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## **PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON REGION 24 (MISSOURI) 800 MHZ NPSPAC REGIONAL PLAN AMENDMENT**

**PR Docket No. 93-131**

**Comments Due: May 1, 2014**

**Reply Comments Due: May 12, 2014**

*Introduction.* On November 19, 2013, the Region 24 (Missouri)<sup>1</sup> 800 MHz National Public Safety Plan Advisory Committee (NPSPAC) Regional Planning Committee (RPC) submitted a proposed administrative modification (Plan Amendment)<sup>2</sup> to amend its 800 MHz Public Safety Plan.<sup>3</sup>

*Background.* In accordance with the National Public Safety Plan, each region is responsible for planning its use of the public safety radio frequency spectrum (rebanding to the 806-824/851-869 segment).<sup>4</sup>

*Review of the Region 24 Plan 800 MHz NPSPAC Plan Amendment.* The Plan Amendment consists of three administrative updates. All modifications were approved by the regional membership, and are internal to Region 24, and therefore do not require coordination with the adjacent regions.

- Section 2.5 – Regional Review Committee (RRC) has been modified to include an expansion of the RRC<sup>5</sup> duties to review all new submitted 800 MHz applications. The rewritten section

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<sup>1</sup> The Region 24 (Missouri) 800 MHz regional planning area consists of the entire state of Missouri.

<sup>2</sup> See Letter from Stephen T. Devine, Chair, Region 24 800 MHz Regional Planning Committee, to the Federal Communications Commission, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB), PR Docket No. 93-131 (filed Nov. 19, 2013) (Plan Amendment).

<sup>3</sup> The Region 24 (Missouri) 800 MHz NPSPAC Plan was amended in 2009, see Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Approves Region 24 Missouri NPSPAC Regional Planning Committee Non-Streamlined Amendment to Reflect 800 MHz Band Reconfiguration in the 806/809-851-854, WT Docket No. 02-55, PR Docket No. 93-131, *Public Notice*, 24 FCC Rcd 12164 (PSHSB 2009).

<sup>4</sup> See Development and Implementation of a Public Safety National Plan and Amendment of Part 90 to Establish Service Rules and Technical Standards for Use of the 821-824/766-869 MHz Bands by the Public Safety Services, General Docket No. 87-112, *Report and Order*, 3 FCC Rcd 905 (1987). The band was modified by the Commission in the *Rebanding* proceeding, WT Docket 02-55, by shifting the NPSPAC band down by 15 megahertz to 806-824/851-869 MHz.

<sup>5</sup> Plan Amendment, Section 2.5 – Regional Review Committee (revised to expand committee duties to include the review of all 800 MHz NPSPAC applications, there upon improving process efficiency).

clarifies the RRC's application review, coordination responsibilities and existing duties. Previously, the RRC reviewed only applications that fell outside the Region's stated guidelines, and was responsible for settling disputes involving application of the Plan. Existing duties also include preparation of plan amendments or modifications to the Plan when voted upon by the RPC membership.

- Section 4.1.3(I) and Section 4.1.3(II) are amended to reflect the new interoperable channel names associated with the National APCO ANSI standard channel nomenclature recommendations,<sup>6</sup> and
- Section 6.0 – The Regional Planning Committee (Chairperson) is updated to reflect the current RPC chairperson and his contact information.<sup>7</sup>

We have reviewed the Region 24 Plan Amendment and find it to be compliant with the applicable Commission rules and policies, and tentatively accept the Plan Amendment.

*Request for Comments on the Region 24 Plan Amendment.* Prior to taking further action on the Plan Amendment, by this Public Notice we solicit comments on the Region 19 Plan Amendment. Pursuant to Sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on the plan amendment on or before **May 1, 2014**. Parties interested in submitting reply comments must do so on or before **May 12, 2014**. All comments and reply comments should reference the subject plan amendment and **PR Docket No. 93-131**. Parties may file comments and reply comments by using (1) the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), (2) the Federal Government's eRulemaking Portal, or (3) by filing paper copies. *See* Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

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<sup>6</sup> See Plan Amendment, Section 4.1.3(I) International Calling Channel 8CALL90, and Section 4.1.3(II) International Tactical Channels 8TAC91-8TAC94 at 19 (updates nomenclature for tactical channels for International Calling Channel, 8TAC91-Law Enforcement, 8TAC92-Fire Services, 8TAC93-Emergency Medical Services, and 8TAC94-Command and Control).

<sup>7</sup> See Plan Amendment, Section 6.0 – The Regional Planning Committee – Chairperson at 23 (identifying Stephen T. Devine, Missouri Department of Public Safety, Missouri Interoperability Center, 2413 McCarty Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101).

Commenters may send filings by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although the Commission continues to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). Commenters must address all filings to: Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

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The Plan Amendment is available through ECFS at [ecfs@fcc.gov](mailto:ecfs@fcc.gov). Region 24 Plan documents in **PR Docket No. 93-131** are available for public inspection and copying during business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th St. SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554. The documents may also be purchased from BCPI, telephone (202) 488-5300, facsimile (202) 488-5563, TTY (202) 488-5562, email [fcc@bcpiweb.com](mailto:fcc@bcpiweb.com).

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