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COMMENTS INVITED ON WASHINGTON (REGION 43) 800 MHz REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN AMENDMENT

(PR DOCKET NO. 91-270)

Comment Date: July 12, 2006

On March 27, 2006, the Region 43 (Washington)¹ 800 MHz Regional Planning Committee submitted a proposed Plan Amendment,² which would replace the Committee's membership representation structure of six membership zones (three zones west of the Cascade Mountains and three zones east of the Cascade Mountains).³ The Committee proposes to replace the zone concept with the following membership structure:

- Voting members shall consist of one official from any non-federal single agency engaged in public safety and eligible to hold a license under 47 C.F.R § 90.20. Voting members shall be designated in writing to the chair by an official from the eligible agency who is at least one-level senior in the reporting structure of an agency to the designated voting member. A single agency shall be allowed no more than one vote for each distinct eligible category (e.g., police, fire, EMS, highway) within the agency's organization of political jurisdiction. In voting any issue, the individual must identify himself/herself, the agency and eligibility

¹ Region 43 (Washington) includes the entire state of Washington.

² See Letter dated March 27, 2006, from Steve Taylor, Chairperson, NPSPAC Region 43 Regional Planning Committee, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC (submitting Plan Amendment on behalf of the Region 43 800 MHz Regional Planning Committee) (Plan Amendment).

³ Region 43 was originally divided into six (6) membership zones, with one representative from each zone (except Zone 2 which had three representatives due to its high population) elected by eligible licensees in the Zone to participate in the regional review committee. The counties included in each zone are as follows: Zone 1 – Whatcom, Skagit, Island and San Juan Counties; Zone 2 – Snohomish, King, Kitsap, Thurston and Pierce Counties; Zone 3 – Clallam, Jefferson, Mason, Grays Harbor, Cowlitz, Lewis Pacific, Wahkiakum, Clark and Skamania Counties; Zone 4 – Kittitas, Grant, Douglas, Chelan and Okanogan Counties; Zone 5 – Yakima, Klickitat, Benton, Franklin, Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield and Asotin Counties; and Zone 6 – Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Lincoln, Adams and Whitman Counties.

category which he or she represents.

- Non-voting members are all others interested in furthering the goals of public safety communications, including vendor representatives.

The proposed Plan Amendment was reviewed by, and letters of concurrence obtained from, Region 39's adjacent regions, Region 12 (Idaho) and Region 35 (Oregon).

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.⁴ The National Plan specifies special policies and procedures governing the Public Safety Pool.⁵ Regional plans must include an explanation of how the plan has been coordinated with adjacent regions. For modifications, the regional chair may recommend, in writing, changes to a regional plan, and the Commission will give public notice soliciting comment on any such proposals and issue appropriate orders upon review.⁶ The Public Safety Plan for Region 43, which was adopted by the Commission on November 15, 1991, governs the use of frequency assignments in the 821-824/866-869 MHz within the state of Washington.⁷

Prior to taking action on the Region 43 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 **August 12, 2006**. All comments should reference **PR Docket 91-270**, and should be filed with the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. 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).

The Plan Amendment can be accessed electronically via the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>.⁸ 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

⁴ 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) (*National Plan Report and Order*).

⁵ See 47 C.F.R. § 90.16, Public Safety National Plan.

⁶ See *National Plan Report and Order*, 3 FCC Rcd at 911 ¶ 57.

⁷ See *In the Matter of Washington Public Safety Plan, Order*, PR Docket 91-270, 6 FCC Rcd 7017 (PRB/OET 1991); *In the Matter of Washington Public Safety Plan, Order*, PR Docket 91-270, 9 FCC Rcd 4473 (PRB LMWD/SED 1994).

⁸ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 Fed. Reg. 24121 (1998).

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