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THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON TWO APPLICATIONS AND A WAIVER REQUEST FROM THE NEW YORK DIVISION OF STATE POLICE SEEKING TO CONVERT A VEHICLE RECOVERY CHANNEL INTO A PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS CHANNEL

ULS File Numbers 0011998692 and 0011998702

Comment Date: September 10, 2026

Reply Comment Date: September 25, 2026

The Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (Bureau) seeks comment on two applications and an associated waiver request from the State of New York, Division of State Police (New York DSP) which seeks to convert VHF channel 173.075 MHz from a stolen vehicle recovery channel into a channel which can be used to support its public safety radio communications.¹

New York DSP is currently licensed to operate base stations with associated mobile units on channel 173.075 MHz throughout numerous counties in New York state as part of a stolen vehicle recovery system managed by LoJack.² When a vehicle registered with LoJack is reported stolen, New York DSP transmits a message from its base stations which activates a vehicle location unit (VLU) installed on the vehicle.³ Once activated, the VLU transmits a tracking message which the police use to locate the stolen vehicle.⁴

On March 11, 2026, New York DSP received a letter from the vendor of its VLU devices indicating that LoJack was “terminating” its operations on channel 173.075 MHz.⁵ The vendor informed New York DSP that it could cancel its licenses for that channel.⁶

¹ State of New York, Division of State Police, Applications, Universal Licensing System (ULS) File nos. 0011998692 (received Apr. 16, 2026) (New York DSP Applications). *See also* Attachment to the New York DSP Applications labeled “Waiver” (attached Apr. 16, 2026) (Waiver Request).

² *See* call signs WPFS619 and WPUX388. *See also* Waiver Request at 1 (noting that LoJack “historically utilized this frequency as part of its stolen vehicle recovery network”).

³ *See Amendment of Section 90.20(e)(6) of the Commission’s Rules*, WT Docket No. 06-142, Report and Order, 23 FCC Rcd 12601, 12604, para. 4 (2008).

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ Letter from Douglas R. Peterson, General Counsel & Secretary, Cal/Amp to Director of Communications, New York State Police (Mar. 11, 2026) (attached to New York DSP Applications). *See also* LoJack announcement at <https://www.lojack.com/blog/2026/04/effective-march-26-2026-the-legacy-lojack-rf-system-was-discontinued/>.

⁶ *Id.*

Instead of cancelling its licenses, New York DSP seeks to modify them by adding new emission designators so it can instead use the base stations transmitting on channel 173.075 MHz with traditional land mobile radio mobile units to “support both voice and data operations.”⁷ By making this modification, New York DSP states that its base station infrastructure can be used to “support mission-critical communications” for its personnel “operating throughout the Hudson Valley region of New York State.”⁸ It notes that assignable Public Safety Pool channels from the VHF band are “extremely limited” within the “Hudson Valley region.”⁹ Therefore, New York DSP submits that, with LoJack no longer active on the channel, it presents New York DSP with an opportunity to “repurpose this spectrum to support public safety communications.”¹⁰

New York DSP requires a waiver because section 90.20(e)(6) of the Commission’s rules limits availability for channel 173.075 MHz only to “stolen vehicle recovery systems.”¹¹ Absent a waiver, New York DSP would not be permitted to use channel 173.075 MHz to support its public safety “voice and data operations.”¹²

New York DSP’s applications were coordinated by the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials, International (APCO), the Commission’s designated frequency coordinator for operations on the stolen vehicle recovery channel 173.075 MHz.¹³ Since all operations on channel 173.075 MHz are shared with federal users, the applications were also coordinated with and approved by the Interdepartment Radio Advisory Committee (IRAC).¹⁴

We seek comment on New York DSP’s request for a waiver of section 90.20(e)(6) of the Commission’s rules so it can repurpose the stolen vehicle recovery system channel 173.075 MHz for use as a public safety radio communications channel.¹⁵ In particular, we seek comment from any party who would be affected by New York DSP’s proposal to use channel 173.075 MHz for “voice and data operations.”¹⁶

Interested parties may file comments on or before **September 10, 2026**. Parties may file replies on or before **September 25, 2026**.

Instructions for Filing Comments

All comments and reply comments should reference the subject New York Department of State Police 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

⁷ Waiver Request at 1.

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ 47 CFR § 90.20(e)(6).

¹² Waiver Request at 1.

¹³ See New York DSP Applications. See also 47 CFR § 90.20(c)(3) (specifying the Police Coordinator as the designated frequency coordinator for channel 173.075 MHz).

¹⁴ See New York DSP Applications. See also CFR § 90.20(e)(6) (stating that channel 173.075 MHz is available “on a shared basis with Federal stations in the fixed and mobile services”).

¹⁵ Waiver Request at 1; 47 CFR § 90.20(e)(6).

¹⁶ Waiver Request at 1.

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¹⁷ *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.

¹⁸ See 47 CFR Part 1.

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