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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ACTION

COMMENTS INVITED ON NEW ENGLAND AREA (REGION 19) PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN AMENDMENT (GEN. DOCKET NO. 90-53)

Comment Date: December 9, 2002

Reply Date: December 24, 2002

On October 7, 2002, the Region 19 (New England) 800 MHz Radio Planning Committee submitted a proposed amendment to its Public Safety Plan (Plan) that would revise the current channel allotments to reflect changes made as a result of its ninth window application process. The Region subsequently submitted a proposal on October 8, 2002 to amend its Plan that would further revise the Region's channel allotments to reflect changes made as a result of its tenth window application process. The requested amendments contained in Region 19's "WINDOW NINE CHANNEL ALLOCATIONS," attached as Appendix 1, propose modification of the Region's frequency allocation tables to provide new assignments for the Massachusetts State Police, Massachusetts Department of Corrections, Massachusetts – Norfolk County Jail, Massachusetts – City of Boston, and Massachusetts – Suffolk County Jail. The requested amendments contained in Region 19's "WINDOW TEN CHANNEL ALLOCATIONS," attached as Appendix 2, propose modification of the Region's frequency allocation tables to provide new assignments for the Westfield, Massachusetts Police Department; South Hadley, Massachusetts Police Department; Massachusetts Fire Services; and Dayville, Connecticut Fire District.

In accordance with the National Public Safety Plan, each region is responsible for planning its use of public safety radio frequency spectrum in the 821-824/866-869 MHz bands.¹

¹ Development and Implementation of a Public Safety National Plan and Amendment to Part 90 to Establish Service Rules and Technical Standards for Use of the 821-824/866-869 MHz Bands by the Public Safety Services, *Report and Order*, GN Docket No. 87-112, 3 FCC Rcd 905 (1987).

The Public Safety Plan for Region 19, which was adopted by the Commission on April 26, 1990, governs the use of frequency assignments in the 821-824/866-869 MHz within the New England area.²

The Commission is soliciting comments from the public before taking action on this proposed plan amendment. The full text of the Region 19 Plan Amendment Request, comments and reply comments, will be available for inspection and duplication during the regular business hours in the Reference Information Center (RIC) of the Consumer Information Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. Copies may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Qualex International (Qualex), which is located at Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC, 20554. Qualex may be reached by telephone at (202) 863-2893, facsimile at (202) 863-2898, or via email at qualexint@aol.com. For further information regarding the public reference file for this Request, contact Maria Ringold, Chief, Wireless Branch, RIC, (202) 418-1355. The Region 19 Amendment Requests may also be viewed on-line by accessing the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) and initiating a search of the records for General Docket Number 90-53.

Pursuant to Sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on the Region 19 Plan Amendment Requests on or before December 9, 2002, and reply comments on or before December 24, 2002. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. *See* Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 Fed. Reg. 24121 (1998). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, 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 number. 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 paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appear in the caption of this proceeding, commenters must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number.

Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail).

The Commission's contractor, Vistrionix, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or

² New England Area Public Safety Plan, *Order*, General Docket 90-53, 5 FCC Rcd 2844 (1990).

messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002.

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- Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building.
- Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.
- U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554.
- All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

All comments should reference General Docket No. 90-53, including the DA number of this Public Notice, and should be filed with the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. A copy of each filing should be sent to (1) Qualex International, Inc., Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 863-2893; (2) Joy Alford, Federal Communications Commission, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, Policy and Rules Branch, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 4-B411, Washington, D.C. 20554; and (3) Maria Ringold, Federal Communications Commission, Consumer Information Bureau, Reference Information Center, 445 12th Street, S.W. Room CY-B529, Washington, D.C. 20554.³

For further information, contact Ms. Joy Alford, of the Policy and Rules Branch of the Public Safety and Private Wireless Division of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau at (202) 418-0694, TTY (202) 418-7233, or via e-mail to jalford@fcc.gov.

By the Chief, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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