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## WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ACTION

### WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU APPROVES MINNESOTA (REGION 22) 800 MHz PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN AMENDMENT (PR DOCKET NO. 93-130)

By *Public Notice*, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) announces that the Region 22 (Minnesota)<sup>1</sup> 800 MHz Regional Planning Committee's proposal to amend its National Public Safety Planning Advisory Committee (NPSPAC) Plan is approved. On May 13, 2005, the Region 22 (Minnesota) 800 MHz (821-824/866-869 MHz) Regional Planning Committee filed an amendment to its National Public Safety Planning Advisory Committee (NPSPAC) Plan,<sup>2</sup> documenting the new and revised channel assignments necessary to accommodate Phase 2 and Phase 3 requirements of Minnesota's Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response (ARMER) system, a statewide trunking system.<sup>3</sup>

The Plan Amendment coordinates over 200 channels for locations in an area covering 36 counties, the details of which are set forth in Tables 1 through 7.<sup>4</sup> In summary, the amendment includes the following:

- New assignments utilizing fifty-six guard and unassigned channels;
- Formerly unassigned channels are now categorized as unused channels;
- Modified NPSPAC assignments to minimize potential interference, and promote efficient use of the channels;
- Assignments in Table 7 to resolve Wisconsin/Minnesota border conflicts, and ensure that Wisconsin border counties are assigned adequate channels, and

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<sup>1</sup> Region 22 consists of the State of Minnesota.

<sup>2</sup> See Letter dated April 12, 2005, from Andrew W. Terry, Region 22 Chairman, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC (submitting Amendment to Minnesota NSPAC Plan), filed May 2, 2005 (Plan Amendment), subsequently modified by Letter dated May 4, 2005, from Andrew W. Terry to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC (resubmitting Plan Amendment to correct a typographical error in Table 7 – *Wisconsin Border Channel Conflict Resolution Plan*), filed May 13, 2005.

<sup>3</sup> See Plan Amendment, Attachment – Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response (ARMER), Minnesota Department of Public Safety Information Sheet, September 2004.

<sup>4</sup> See Plan Amendment, Table 1 – Unassigned and Guard Channel Assignments; Table 2 – Unused Channel Assignments; Table 3 – Chicago and Isanti County Integrated System (6 additional channels); Table 4 – Scott and Carver County Integrated System (5 additional channels); Table 5 – Dakota County (4 additional channels); Table 6 – Region 22 Channel Reassignments, and Table 7 - *Wisconsin Border Channel Conflict Resolution Plan*.

- Assignments to the ARMER (Phase 2) for expansion of the Metropolitan system to include additional local government participation, with Phase 3 assignments to facilitate expansion approximately 35 miles beyond the seven Metropolitan counties.

The Plan Amendment was reviewed by, and letters of concurrence obtained from, Minnesota's adjacent regions, Region 15 (Iowa), Region 32 (North Dakota), Region 38 (South Dakota), and Region 45 (Wisconsin).

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.<sup>5</sup> The Region 22 Plan, was originally adopted by the Commission in July 1993, and was amended in October 2000.<sup>6</sup>

On July 8, 2005, the Region 22 Plan Amendment was placed on *Public Notice* for comment.<sup>7</sup> We received no comments on the Plan Amendment. We have reviewed the Plan Amendment submitted by Region 22, and conclude it complies with FCC rules and policies. Accordingly, pursuant to Section 4(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 154(i), and Section 1.102(b) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.102(b), the Region 22 (Minnesota) 800 MHz Public Safety Plan Amendment is APPROVED.

This action is taken under delegated authority pursuant to Sections 0.131 and 0.331 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.131, 0.331.

Action by the Chief, Public Safety and Critical Infrastructure Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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<sup>5</sup> See Development and Implementation of a Public Safety National Plan and Amendment to Part 90 to Establish Service Rules and Technical Standards for Use of the 821-824/866-869 MHz Bands by the Public Safety Services, *Report and Order*, General Docket No. 87-112, 3 FCC Rcd 905 (1987).

<sup>6</sup> See In the Matter of Minnesota Public Safety Plan, *Order*, PR Docket No. 93-130, 8 FCC Rcd 4850 (1993); Minnesota (Region 22) Receives Approval for Minor Amendments to its Public Safety Plan, *Public Notice*, PR Docket 93-130, *Public Notice*, 15 FCC Rcd 19320 (WTB PSPWD 2000).

<sup>7</sup> See Comments Invited on Region 22 (Minnesota) 800 MHz Public Safety Plan Amendment, *Public Notice*, PR Docket No. 90-119, 20 FCC Rcd 12093 (WTB PSCID 2005). Comments were due August 9, 2005, and reply comments were due August 24, 2005.