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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ACTION

THE NEW ENGLAND AREA (REGION 19) PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN RECEIVES APPROVAL FOR MINOR AMENDMENTS TO ITS 800 MHz PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN (GENERAL DOCKET NO. 90-53)

By this *Public Notice*, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) announces that the New England Area (Region 19)¹ Radio Planning Committee's proposals to amend the Region 19 800 MHz Public Safety Regional Plan are approved. On October 17, 2002, Region 19 filed amendments which revise the current channel allotments for radio frequencies in the 821-824/866-869 MHz bands within the New England area, and reflect changes made as a result of its Ninth and Tenth Window application processes.²

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.³ The Region 19 Plan, which was originally adopted by the Commission on April 26, 1990,⁴ has

¹ Region 19 includes Connecticut (except Fairfield, Litchfield, New Haven and Middlesex counties), Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

² See New England Radio Planning Committee letters and amendments dated Oct. 7, 2002 and October 8, 2002, both filed by George J. Pohorilak, Chairman, Region 19 on Oct. 17, 2002. The amendments include letters of concurrence from both Regions 8 (New Jersey) and Region 30 (New York – Albany), and the revised allocation tables at Appendix 1 and 2.

³ See 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 821-824/766-869 MHz Bands by the Public Safety Services, *Report and Order*, General Docket No. 87-112, 3 FCC Rcd 905 (1987).

⁴ See New England Area Public Safety Plan, *Order*, Gen. Docket No. 90-53, 5 FCC Rcd 2844 (1990).

been amended several times.⁵ On November 14, 2002, the Bureau issued a *Public Notice* (DA 02-3150) inviting interested parties to file comments regarding a proposed amendment to the Region 19 Plan.⁶ The Ninth Window amendments modify 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 Tenth Window amendments modify 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. We have reviewed the Region 19 requests. Further, we received no comments in response to the Public Notice of November 14, 2002. The amendment is, therefore, accepted and approved as submitted. The Secretary's office will place the amended Region 19 Plan in the official docket file where it will remain available to the public.

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⁵ The New England Area Public Safety Plan (Region 19) was revised by letter on July 17, 1992, Feb. 28, 1995, and Oct. 30, 1996, and amended by *Public Notice* on Mar. 21, 1997, Feb. 8, 1999, Feb. 8, 2000, Sept. 28, 2000, Jan. 16, 2001, and Feb. 7, 2002. See 1997 WL 126054 (FCC); 14 FCC Rcd 3336 (1999); 15 FCC Rcd 15580 (2000); 15 FCC Rcd 19090 (2000), 16 FCC Rcd 824 (2001); 17 FCC Rcd 2175 (2002).

⁶ See Wireless Telecom Action, Comments Invited on New England Area (Region 19) Public Safety Plan Amendment, *Public Notice*, Gen. Docket 90-53, 17 FCC Rcd 22878 (2002).