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

ULS File Number 0011998698

Comment Date: July 24, 2026

Reply Comment Date: August 10, 2026

The Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (Bureau) seeks comment on an application and associated waiver request by Public Safety Pool licensee, the City of Beacon, Fire Department, New York (Beacon).¹ Beacon 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.²

Beacon states that it “provides critical fire protection and emergency response services in the Beacon, New York area” but that it needs to add a new base station repeater to its radio network “to support reliable dispatch and on-scene communications.”³ Beacon notes that its radio system “is based on existing UHF infrastructure, including portable and mobile radios, repeaters, and interoperability configurations with neighboring agencies.”⁴ Beacon indicates, however, that its region is “characterized by extremely high spectrum congestion” and that “no suitable frequencies are available within the Public Safety Pool” for its proposed new base station repeater.⁵ Nonetheless, Beacon has identified a UHF channel pair from the I/B Pool which it says “can be assigned without [causing] harmful interference” to other nearby licensees.⁶

¹ City of Beacon Fire Department, Application, Universal Licensing System (ULS) File no. 0011998698 (received Apr. 16, 2026 and modified Apr. 21, 2026) (Beacon Application). *See also* Attachment to the Beacon Application labeled “Waiver” (attached Apr. 16, 2026) (Waiver Request).

² Beacon is currently licensed via call sign KGW661 to operate a base station in the city of Beacon, New York with associated mobile units operating within eight kilometers of that base station. The base station is licensed to transmit on Public Safety Pool UHF channels 453.6375 MHz and 460.400 MHz while the mobile units transmit on Public Safety Pool UHF channels 453.6375 MHz, 458.6375 MHz and 460.400 MHz. It is also licensed to operate on two low-band VHF channels. Beacon seeks to add a new base station to its network on the other side of the Hudson river in nearby New Windsor, New York transmitting on I/B Pool UHF channel 462.300 MHz with associated mobile units operating within thirty-two kilometers of the new base station and transmitting on paired I/B Pool UHF channel 467.300 MHz. *See* Beacon Application and call sign KGW661.

³ Waiver Request at 1.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ *Id.*

Beacon proposes to use the I/B Pool channel pair at its new base station to support its “life-saving operations, including fire suppression and emergency medical response.”⁷ 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.⁸ Absent the requested waiver, Beacon, 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.⁹

In support of its waiver request, Beacon 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 Beacon’s proposed operation.¹⁰ Beacon also includes a letter from FIT, a Commission-certified I/B Pool frequency coordinator, affirming that it concurs with Beacon’s proposal to license the I/B Pool frequency pair listed on its application.¹¹

We seek comment on Beacon’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 pair for base/mobile communications and use the channel pair for public safety communications.¹² In particular, we seek comment from any party who would be affected by Beacon’s proposed operation on the I/B Pool channel pair listed on its application.¹³

Interested parties may file comments on or before **July 24, 2026**. Parties may file replies on or before **August 10, 2026**.

Instructions for Filing Comments

All comments and reply comments should reference the subject City of Beacon, Fire Department 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),¹⁴ or (2) by filing paper copies.

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ 47 CFR § 90.35(a).

⁹ 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).

¹⁰ Letter from Carol DiCaro, AFC Team Leader, APCO International to FCC (Apr. 8, 2026) (finding that it “found no UHF public safety frequencies that will work at the proposed site due to co channel users that do not meet coordination protocols and/or frequency limitations.”) (attached Apr. 16, 2026 to the Beacon Application). *See also* Attachment to Beacon Application labeled “Frequency Search” (attached Apr. 16, 2026) (listing incumbent licensees operating on Public Safety Pool channels in the UHF band near Beacon’s proposed base station location).

¹¹ Letter from David Smith, Executive Vice President, FIT (Mar. 24, 2026) (attached to the Beacon Application, Apr. 16, 2026).

¹² Waiver Request at 1; 47 CFR § 90.35(a).

¹³ *See* Beacon Application.

¹⁴ *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.

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¹⁵ See 47 CFR Part 1.

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