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## WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDANCE FOR LICENSEES IN THE 150-174 MHz AND 421-512 MHz BANDS SEEKING WAIVERS OF THE JANUARY 1, 2013 NARROWBANDING DEADLINE

This Public Notice provides supplemental guidance to licensees seeking waivers of the Federal Communications Commission's **January 1, 2013** deadline for private land mobile radio systems in the 150-174 MHz and 421-512 MHz (VHF/UHF) bands to migrate to narrowband (12.5 kHz or narrower) technology.<sup>1</sup>

Specifically, we recommend that licensees seeking waivers ensure that their submissions include, or are amended to include, a definitive list of the frequencies for which they are seeking a waiver, a list of frequencies that will be relinquished (if applicable, *e.g.*, if the licensee intends to migrate to the 700 MHz or 800 MHz band and relinquish VHF/UHF spectrum), and representations from all licensees covered by the waiver request that they have committed to take any actions that form the basis for the waiver justification.

### **Additional Narrowbanding Information**

The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, and Office of Engineering and Technology have issued prior guidance by Public Notice regarding narrowbanding migration, compliance, and waiver requests.<sup>2</sup> In addition, detailed information and references to other resources concerning narrowbanding are available at [www.fcc.gov/narrowbanding](http://www.fcc.gov/narrowbanding).

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<sup>1</sup> See Implementation of Sections 309(j) and 337 of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended, *Second Report and Order and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, WT Docket No. 99-87, RM-9332, 18 FCC Rcd 3034 (2003) (*Second R&O*); Implementation of Sections 309(j) and 337 of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended, *Third Memorandum Opinion and Order, Third Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making and Order*, WT Docket No. 99-87, RM-9332, 19 FCC Rcd 25045 (2004) (*Third MO&O*); Implementation of Sections 309(j) and 337 of the Communications Act of 1934 as Amended, *Order*, WT Docket No. 99-87, RM-9332, 25 FCC Rcd 8861 (2010) (*Narrowbanding Waiver Order*); see also 47 C.F.R. §§ 90.203(j), 90.209(b).

<sup>2</sup> See Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, and Office of Engineering and Technology Provide Reminder of January 1, 2013 Deadline for Transition to Narrowband Operations in the 150-174 MHz and 421-512 MHz Bands and Guidance for Submission of Requests for Waiver and Other Matters, *Public Notice*, 26 FCC Rcd 9647 (2011).

Action by the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau.

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