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## WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ACTION

### COMMENTS INVITED ON REGION 20 (WASHINGTON, MARYLAND AND NORTHERN VIRGINIA) 821 MHz (NPSPAC) REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE PROPOSED PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN AMENDMENT

(Gen. Docket No. 90-7)

**Comment Date: April 14, 2003**

**Reply Date: April 29, 2003**

On January 30, 2003, the Region 20 (Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area) 821 MHz Radio Planning Committee submitted a proposed amendment to its Public Safety Plan (Plan) that would revise the current channel allotments to reflect the following changes: (a) Revised Frequency Assignment Table as a result of its third window (Window 3B) application process; (b) correct an assignment error made by Region 20 between Fauquier County, Virginia and the Washington Metropolitan Airport Authority; and (c) to provide evidence of the required adjacent regional concurrence of four channels to Charles County, Maryland.<sup>1</sup> In addition, Region 20 requests that its *Inter-Regional Coordination Procedures Agreement*, dated July 21, 1998, between Region 20 and Region 28 be formally included as part of the Region 20 Plan. The proposed amendment includes concurrences from the surrounding Regions 28, 36, 42 and 44.<sup>2</sup>

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.<sup>3</sup> The Public

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<sup>1</sup> See Letter to Secretary, FCC, from Alan T. Kealey, Chairman, Region 20 – 821 MHz Regional Planning Committee, Revised Frequency Assignment Table (Window 3B) and Plan Amendment, GN Docket No. 90-7 (filed Jan. 30, 2003).

<sup>2</sup> Region 28 includes eastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and the state of Delaware; Region 36 includes western Pennsylvania; Region 42 includes the Commonwealth of Virginia, except Northern Virginia; and Region 44 is comprised of the state of West Virginia.

<sup>3</sup> 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 821-824/866-869 MHz Bands by the Public Safety Services, *Report and Order*, GN Docket No. 87-112, 3 FCC Rcd 905 (1987).

Safety Plan for Region 20 was adopted by the Commission on March 26, 1990, and was subsequently amended in 1994, 1996, 1999 and 2001.<sup>4</sup>

The Commission is soliciting comments from the public before taking action on this proposed plan amendment. The Region 20 Amendment Request 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 90-7. In addition, the full text of the Region 20 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:qualexint@aol.com). For further information regarding the public reference file for this Request, contact Maria Ringold, Chief, Wireless Branch, RIC, (202) 418-1355.

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 20 Plan Amendment Requests on or before **April 14, 2003**, and reply comments on or before **April 29, 2003**. 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. 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](mailto: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.

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<sup>4</sup> Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area Public Safety Plan, *Order*, GN Docket 90-7, 5 FCC Rcd 1984 (1990); Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area Public Safety Plan, *Order*, GN Docket 90-7, 9 FCC Rcd 703 (1994); Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area Public Safety Plan, *Order*, GN Docket 90-7, 11 FCC Rcd 21520 (1996); Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area Public Safety Plan, *Order*, GN Docket 90-7, 14 FCC Rcd 17712 (1999); Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area Public Safety Plan, *Public Notice*, GN Docket 90-7, 16 FCC Rcd 21763 (2001).

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All comments should reference **General Docket No. 90-7** and include 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 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 863-2893; (2) Jeannie Benfaida, Federal Communications Commission, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, 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 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. Room CY-B529, Washington, D.C. 20554.<sup>5</sup>

For further information, contact Ms. Jeannie Benfaida, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau at (202) 418-0694, TTY (202) 418-7233, or via e-mail to [jbenfaid@fcc.gov](mailto:jbenfaid@fcc.gov).

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

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