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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ACTION

THE NEW ENGLAND AREA (REGION 19) RECEIVES APPROVAL FOR MINOR AMENDMENTS TO ITS 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 Regional Planning Committee's proposal to amend the Region 19 Public Safety Regional Plan is approved. On March 10, 2004, Region 19 filed an amendment, which revises the current channel allotments for radio frequencies in the 821-824/866-869 MHz bands within the New England area, and reflects changes made as a result of its Filing Window 11 and Filing Window 12 Channel Allocations.

The revisions from Region 19's WINDOW 11 CHANNEL ALLOCATION, which are reflected in the attached Appendix 1, modify the Region's frequency allocation tables to provide new assignments for the City of Biddeford, Maine; City of Hartford, Connecticut; and the Town of Wethersfield, Connecticut. The revisions from Region 19's WINDOW TWELVE CHANNEL ALLOCATION, attached as Appendix 2, modify Region's frequency allocation tables to provide new assignments for the Massachusetts State Police – Brimfield, Massachusetts and Truro, Massachusetts; and Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority – Boston, Massachusetts.

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.² The Region 19 Plan, which was originally approved by the Commission on April 26, 1990,³ has been amended several times in the last fifteen years.⁴ On October 7, 2004, the Bureau issued a

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

² 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*, Gen. Docket No. 87-112, 3 FCC Rcd 905 (1987).

³ See New England Area Public Safety Plan, *Order*, Gen. Docket No. 90-53, 5 FCC Rcd 2844 (1990).

⁴ 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,

Public Notice (DA 04-3214) inviting interested parties to file comments regarding the proposed amendments to the Region 19 Plan.⁵ We have reviewed the Region 19 request and have received no comments in response to the *Public Notice* of October 7, 2004. The amendments therefore are 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.

Questions regarding this public notice may be directed to Joy Alford, of the Public Safety and Critical Infrastructure Division of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau at (202) 418-0694 (voice), (202) 418-7233 (TTY), or joy.alford@fcc.gov (email).

Action by Deputy Chief, Public Safety and Critical Infrastructure Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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2001; Feb. 7, 2002 and Feb. 27, 2003. See 1997 WL 126054 (Mar. 21, 1997); 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); 18 FCC Rcd 2872 (2003).

⁵ See Wireless Telecom Action, Comments Invited on New England Area (Region 19) Public Safety Plan Amendment, Gen. Docket 90-53, *Public Notice*, 19 FCC Rcd 19681 (WTB PSCID 2004).