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**THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON AN APPLICATION AND WAIVER REQUEST FROM THE DOYLE FIRE DISTRICT, NEW YORK TO LICENSE A UHF CHANNEL PAIR FROM THE INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS POOL**

**ULS File Number 0011914078**

**Comment Date: May 15, 2026**

**Reply Comment Date: June 1, 2026**

The Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (Bureau) seeks comment on an application and associated waiver request by Public Safety Pool licensee, Doyle Fire District, New York (Doyle).<sup>1</sup> Doyle seeks to license a UHF channel pair from the Industrial/Business (I/B) Pool and use the two channels in its conventional land mobile radio system.<sup>2</sup>

Doyle states it is comprised of two fire companies which are responsible for a “wide stretch of the New York State Thruway System” in Erie county and that its vast coverage area “makes proper and expanded radio communication abilities imperative”<sup>3</sup> Doyle indicates that it has been searching “over a period of many months” to identify a channel pair which can be added to its UHF radio system for base/mobile communications.<sup>4</sup> It notes, however, that its proximity to Canada makes identifying an available channel pair difficult and explains that all the UHF channel pairs from the Public Safety Pool in its region “have been exhausted.”<sup>5</sup> Nonetheless, Doyle identified a channel pair from the I/B Pool that can be integrated into its UHF radio system.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Doyle Fire District, Application, Universal Licensing System (ULS) File no. 0011914078 (received Feb. 24, 2026) (Doyle Application). *See also* Attachment to Doyle Application labeled “Waiver” (attached Feb. 19, 2026) (Waiver Request).

<sup>2</sup> Doyle is currently licensed via call sign WSLH331 to operate mobile units throughout Erie County on an unpaired Public Safety Pool frequency 458.700 MHz but seeks to license I/B Pool frequency 451.275 MHz at a proposed base station location in Erie County and paired I/B Pool frequency 456.275 MHz for use by associated mobile units operating throughout the county. *See* Doyle Application.

<sup>3</sup> Waiver Request at 1. Doyle provides that its area of operation includes a “CSX Railroad Frontier Yard,” the “largest shopping center in Erie County,” numerous “high-rise hotels,” and “several schools.” *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> Waiver Request at 1. Doyle notes that it is “unable to use frequencies outside the UHF Band, in that we only have infrastructure and radios capable of operating in the UHF band.” *Id.* *See also* Doyle Application (whereby it seeks to add a base station and associated mobile units to its license call sign WSLH331).

<sup>5</sup> Waiver Request at 1. Doyle identified a channel pair from the Public Safety Pool which was “no longer in use by the City of Buffalo, only to find that the Government of Canada has rejected one frequency of the pair at every capacity we had filed, due to a chance of harmful interference being anticipated by frequency users under their jurisdiction.” *Id.* *See also* 47 CFR § 1.928 (requiring coordination of frequency assignments with Canada on certain frequency bands above 30 MHz in a coordination zone along the border).

<sup>6</sup> *See* Doyle Application.

Doyle proposes to use the I/B Pool channel for “communication during emergency incidents handled by the Doyle Fire District.”<sup>7</sup> Section 90.35(a) of the Commission rules, however, limits eligibility for licensing channels from the I/B pool to entities performing commercial, educational, philanthropic or other business related activities.<sup>8</sup> Absent the requested waiver, Doyle, a public safety licensee, would not be eligible to license the requested I/B Pool channel and use it for its internal public safety and first responder communications.<sup>9</sup>

In support of its waiver request, Doyle includes a letter from its Commission-certified frequency coordinator, the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials, International (APCO), confirming the lack of available Public Safety Pool channels from the UHF band for Doyle’s proposed operation.<sup>10</sup> APCO adds that the requested frequency pair “appears to pass Canadian and American coordination requirements.”<sup>11</sup> Doyle also includes a letter from the Utilities Technology Council (UTC), a Commission-certified I/B Pool frequency coordinator, affirming that it concurs with Doyle’s proposal to license the I/B Pool frequency pair listed on its application.<sup>12</sup>

We seek comment on Doyle’s request for a waiver of the eligibility requirements in section 90.35(a) of the Commission’s rules to license an I/B Pool channel for base/mobile communications and use the channel pair for public safety communications.<sup>13</sup> In particular, we seek comment from any party who would be affected by Doyle’s proposed operation on the I/B Pool channel pair listed on its application.<sup>14</sup>

Interested parties may file comments on or before **May 15, 2026**. Parties may file replies on or before **June 1, 2026**.

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All comments and reply comments should reference the subject Doyle Fire District 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 Licensing System (ULS),<sup>15</sup> or (2) by filing paper copies.

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<sup>7</sup> Waiver Request at 2.

<sup>8</sup> 47 CFR § 90.35(a).

<sup>9</sup> Public safety entities may license channels from the I/B Pool but only if they use those channels for the business activities listed in § 90.35(a)(1)-(4). *See* 47 CFR § 90.35(a)(5).

<sup>10</sup> Letter from Carol DiCaro, AFC Team Leader, APCO International to FCC (Feb. 10, 2026) (finding all Public Safety Pool channels in the UHF band “are too close to existing users, have frequency limitations that exclude their use, or do not pass Canadian coordination.”) (attached Feb. 19, 2026 to Doyle Applications).

<sup>11</sup> *Id.*

<sup>12</sup> Letter from Joann Howell, UTC Frequency Coordinator, UTC (Feb 13, 2026) (attached Feb. 24, 2026 to Doyle Application).

<sup>13</sup> Waiver Request at 2; 47 CFR § 90.35(a).

<sup>14</sup> *See* Doyle Application.

<sup>15</sup> *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* [http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/DA-06-125A1.pdf](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-06-125A1.pdf).

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<sup>16</sup> See 47 CFR Part 1.

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