



Spectrum Management Committee

Project Review

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WG	Issue	Action Item	Status
470-512 MHz	New Technical Standards / DTV Operation at 470-512 MHz	#SM-045-20080212	Petition for RM drafted Gov Board Approval to file w/ FCC
700 MHz Advocacy	Alert BC Aux Equipment Vendors	#SM-036-20071113	Comments & Replies Filed; Remain open pending FCC response
700 MHz Advocacy	LPTV/NTIA Recommendation	#SM-037-20071113	Gov Board Approval to Close Item
700 MHz Advocacy	Certification of Wireless microphones	#SM-038-20071113	Comments Filed; Gov Board approval to support Coalition letter Remain open pending FCC action
700 MHz Advocacy	D-Block Re-Auction	#SM-052-20080508	Comments & Replies Filed; Remain open pending FCC response

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Airborne Video	Strategy/Spectrum for Public Safety Air to Ground Video	#SM-054-20080616	Ongoing Effort
Border Issues Northern Border Task Force	Develop task force and implement proposed plan	#SM-059-20080915	Ongoing Effort Testing w/ FCC & Industry Canada
Border Issues Southern Border Task Force	Develop task force and implement proposed plan	#SM-060-20080915	Ongoing Effort
Wireless Alerting	900 MHz Two-way Paging Spectrum	#SM-044-20071113	Demo presented; Gov Board approval to develop Petition for RM re access to 2 way paging spectrum

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470-512 Working Group



- **New Technical Standards / DTV Operation at 470-512 MHz – Ralph Haller/David Eierman**

Prepare Petitions for Rulemaking for the FCC proposing new technical standards for land mobile/DTV operation in the 470-512 MHz band. (Action Item #SM-045-20080212)

- **Status 11/14/08:** Draft petition will be presented at the Nov meeting
- **Next Steps:** Review/approval and filing of petition

700 MHz Advocacy Working Group



- **Alert Broadcast Auxiliary – Stu Overby**
Alert Broadcast Auxiliary equipment vendors of need to stop marketing equipment on 63, 64, 68, 69; Develop vendor list and joint template letter; Coordinate actions with FCC PS/HLS and Media Bureaus. (Action Item #SM-036-20071113)
 - **Status 11/14/08:** NPSTC Comments filed 10/3/08 in response to FCC NPRM, WT Docket 08-166, released 8/21/08
 - **Next Steps:** Item remains open pending FCC action

700 MHz Advocacy Working Group



- **NTIA Recommendation – Stu Overby**
Recommend to NTIA that translators moving out of 700 MHz be given priority to receive funding from the existing \$10M digital translator fund. (Action Item #SM-037-20071113)
 - **Status 11/14/08:** moot issue at this time;
 - **Next Steps:** Recommend **CLOSE ITEM**

700 MHz Advocacy Working Group



- **Certification of Wireless Microphones – Stu Overby**
Contact the FCC Lab and ask that they no longer certify wireless microphones capable of operation 60-69 TV Channels (Action Item #SM-038-20071113)
 - **Status 11/14/08:** NPSTC Comments filed 10/3/08 in response to FCC NPRM, WT Docket 08-166, released 8/21/08
 - **Next Steps:** Recommend Governing Board Approval to file in support of CTIA Coalition letter urging FCC action filed 11/13/08.

700 MHz Advocacy Working Group



- **700 MHz D-Block Re-Auction** – Stu Overby
Develop draft position and comments for Board approval in response to FCC NPRM regarding the D block re-auction.
(Action Item #SM-052-20080508)
 - **Status 11/14/08:** comments were filed 11/3/08 and reply comments 11/12/08; Dave Buchanan to review during Nov. Meeting;
 - **Next Steps:** Item remains open pending FCC action.

Airborne Video Working Group



- **Strategy/Spectrum for Public Safety Air to Ground Video** – Don Root (Action Item #SM-054-20080616)
- **Mission:** Address strategies and spectrum for public safety airborne-to-ground video operations.
- **Volunteers:** Stu Overby, Vinnie Stile, Sean O'Hara, George Carbonell
- **Projects:**
 - Define issue, including any partial solutions in use and shortfall to PS requirements
 - Determine solution options
 - Develop recommendations to FCC for Board approval
 - Working Group Members
- **Status 11/14/08:** ongoing effort.

Border Issues Working Group

Northern Border Task Force



- **Northern Border Task Force – Terry LaValley**
Develop task force and implement proposed plan
(Action Item # SM-059-20080915)
 - **Status 11/14/08:** engaged in additional testing; Terry to provide a verbal report at Nov Meeting.
 - **Next Steps:** FCC scheduled to present at NPSTC 11/19/08 re border coordination procedures.

Border Issues Working Group

Southern Border Task Force



- **Southern Border Task Force – Don Root**
Develop task force and implement proposed plan
(Action Item # SM-060-20080915)
 - **Status 11/14/08:** ongoing effort
 - **Next Steps:** FCC scheduled to present at NPSTC 11/19/08 re border coordination procedures.

Wireless Alerting Working Group



- **900 MHz Two-Way Paging Spectrum** – Jim Weichman
Meet with the FCC regarding the 900 MHz two-way paging spectrum;
Begin process for setting requirements and opening dialog with the FCC regarding the Part 24 and Part 90 paging spectrum that is open (Action Item #SM-044-20071113)
 - **Status 11/14/08:** Alerting system demo will be provided at Nov meeting; FCC decision released 10/22/08 advised set aside of 900 MHz LMR channels for PS alerting was beyond scope of proceeding and directed PS/HLS & Wireless Bureaus to consider what action is appropriate.
 - **Status 10/10/08:** Demo of Wireless Alerting system planned for November NPSTC meeting. October 15 FCC agenda to include decisions on 900 MHz Part 90 LMR band. WG will assess if any benefit to public safety and will provide update during WG report at November meeting.
 - **Next Steps:** Demo; Recommend that Gov. Board approve development of Petition for Rulemaking