



Regulatory Update

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700 MHz



- 10 Plans are Approved
- Five 700 MHz Regional Plans approved since September
 - Region 21 (Michigan)
 - Region 45 (Wisconsin)
 - Region 2 (Alaska)
 - Region 24 (Missouri)
 - Region 3 (Arizona)
- 16 Plans Pending
- Two appear ready to be approved
 - Region 7 (Colorado)
 - Region 51 (Houston)

700 MHz Deployment Waivers



- FCC granted three 700 MHz Deployment waivers since last meeting
 - Ada County, ID
 - City of Phoenix, AZ
 - Harris County, TX

Rebanding in Mexican Border



- Negotiations extended until January 1, 2009
- Application freeze extended until February 13, 2009
- FCC hopes to re-enter negotiations with Mexico before end of year

Canadian Border Rebanding



- 30-Month Transition Start Date:
October 14
- Wave 4 Canadian Border Application Freeze In Effect Until July 1, 2009
- Planning and Negotiation expected to take 7-8 months
- Implementation expected to take 22-23 months
- End date April 10, 2011

Canadian Border Rebanding



- Phase 1: All IB/ILT and SMR licensees will move out of 851-854 MHz
 - TA to provide frequencies to incumbents by October 14, 2008
 - Will begin implementation in first half of 2009
 - Expect many to complete rebanding by end of 2009
- Phase 2: All PS licensees both NPSPAC and non-NPSPAC
 - TA will provide incumbents with frequencies by mid-January 2009

800 MHz Vacated Spectrum



- FCC has announced availability of database
- Nextel's Petition for Relief Granted
 - Will vacate spectrum in stages based on progress of rebanding in each NPSPAC Region
- 854.0125-854.4875 in non-border areas will be the first frequencies made available
 - Public Notice will explain filing requirements and announce opening of filing window
 - Will be released 30 days prior to spectrum availability
- Additional Public Notices will be released as frequencies are made available

Sprint Nextel Vacated Spectrum



- Eligibility:
 - First 3 years Public Safety
 - Years 4 and 5 Public Safety and Critical Infrastructure
 - After 5 years, reverts to original pool
- Frequency coordination required
- Not subject to Regional Planning
- Sprint Nextel can remain on vacated frequencies subject to 60 days notice by the new licensee