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Border Issues Working Group

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NPSTC is a federation of organizations whose mission is to improve public safety communications and interoperability through collaborative leadership.



Preliminary Summary of Current Issues (Northern Border)

- **Limited information is transmitted between FCC and IC for coordination, e.g., FCC does not routinely provide IC with directional antenna info provided by applicant;**
- **IC does not have pools/blocks in each band; PS, Gov't and Business LMR users are all intermixed channel by channel;**
- **IC appears to have a more conservative VHF/UHF interference protection policy than the FCC;**
- **Some information applicants need to apply the interference policy is not available, e.g., Gov't & PS licenses not in the publicly available IC data base for security purposes**

Border Issues WG met 9/15/08

- **WG recommends creating a Northern Border Task Force and a Southern Border Task Force within the Border WG to focus our efforts**
 - Terry LaValley has volunteered to chair the NBTF
 - Don Root has volunteered to chair the SBTF
- **Each TF would focus on 1) Operability, i.e., improving cross border coordination and spectrum access; and 2) Interoperability, i.e., steps to enhance cross-border communications among public safety agencies when needed.**



Border Group Proposed Plan

- **Each Task Force would develop presentation/white paper for GB approval and NPSTC use. Include:**
 - Summary of Current Issues with cross-border coordination process and spectrum access
 - Recommendations to improve coordination/spectrum access – identify both near-term and longer-term actions
 - Recommendations to help enable cross-border Interoperability, identify both near-term and longer-term actions
 - External Action Plan- what we believe various gov't agencies would need to do to implement recommendations
 - Internal Action Plan – what NPSTC needs to do, who has responsibility and when is the target deadline for each action
 - Points of Influence to maximize our chance of success
 - Outreach plan to gain support within PS community

Action for Today

- Spectrum Management Committee Requests Governing Board approval:
 - Creation of Northern Border Task Force within Border WG
 - Creation of Southern Border Task Force within Border WG
 - Implementation of Border Group Proposed Plan