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Ms. Marlene Dortch, Esq.
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: NPSTC Petition For Reconsideration on FCC Docket 00-32

Dear Ms. Dortch,

The National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) respectfully supports the industry consensus recommendations, filed by the Telecommunications Industry Association Private Radio Section (TIA PRS) on October 7, 2004, for modification of Commission Rule Section 90.1215 (47 CFR §90.1215) to re-harmonize the power measurement procedure contained in the existing Commission Rule Section 90.1215 with the power measurement procedure contained in the recently modified Commission Rule Section 15.407 (47 CFR §15.407). We too believe that the Commission's adoption of these recommendations would expedite the availability of 4.9 GHz MHz products for public safety providers in full accordance with the Commission's goals.

As noted by TIA PRS, the Commission when adopting the newly defined power measurement procedure contained in the modified Commission Rule Section 15.407 was apparently unaware of the need to adopt complementary modifications to the power measurement procedure in Commission Rule section 90.1215 in order to maintain the harmonization between the Commission Rule sections 15.407 and 90.1215. Therefore, PRS believes the Commission can adopt the modifications to Commission Rule section 90.1215, recommended herein, "on the Commission's own motion."

Thus, it is the recommendation of NPSTC that the Commission should re-harmonize the language in the now existing Commission Rule sections 15.407 and 90.1215 by adopting rules changes "on its own motion." The recommended rules change to be adopted by the Commission would modify the language of Commission Rule section 90.1215 to be consistent with the language of Commission Rule section 15.407 as such section is modified by the Report and Order in 04-165 adopted in July 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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