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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON INFORMAL REQUEST OF AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION FOR CERTIFICATION TO PROVIDE FREQUENCY COORDINATION FOR 800/900 MHz BUSINESS/INDUSTRIAL/LAND TRANSPORTATION POOL FREQUENCIES

WT Docket No. 10-3

Comment Due Date: February 4, 2010

Reply Comment Due Date: February 19, 2010

On July 7, 2009, the American Automobile Association (AAA) filed an informal request for frequency coordination certification. On December 29, 2009, in response to a staff request for additional information, AAA filed a supplement to the request. AAA seeks certification to provide frequency coordination for Business/Industrial/Land Transportation (B/ILT) Pool frequencies in the 806-816/851-861 MHz and 896-901/935-940 MHz bands. This *Public Notice* seeks comment on AAA's request.

In 1986, the Commission certified frequency coordinators in the private land mobile radio services.<sup>1</sup> At this time, AAA was certified to coordinate certain frequencies below 512 MHz. In 1997, the Commission determined that the Industrial/Business Pool below 512 MHz would be administered by multiple coordinators, thus ending exclusive frequency coordination on certain frequencies and allowing competition to be introduced into the coordination process in those frequencies.<sup>2</sup> The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau subsequently introduced competitive coordination to the 800 MHz and 900 MHz bands.<sup>3</sup>

Noting that the Commission found it qualified to be certified for the Industrial/Business Pool below 512 MHz, AAA states that it is qualified, and meets the criteria to be certified, to coordinate

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Frequency Coordination in the Private Land Mobile Radio Services, Report and Order, PR Docket No. 83-737, 103 F.C.C. 2d 1093 (1986).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Replacement of Part 90 by Part 88 to Revise the Private Land Mobile Radio Services and Modify the Policies Governing Them and Examination of Exclusivity and Frequency Assignments Policies of the Private Land Mobile Services, Second Report and Order, PR Docket No. 92-235, 12 FCC Rcd 14307, 14328 ¶ 40 (1997). The introduction of competition among coordinators was intended to promote lower coordination costs and foster better service to the public. *Id.* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Currently, five frequency coordinators are certified for the 800/900 MHz B/ILT Pool. *See* <a href="http://wireless.fcc.gov/services/index.htm?job=licensing\_3&id=industrial\_business#800/900%20MHz%20Coordinators.">http://wireless.fcc.gov/services/index.htm?job=licensing\_3&id=industrial\_business#800/900%20MHz%20Coordinators.</a> *See also* United Telecom Council, *Order*, 16 FCC Rcd 8436 (WTB PSPWD 2001); Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Announces that Forest Industries Telecommunications is Certified as a Frequency Coordinator for 800/900 MHz Business and Industrial/Land Transportation Frequencies, *Public Notice*, 16 FCC Rcd 12666 (WTB PSPWD 2001); Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Announces that American Mobile Telecommunications Association, Inc., Is Certified as a Frequency Coordinator for 800/900 MHz Business and Industrial/Land Transportation Frequencies, *Public Notice*, 16 FCC Rcd 13040 (WTB PSPWD 2001).

applications for the 800/900 MHz B/ILT Pool. In this connection, AAA suggests that Industrial/Business systems below 512 MHz are similar to such systems above 800 MHz. Moreover, AAA states that granting the instant request would be in the public interest and consistent with the Commission's statements in support of competition.

## **Procedural Matters**

Comments on the request are due no later than **February 4, 2010**. Reply comments are due no later than **February 19, 2010**. All filings should reference the docket number of this proceeding, WT 10-3.

This proceeding has been designated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.<sup>4</sup> Parties making oral *ex parte* presentations in this proceeding are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must contain the presentation's substance and not merely list the subjects discussed.<sup>5</sup> More than a one- or two-sentence description of the views and arguments presented is generally required.<sup>6</sup>

The request and supplement are available for public inspection and copying in the Commission's Reference Center, Room CY-A257, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies of the request and supplement also may be obtained via the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) by entering the docket number, WT 09-176. Copies of the request and supplement are also available from Best Copy and Printing, Inc., telephone (800) 378-3160, facsimile (301) 816-0169, e-mail FCC@BCPIWEB.com.

Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. *See* Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 Fed. Reg. 24121 (1998). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. 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." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200(a), 1.1206.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See Commission Emphasizes the Public's Responsibilities in Permit-But-Disclose Proceedings, *Public Notice*, 15 FCC Rcd 19945 (2000).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2). Other rules pertaining to oral and written presentations are also set forth in Section 1.1206(b). See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

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