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## WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ACTION

### WASHINGTON (REGION 43) 800 MHz REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE RECEIVES APPROVAL FOR AMENDMENT TO ITS PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN

#### (PR DOCKET NO. 91-270)

By this *Public Notice*, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) announces that the Region 43 (Washington)<sup>1</sup> 800 MHz Regional Planning Committee's proposal to amend the Washington Public Safety Plan is approved. On March 27, 2006, the Region 43 (Washington) 800 MHz Regional Planning Committee filed an amendment<sup>2</sup> to its Public Safety Plan (Plan) to replace the Committee's initial membership representation structure of six membership zones<sup>3</sup> 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 category which he or she represents.
- Non-voting members are all others interested in furthering the goals of public safety

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<sup>1</sup> Region 43 (Washington) includes the entire state of Washington.

<sup>2</sup> 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).

<sup>3</sup> 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, Cowililtz, 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.

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.<sup>4</sup> The National Plan specifies special policies and procedures governing the Public Safety Pool.<sup>5</sup> 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.<sup>6</sup> 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.<sup>7</sup>

On June 27, 2006, the Region 43 Plan Amendment was placed on *Public Notice* for comment.<sup>8</sup> We received no comments on the Plan Amendment. We have reviewed the Plan Amendment submitted by Region 43, 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 43 (Washington) 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>4</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*, Gen. Docket No. 87-112, 3 FCC Rcd 905 (1987) (*National Plan Report and Order*).

<sup>5</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 90.16, Public Safety National Plan.

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

<sup>7</sup> 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).

<sup>8</sup> See Comments Invited on Washington (Region 43) Public Safety Plan Amendment, *Public Notice*, PR. Docket No. 91-270, DA 06-1320 (WTB PSCID rel. June 27, 2006). Comments were due July 12, 2006.