**DA 18-770**

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**THE Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Seeks Comment on A Request by LoJACK CORPORATION TO MODIFY FIFTY-THREE LICENSES TO COMPLY WITH the commission’s NARROWBANDING REQUIREMENT**

**Comment Date: August 24, 2018**

**Reply Comment Date: September 10, 2018**

The Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (Bureau) seeks comment on a request by LoJack Corporation (LoJack) to have the Bureau modify fifty-three licenses, which comprise its national stolen vehicle recovery system (SVRS), to comply with the Commission’s narrowbanding requirements.[[1]](#footnote-3) LoJack requests that the Commission allow it to file a “master” narrowband modification application on behalf of all police agencies that operate LoJack systems. LoJack submits that granting its request would reduce burdens on the licensees and the Commission, and allow a uniform consolidation across the SVRS system.[[2]](#footnote-4)

In March 2005, the Commission’s instituted narrowbanding of the Private Land Mobile Radio (PLMR) bands below 470 MHz to improve spectrum efficiency in the bands.[[3]](#footnote-5) Because of the extensiveness of LoJack’s system, and because it has exclusive use of frequency 173.075 MHz, the Commission allowed LoJack to delay compliance with the narrowbanding mandate until May 27, 2019.[[4]](#footnote-6)

To facilitate compliance with the narrowbanding mandate, LoJack seeks to file a master application that encompasses all 30 authorized SVRS licensees.[[5]](#footnote-7) It includes in its request, declarations from each of the 30 licensees authorizing filing of the modification application on its behalf. The licenses to be modified are listed in the appendix hereto.

LoJack proposes two modifications to the licenses: (1) change the emission designator from wideband, 20K0F2D, to narrowband, 11K2F2D, for all fixed and mobile transmitters;[[6]](#footnote-8) and (2) increase effective radiated power of the SVRS base stations from 300 watts to 500 watts and increase the output power of the SVRS mobile units from 2.5 watts to 5 watts.[[7]](#footnote-9) LoJack contends that the requested power increases are required to compensate for the change to the emission designator[[8]](#footnote-10) and that there will be no consequent increase in potential interference to television Channel 7 reception as a result of the power increases.[[9]](#footnote-11)

We seek comment on the LoJack proposal and the representations LoJack has made in its request. We especially solicit comment from any party that would be adversely affected by LoJack’s proposal to streamline the narrowbanding licensing process and increase power of its base stations and mobile transmitters.

Interested parties may file comments on or before **August 24, 2018**.[[10]](#footnote-12)Parties may file replies on or before **September 10, 2018**.[[11]](#footnote-13)

Instructions for Filing Comments

All comments and reply comments should reference the subject LoJack Waiver Request and the DA number indicated on this *Public Notice*. Comments may be filed: (1) electronically by accessing the applicant’s file number(s) in the Commission’s Universal Service Licensing System (ULS),[[12]](#footnote-14) or (2) by filing paper copies.

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**APPENDIX**

List of Licensees & Authorizations

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| **Licensee** | **FRN** | **Auth Signature** | **Date** | **Call Sign** |
| Arizona, State of | 0001591023 | Kevin A. Rogers | 8/25/2017 | WPMM669 |
| Colorado, State of | 0001613934 | Richard Schmidt | 8/28/2017 | WPTK929 |
| State of Connecticut,  ATTN: State Police Division | 0003568011 | Mark Matson | 8/16/2017 | WPHK438, WQWU791 |
| Delaware, State of | 0002187367 | Thomas Kadunce | 1/17/2018 | WPNS384 |
| District of Columbia  Government, Metropolitan  Police Department | 0002088631 | Karima Holmes | 2/2/2018 | WPED308 |
| Dept. Hwy Safety & Motor  Vehicles, Florida Highway  Patrol | 0001802693 | Vic Thomas | 8/24/2017 | WNWU571, WPQB583,  WPZL332, WQJL992 |
| Georgia, State of | 0001849843 | Ralph Bevan | 3/5/2018 | WPBK949, WPWZ315 |
| Illinois, State of | 0002787893 | Jeffrey E. Sexton | 8/15/2017 | WNVD283 |
| City of Los Angeles | 0016433013 | Silva L. Atwater | 8/25/2017 | WQHD385, WNSZ607,  WNSZ608, WPQG846,  WPRW899,  WPVV324, WQDD530,  WQYM227 |
| Louisiana, State of (Dept. of  Public Safety) | 0001722982 | Julio Peck | 8/17/2017 | WPXI720 |
| Maryland State Police | 0002134120 | Gary Davis, Jr. | 9/1/2017 | WPLP844 |
| Commonwealth of  Massachusetts | 0021579420 | C. Blair Sutherland | 10/02/2017 | WNWG807, WPUL255,  WPVV812 |
| Michigan, State of | 0004806576 | Mark Sandberg | 8/23/2017 | WNSY452, WNSY453 |
| Nevada, State of | 0005761721 | Richard Burger | 8/16/2017 | WPRS254 |
| New Hampshire Dept Of Safety  State Police Comm Maint | 0003656535 | James Kowalik | 9/29/2017 | WPOX716 |
| New Jersey State Police | 0004452025 | Edward J. Zapf | 9/06/2017 | WNRU939, WNRU940 |
| New Mexico, State of | 0001608108 | Joseph A. Martinez | 10/17/2017 | WQTH628 |
| State of New York, Division of  State Police | 0003438595 | Samuel Gregory  Diana | 8/11/2017 | WPFS619, WPUX388 |
| North Carolina State Bureau  of Investigation | 0011016466 | R. Christopher  Laws | 8/21/2017 | WQBL588, WQGH385 |
| Ohio, State of, Highway Patrol | 0013859699 | Maj. Shawn Davis | 8/17/2017 | WQDJ531, WQED841 |
| Oklahoma Department of  Public Safety | 0017935958 | Gene Thaxton | 12/13/2017 | WQJI506 |
| Oregon State (OWIN) | 0001556125 | Robert Reish | 8/17/2017 | WQDD261 |
| Pennsylvania, Commonwealth  of Pennsylvania State Police | 0016676868 | Terrance Lee Ash | 8/18/2017 | WQKE793 |
| Rhode Island State Police | 0004088142 | Thomas G. Crotty | 8/24/2017 | WPFS403 |
| South Carolina Law  Enforcement | 0005456629 | Michael W. Naylor | 10/06/2017 | WQER759, WQGG795 |
| Tennessee Bureau of  Investigation | 0014494165 | Brad Truitt | 10/09/2017 | WQGL264, WQET845 |
| Texas, State of (Dept. of  Public Safety) | 0001672419 | Todd Early | 8/23/2017 | WPLT916, WPWF970 |
| Utah Motor Vehicle  Enforcement Division | 0019074285 | Allan Shinney | 8/15/2017 | WQKX391 |
| Virginia State Police,  Department of State Police | 0002032175 | John G. Agee | 10/23/2017 | WQTM566 |
| Washington State Patrol | 0010493245 | John L. Woodcock | 8/21/2017 | WQHY985, WQGM862 |

1. Letter from Henry Goldberg, Attorney for LoJack Corporation, to Tracy Simmons, Branch Chief, Policy and Licensing Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Apr. 2, 2018, (LoJack Request). Included in its request is a list of SVRS licensees and authorizations, an engineering certification, and channel 7 interference studies. *See also* 47 CFR § 90.20(e)(6) (discussing stolen vehicle recovery systems). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
2. LoJack Request at 2. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
3. Amendment of Parts 2 and 90 of the Commission's Rules to Provide for Narrowband Private Land

   Mobile Radio Channels in the 150.05-150.8 MHz, 162-174 MHz, and 406.1-420 MHz Bands that are Allocated for

   Federal Government Use, Report and Order, 20 FCC Rcd 5793, 5796, para. 5 (2005). [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
4. *Id*. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
5. Some licensees hold more than one SVRS license. *See* Appendix. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
6. LoJack Request at 3. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
7. *Id*. *See Amendment of Section 90.20(e)(6) of the Commission’s Rules*, Report and Order, 23 FCC Rcd 12601 (2008). *See also*, 47 CFR § 90.20(e)(6)(iii)-(iv) (Authorizing 5 watt mobile and 500 watt base station effective radiated power). [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
8. LoJack Request at 3.An emission designator is a code associated with a frequency that gives information about the frequency's necessary bandwidth, the nature of the signal modulating the main carrier and the type of information to be transmitted. *See* 47 CFR § 2.201. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
9. LoJack Request at 4. 47 CFR § 90.20(e)(6)(viii) (“applicants shall perform an analysis for each base station that is located within 169 km of a TV Channel 7 transmitter of potential interference to viewers”). [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
10. 47 CFR § 1.405. [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
11. *Id*. [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
12. *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Enhances the Commission’s Universal Licensing System to Implement Electronic Filing for Pleadings*, Public Notice*,* 21 FCC Rcd 424 (WTB 2006). *See* https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-06-125A1.pdf. [↑](#footnote-ref-14)
13. *See* 47 CFR Part 1. [↑](#footnote-ref-15)