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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION ANNOUNCES AGENDA FOR WORKSHOP ON THE 4.9 GHz BAND: SPECTRUM DEDICATED TO PUBLIC SAFETY FOR BROADBAND USE

The 4940–4990 MHz (4.9 GHz) licensing rules adopted in 2003 by the Commission allow public safety licensees to operate base and mobile units (including portable and handheld units) and operate temporary (1 year or less) fixed stations anywhere within the area authorized by the license. Permissible operations include Unattended and Continuous Operation, Voice, Data, and Video operations, while Aeronautical Mobile Operations are prohibited. Permanent fixed point-to-point and point-to-multipoint stations in the band are permitted, but must be licensed individually on a site-by-site basis. Public Safety currently uses this band for wireless broadband access for Police, Fire, Emergency services, wireless traffic observation, and MESH backhaul, among other uses. The 50 megahertz of spectrum in the 4.9 GHz band is the largest spectrum allocation for public safety broadband services.

On Friday, February 25, 2011, the Federal Communications Commission’s Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (Bureau) will hold a workshop, “4.9 GHz Band: Spectrum Dedicated to Public Safety for Broadband Use.” This event will focus on how public safety can increase utilization of this spectrum. The workshop will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room (TW-C305).

AGENDA

The 4.9 GHz Band: Spectrum Dedicated to Public Safety For Broadband Use: A Discussion of Important Uses and Ways to Increase Utilization

9:00 a.m. Welcoming Remarks: James Arden Barnett, Jr. Admiral (ret.), Chief, PSHSB

9:15 a.m. Panel 1: How the 4.9 GHz Band currently supports public safety today (Moderator: Pat Amodio, Chief, Radio Frequency Engineering, ERIC, PSHSB)

Many Public Safety agencies have identified specific mission critical applications, day-to-day fixed use, and unique solutions using the 4.9 GHz band. The panel will address current 4.9 GHz deployments by Public Safety in the United States today. This will include system implementation, configuration, performance, types of uses, and applications running over the 4.9 GHz network.

Panel 1

- **Bill Brown**—Radio Manager, Virginia Department of Transportation, Chair of AASHTO Special Committee on Wireless Communications and Technology
- **Stephen Devine**—Interoperability Program Manager, Missouri Department of

Public Safety

- **Mark Jules**—Chief Executive Officer, Avrio RMS Group
- **Martin Levetin**—Senior VP Sales and Marketing, Strix Systems
- **Scott Wilder**—Director of Technology, Brookline (MA) Police Department
- **Lt. Mark Wilkins**—Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS)

11:00a.m. Panel 2: What can be done to increase use of the 4.9 GHz Band (Moderator: Jennifer A. Manner, Deputy Chief, PSHSB)

Since 2003, many 4.9 GHz systems have been deployed and studies produced, both in favor of and against widespread Public Safety use in this band. In order to collaborate in the use of the 4.9 GHz Spectrum, areas such as prior coordination, operating on non-interference basis, and other technical aspects may need to be enhanced. The panel will address possible enhancements of the 4.9 GHz band related to policy, rules, and regulations in order to increase utilization of the 4.9 GHz band by public safety.

Panel 2

- **David Buchanan**—Chair, Spectrum Committee, National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC)
- **Brett Kilbourne**—Deputy General Counsel, Utilities Telecom Council
- **Nancy Merritt**—Senior Policy Advisor, Department of Justice
- **Pam Montanari**—Radio Systems Manager, Pinellas County, Florida
- **Joe Ross**—Senior Partner, Televate, LLC
- **Edmond J. Thomas**—Telecommunications Policy Advisor, Wiltshire & Grannis, LLP

12:15 p.m. Closing: Julie Knapp, Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology, FCC

The workshop will be open to the public; however, admittance will be limited to the seating available. Individuals interested in attending this event must pre-register on-line at <http://www.fcc.gov/pshs/event-registration2.html>, where they will be asked to provide their name, title, organization affiliation, and contact information. Individuals may also contact Deandrea Wilson at Deandrea.Wilson@fcc.gov or via phone at 202-418-0703 regarding pre-registration. The deadline for pre-registration is Wednesday, February 23, 2011.

Interested parties may file comments using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.¹ Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of the proceeding, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking numbers. All filings concerning this Public Notice should refer to PS Docket No. 06-229 and WP Docket No. 07-100. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. Parties who choose to file by

¹ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998).

paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, commenters must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number.

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Audio/video coverage of the meeting will be broadcast live with open captioning over the Internet from the FCC's web page at www.fcc.gov/live. The FCC's webcast is free to the public. Those who watch the live video stream of the event may email event-related questions to livequestions@fcc.gov. Depending on the volume of questions and time constraints, the panel moderators will work to respond to

² 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200 *et seq.*

³ *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

as many questions as possible during the workshop.

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