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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ACTION

COMMENTS INVITED ON THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, MARYLAND AND NORTHERN VIRGINIA (REGION 20) 800 MHz REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN AMENDMENT

(GEN. DOCKET NO. 90-7)

Comment Date: January 30, 2006

Reply Date: February 14, 2006

On December 20, 2004, Region 20 (District of Columbia, Maryland and Northern Virginia)¹ 821 MHz Regional Planning Committee submitted a proposed amendment² to its Public Safety Plan (Plan) that would revise the current channel assignments to reflect the following changes: (a) Revised Frequency Assignment Table as a result of its fourth window (Window 4A) application process; (b) modification of operating parameters of existing channels in Fairfax County, Virginia, and (c) completion of required adjacent region concurrence on channel assignments for Carroll and Charles Counties, Maryland; Fauquier and Loudoun Counties, Virginia; and the Upper Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) – Queen Anne’s, Talbot and Caroline Counties.³

¹ The Region 20 area includes the District of Columbia, Maryland and Northern Virginia (Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William and Stafford Counties, and Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park Cities).

² See Letter dated December 8, 2004, G. Edward Ryan, II, Chairman, Region 20 – 821 MHz Regional Planning Committee, to Marlene Dortch, Secretary, FCC (submitting Amendment to Region 20 NPSPAC Plan) filed December 20, 2004 (Plan Amendment).

³ See Plan Amendment, Appendix I Region 20 Frequency Assignments, Windows 1, 2, 3, and 4A (dated Dec. 3, 2004).

The proposed Plan Amendment was reviewed by, and letters of concurrence obtained from, Region 20's adjacent regions, Region 28 (Eastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey and Delaware),⁴ Region 36 (Western Pennsylvania),⁵ Region 42 (Virginia) and Region 44 (West Virginia).

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.⁶ The Public Safety Plan for Region 20, was originally adopted by the Commission in March 1990, and has been amended several times.⁷

Prior to taking action on the Region 20 Plan Amendment, by this Public Notice, we solicit comments on the Plan Amendment. Pursuant to Sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before January 30, 2006, and reply comments on or before February 14, 2006. All comments should reference General Docket 90-7, and should be filed with the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554.⁸

The Plan Amendment can be accessed electronically via the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>.⁹ Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. Filings and comments are also available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, DC, 20554. Copies also may be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc. (BCPI), Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554. Customers may contact BCPI through its web site, <http://www.bcpiweb.com>, by email at fcc@bcpiweb.com, by phone at (202) 488-5300 or (800) 378-3160, or by facsimile at (202) 488-5563.

⁴ Region 28 (Eastern Pennsylvania) includes Bucks, Chester, Montgomery and Philadelphia Counties, Southern New Jersey (*except* Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex and Union Counties), and the State of Delaware.

⁵ The Region 36 (Western Pennsylvania) area includes all counties except counties included in Region 28.

⁶ 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*, Gen. Docket No. 87-112, 3 FCC Rcd 905 (1987).

⁷ See *In the Matter of Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area Regional Safety Plan, Order*, Gen. Docket 90-7, 5 FCC Rcd 1984 (1990), as amended, *Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area Regional Safety Plan, Order*, Gen. Docket 90-7, 9 FCC Rcd 703 (1994); *Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area Regional Safety Plan, Order*, Gen. Docket 90-7, 11 FCC Rcd 17712 (1999); *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Approves Region 20 Public Safety Plan Amendment, Public Notice*, 16 FCC Rcd 21763 (2001) and *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Approves Region 20 Public Safety Plan Amendment, Public Notice*, 18 FCC Rcd 11925 (2003).

⁸ This address for FCC locations should be used only for documents filed by United States Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail. Hand-delivered or messenger-delivered documents for the Commission's Secretary are accepted only by the Commission's contractor, Natek, Inc., at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E. Other messenger-delivered documents, including documents sent by overnight mail (other than United States Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) should be addressed for delivery to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. See *FCC Announces a New Filing Location for Paper Documents and a New Fax Number for General Correspondence, Public Notice*, 16 FCC Rcd 22165 (2001).

⁹ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 Fed. Reg. 24121 (1998).

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