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**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU AND
OFFICE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY FREEZE CERTAIN APPLICATIONS IN
THE 800 MHz NPSPAC PUBLIC SAFETY BAND**

PS Docket No. 13-209

Today, in a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*,¹ the Commission initiated a proceeding seeking comment on requiring:

- applicants for licenses in the 800 MHz NPSPAC public safety band² to employ only such digital equipment as conforms to Emission Mask H;³ and
- applications for certification of digital equipment capable of operating in the 800 MHz NPSPAC band to demonstrate compliance with Emission Mask H; and
- applicants for licenses in the 800 MHz NPSPAC public safety band to employ only such equipment as is capable of operating in the analog FM mode on mutual aid channels⁴ in that band; and
- applications for certification of equipment capable of operating in the 800 MHz NPSPAC public safety band to specify only equipment capable of operating in the analog FM mode on mutual aid channels in that band.

As announced in the *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, in order to maintain a stable environment during the pendency of the rulemaking, the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau and the Office of Engineering and Technology are instituting a “freeze” on facilities applications and equipment certifications as follows:

- Applications seeking 800 MHz NPSPAC channels where the applicant specifies digitally modulated equipment that does not conform to Emission Mask H will not be accepted; and

¹ Requiring H Mask for Digital Technologies on NPSPAC Channels and Analog FM on Mutual Aid and Interoperability Channels, PS Docket No. 13-209, RM-11663, *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, FCC 13-117 ¶ 1 (rel. Aug. 27, 2013).

² 806-809/851-854 MHz. See 47 C.F.R. § 90.617(a)(1).

³ 47 C.F.R. §§ 90.210(h).

⁴ There are 5 mutual aid channels in the NPSPAC public safety band, channels 1, 39, 77, 115, and 153. 47 C.F.R. § 90.617(a)(1).

- Applications seeking 800 MHz NPSPAC channels where the applicant specifies equipment not capable of analog FM modulation on the NPSPAC mutual aid channels will not be accepted; and
- Applications seeking certification of equipment capable of operating on the NPSPAC public safety channels will not be accepted unless the certification applicant demonstrates that the equipment conforms to Emission Mask H when operating on the NPSPAC public safety channels; and
- Applications seeking certification of equipment capable of operating on the NPSPAC public safety channels will not be accepted unless the certification applicant demonstrates that the equipment is capable of operating with analog FM modulation on the NPSPAC mutual aid channels.

The freeze is effective upon the release of this Public Notice, *i.e.*, August 27, 2013, and will remain in effect pending further notice from the Commission. For further information, please contact John A. Evanoff, Esq., Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Policy and Licensing Division, john.evanoff@fcc.gov, or (202) 418-0848, or Bruce Romano, Office of Engineering and Technology, bruce.romano@fcc.gov, (202) 418-2124.

Action by the Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau and Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology.

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