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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ACTION

WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU APPROVES THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, MARYLAND AND NORTHERN VIRGINIA (REGION 20) 800 MHz REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN AMENDMENT

(GEN. DOCKET 90-7)

By this *Public Notice*, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) announces that the Region 20 (District of Columbia, Maryland and Northern Virginia)¹ 821 MHz Regional Planning Committee proposal to amend its Public Safety Plan is approved.² On December 20, 2004, the Region 20 (District of Columbia, Maryland and Northern Virginia) 821 MHz Regional Planning Committee filed an amendment³ to its Public Safety Plan (Plan) to 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.

The 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).

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 *Id.*

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.

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 National Plan specifies special policies and procedures governing the Public Safety Pool.⁷ The Public Safety Plan for Region 20, was originally adopted by the Commission in March 1990, and has been amended several times.⁸

On December 30, 2005, the Region 20 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 20, 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 20 (District of Columbia, Maryland and Northern Virginia) 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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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 47 C.F.R. § 90.16, Public Safety National Plan.

⁸ 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); Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Approves Region 20 Public Safety Plan Amendment, *Public Notice*, 18 FCC Rcd 11925 (2003).

⁹ See Comments Invited on the District of Columbia, Maryland and Northern Virginia (Region 20) 800 MHz Public Safety Plan Amendment, *Public Notice*, Gen. Docket No. 90-7, 20 FCC Rcd 20510 (WTB PSCID 2005). Comments were due January 30, 2006 and reply comments were due February 14, 2006.