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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ACTION

NEW ENGLAND AREA (REGION 19) 800 MHZ REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE RECEIVES APPROVAL FOR AMENDMENT TO ITS PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN (GENERAL DOCKET NO. 90-53)

By this *Public Notice*, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) announces that the Region 19 (New England Area)¹ 800 MHz Regional Planning Committee's proposal to amend the New England Area National Public Safety Planning Advisory Committee (NPSPAC) Plan is approved. On June 28, 2005, the Region 19 (New England Area) 800 MHz (821-824/866-869 MHz) Regional Planning Committee filed an amendment to its National Public Safety Planning Advisory Committee (NPSPAC) Plan,² which documented new and revised channel assignments to the frequency allocation tables.

The Plan Amendment includes channel allocation results from the Region's Window Fourteen, Fifteen and Sixteen application process, and was coordinated with Region 19's adjacent regions.³ The revised plan allocates channels for the following public safety entities: City of Boston; Massachusetts Department of Corrections; Connecticut State Police; Town of Glastonbury, Connecticut; Town of Wethersfield, Connecticut; City of Providence, Rhode Island; Washington County, Rhode Island; Town of Narragansett, Rhode Island; Town of Wilbraham, Massachusetts and the Massachusetts Port Authority.⁴

¹ The Region 19 (New England) 800 MHz regional planning area consists of Connecticut (except Fairfield, Litchfield, New Haven and Middlesex counties), Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

² See Letter dated June 23, 2005, from George J. Pohorilak, Chairman, Region 19 New England Radio Planning Committee, to Marlene Dortch, FCC (submitting Amendment to Region 19 NPSPAC Plan) filed June 28, 2005 (Plan Amendment).

³ The Plan Amendment was reviewed by, and letters of concurrence obtained from, New England-Region 19's adjacent regions, Region 8 (Metropolitan New York City area – New York, New Jersey & Connecticut) and Region 30 (New York – Albany Area).

⁴ See Plan Amendment Attachment, Tables for Window 13 (no applications), Window 14, Window 15, Window 16 and Window 17 (no applications). In addition, Channels 647 and 757 are proposed to be taken back from Quincy, Massachusetts and the Massachusetts Convention Center for failure to construct.

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.⁵ The Region 19 Plan was originally adopted by the Commission on April 26, 1990, and has been amended several times in the last fifteen years.⁶

On June 28, 2005, the Region 19 Plan Amendment was placed on *Public Notice* for comment.⁷ We received no comments on the Plan Amendment. We have reviewed the Plan Amendment submitted by Region 19, and conclude that 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 19 (New England) 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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⁵ 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 821-824/766-869 MHz Bands by the Public Safety Services, *Report and Order*, Gen. Docket No. 87-112, 3 FCC Rcd 905 (1987).

⁶ The New England Area Public Safety Plan (Region 19) was revised by letter on July 17, 1992; Feb. 28, 1995, and Oct. 30, 1996, and amended by *Public Notice* on Mar. 21, 1997; Feb. 8, 1999; Feb. 8, 2000; Sept. 28, 2000; Jan. 16, 2001; Feb. 7, 2002 and Feb. 27, 2003. See 1997 WL 126054 (Mar. 21, 1997); 14 FCC Rcd 3336 (1999); 15 FCC Rcd 15580 (2000); 15 FCC Rcd 19090 (2000), 16 FCC Rcd 824 (2001), 17 FCC Rcd 2175 (2002); 18 FCC Rcd 2872 (2003) and 20 FCC Rcd 3655 (2005).

⁷ See Comments Invited on Region 19 (New England Area) 800 MHz Public Safety Plan Amendment, *Public Notice*, Gen. Docket No. 90-53, 20 FCC Rcd 13677 (WTB PSCID 2005). Comments were due September 16, 2005 and reply comments were due September 30, 2005.