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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 December 29, 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, which documented new and revised channel assignments to the frequency allocation table.²

The Plan Amendment includes channel allocation results from the Region's Eighteenth Window application process³ and was coordinated with Region 19's adjacent regions, Region 8 (New York – Metropolitan)⁴ and Region 30 (New York).⁵ The revised plan allocates channels to the following public safety entities: the Connecticut State Police; North Providence, Rhode Island; Hartford Hospital and the Western Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council, Inc. (WMLEC).⁶

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 December 28, 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 December 29, 2005 (Plan Amendment).

³ Region 19 periodically opens filing windows. Requests for new or additional frequencies are accepted only during these windows.

⁴ Region 8 (New York - Metropolitan) includes Fairfield County, Connecticut; Bronx, Kings, Nassau, New York, Orange, Putnam, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Suffolk and Westchester Counties, New York; and Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex and Union Counties, New Jersey.

⁵ Region 30 (New York) includes all New York counties except the area in Region 8 (New York - Metropolitan).

⁶ See Plan Amendment Attachment, *Amendment to the Regional Public Safety Plan, Docket 90-53, New England Area – Region 19, Channel Allocation for Region 19 Window Eighteen.*

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.⁷ 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.⁸

On January 19, 2006, the Region 19 Plan Amendment was placed on *Public Notice* for comment.⁹ We received no comments on the Plan Amendment. We have reviewed the Plan Amendment submitted by Region 19, and conclude, based on the information before us, 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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⁷ 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).

⁸ 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, see 1997 WL 126054 (Mar. 21, 1997); Feb. 8, 1999, see 14 FCC Rcd 3336 (1999); Feb. 8, 2000, see 15 FCC Rcd 15580 (2000); Sept. 28, 2000, see 15 FCC Rcd 19090 (2000); Jan. 16, 2001, see 16 FCC Rcd 824 (2001); Feb. 7, 2002, see 17 FCC Rcd 2175 (2002); Feb. 27, 2003, see 18 FCC Rcd 2872 (2003); Feb. 16, 2005, see 20 FCC Rcd 3655 (2005); and Dec. 1, 2005, see 20 FCC Rcd 19320 (2005).

⁹ See Comments Invited on New England Area (Region 19) Public Safety Plan Amendment, *Public Notice*, Gen. Docket No. 90-53, 21 FCC Rcd 309 (WTB PSCID 2006). Comments were due February 21, 2006, and reply comments were due March 8, 2006.