:

December 15, 2004 – Snohomish County Public Utility, 1802 75th Street SW, Everett, WA
January 26, 2005 – City of Yakima Police Department, 200 South 3rd Street, Yakima, WA
February 23, 2005 – Washington State DIS Boardroom, 605 E. 11th Street, Olympia, WA
March 30, 2005 - Location to be determined (likely on the eastside of the state)

The purpose of the December 15, 2004 meeting is to approve the Final Draft of the Region 43 700 MHz Plan, which will then be transmitted to neighbor regions (Oregon and Idaho) for their review and comment. It is anticipated that these comments (if any), and any subsequent comments or edits from within Region 43, will be incorporated into the document of the January 26, 2005 meeting and a vote will be taken to approve the plan and transmit it to the FCC for approval.

Detailed information on the Region 43 planning process, meeting information, draft planning documents, and other information is available at the Region 43 web site at: www.region43.org. The web site has a tool to allow you to sign up to the Region 43 listserver to receive continuing information and documents related to the planning process in Washington state. Details such as formal agendas, maps and contact information for each meeting will be posted on the Region 43 web site in advance of all meetings along with conference call phone numbers whenever possible for participants who can not travel to the meeting.

The Region 43 700 MHz Public Safety Planning Committee meetings are open to the public. All eligible public safety providers whose sole purpose or principal purpose is to protect the safety of life, health, or property in Washington State would utilize these frequencies. It is

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essential that not only public safety, but all government, Native American Tribal, and non-governmental organizations eligible under Section 90.523 of the Commission's Rules be represented in order to ensure that each agency's future spectrum needs are considered in the allocation process. Administrators who are not oriented in the communications field should delegate someone with this knowledge to attend, participate and represent your agency's needs.

All interested parties wishing to participate in the planning for the use of new public safety spectrum in the 700 MHz bands and/or the newly allocated 4.9 GHz band within Region 43 are encouraged to attend. For further information about the meeting, please contact:

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