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David Furth, Deputy Bureau Chief  
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Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
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Re: Sprint's Status Report on 800 MHz Band Reconfiguration  
WT Docket 02-55

Dear Mr. Furth:

Sprint Corporation ("Sprint") hereby files this update regarding 800 MHz band reconfiguration progress with the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") and the 800 MHz Transition Administrator, LLC ("TA").<sup>1</sup>

As described further below, Sprint and the remaining licensees for 800 MHz band reconfiguration continue to make significant progress in completing all of rebanding. Overall, there are only nine total licensees remaining and only two of those nine remaining are classified as public safety. Forty-six NPSPAC Regions are fully complete.<sup>2</sup> Only nine of the fifty-five

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<sup>1</sup> In its September 12, 2007 *Third Memorandum Opinion and Order* in the above-captioned proceeding, the Commission required Sprint to submit monthly reports regarding 800 MHz band reconfiguration. See *Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band*, Third Memorandum Opinion and Order, WT Docket No. 02-55, at ¶¶ 29-30 (rel. Sep. 12, 2007) ("*Third Memorandum Opinion and Order*").

<sup>2</sup> The forty-six NPSPAC Regions that are completed are: Nevada (Region 27), Arizona (Region 3), Northern California (Region 6), Washington (Region 43), Puerto Rico (Region 47), U.S. Virgin Islands (Region 48), Florida (Region 9), Washington, DC/Baltimore (Region 20), Virginia (Region 42), Eastern Pennsylvania (Region 28), Western Pennsylvania (Region 36), Ohio (Region 33), Kentucky (Region 17), West Virginia (Region 44), North Carolina (Region 31), Mississippi (Region 23), Oregon (Region 35), New York – Buffalo (Region 55), Michigan (Region 21), New York – Albany (Region 30), New York (Region 8), Chicago – Great Lakes (Region 54), Louisiana (Region 18), Tennessee (Region 39), Illinois (Region 13), Alabama (Region 1), South Carolina (Region 37), Indiana (Region 14), New England (Region 19), Texas – Houston (Region 51), Montana (Region 25), Georgia (Region 10), Idaho (Region 12), Missouri (Region 24), Kansas (Region 16), Nebraska (Region 26), Wisconsin (Region 45), Iowa (Region 15), Alaska (Region 2), Minnesota (Region 22), North Dakota (Region 32), Utah (Region 41), Colorado (Region 7), Hawaii (Region 11), Wyoming (Region 46) and South Dakota (Region 38).



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NPSPAC Regions remain incomplete. One non-public safety licensee remains in the New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Dallas, Austin and Lubbock NPSPAC Regions<sup>3</sup> and a total of two non-public safety licensees remain in the San Antonio NPSPAC Region.<sup>4</sup> All public safety retuning is complete in these seven NPSPAC Regions.

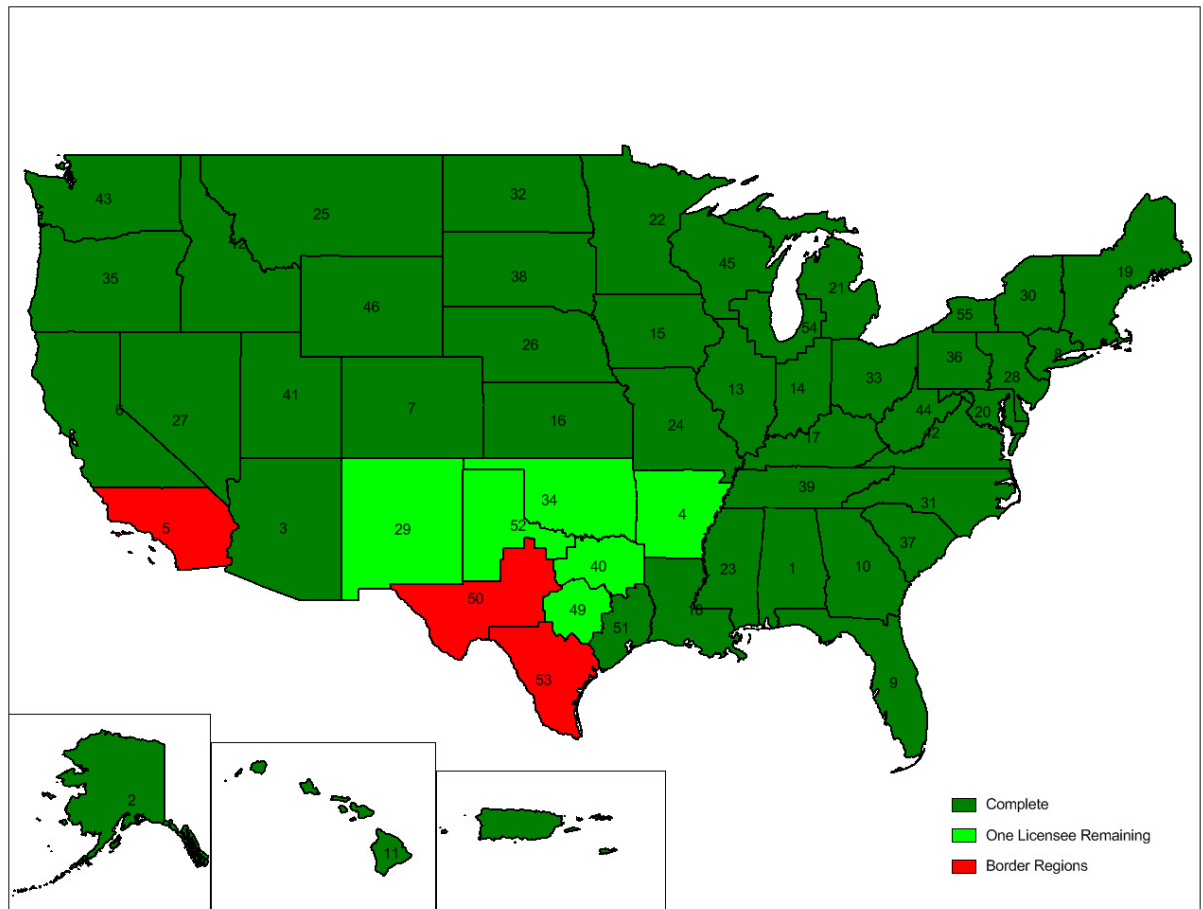
The following is a map showing the status of each NPSPAC Region:

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In addition Sprint was required to reconfigure all of the U.S. Territory's (collectively Guam/Northern Mariana Islands (BEA 173), and American Samoa (BEA175)) and those areas are also complete.

<sup>3</sup> License Acquisitions is a "non-ESMR" Economic Area ("EA") licensee whose predecessor in interest in 2006 requested a voluntary relocation to the 800 MHz ESMR band. License Acquisitions acquired these licenses in 2010. In 2017, License Acquisitions requested that the FCC permit it to remain on its existing frequencies and not relocate to the ESMR band. The FCC has denied the request but License Acquisitions has appealed the decision. Accordingly, performance of the License Acquisitions retune has been pending subject to a series of past and recent regulatory proceedings at the FCC which all remaining pending. While this delay impacts ultimate completion of 800 MHz band reconfiguration in eight NPSPAC Regions (Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas – Dallas, Texas – Austin, Texas – El Paso, Texas – Lubbock and Texas – San Antonio), performance of the retune or rescission of the ESMR election has no impact on the pre- or post-NPSPAC spectrum or any public safety retunes.

<sup>4</sup> License Acquisitions and Tom Phillips are the only two licensees (both non-public safety) left to reband in the San Antonio, Texas NPSPAC Region.



Next Sprint provides a NPSPAC Region-by-NPSPAC Region list of the licensees that remain, with an indication of whether the licensee is a NPSPAC (public safety) licensee or a non-NPSPAC licensee (public safety and non-public safety). Sprint will also list in each Region whether any licensees completed their retune during the previous month.



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#### **Arkansas (Region 4)**

License Acquisitions                      Non-NPSPAC

#### **California – Southern (Region 5)**

During the month of May, the State of California, the last public safety licensee in the Southern California Region, notified Sprint that it has completed the retune of its remaining sites. Sprint is awaiting the official Incumbent Clearing Notice for one of the State sites.

In its last report in May, Sprint reported that Agnes Pennington had retuned her facilities. During May, she provided her official Incumbent Clearing Notice to fully complete her project.

The following non-public safety licensees have cleared their existing channels, but have not completed relocation to their new channel assignments since they were dependent upon other moves occurring first. Now that all other retunes have occurred, these licensees are expected to initiate the process to complete their retunes:

|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| 3KFA                       | Non-NPSPAC |
| Paging Systems             | Non-NPSPAC |
| Telephone Connection       | Non-NPSPAC |
| Third District Enterprises | Non-NPSPAC |

#### **New Mexico (Region 29)**

License Acquisitions                      Non-NPSPAC

#### **Oklahoma (Region 34)**

License Acquisitions                      Non-NPSPAC



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**Texas – Dallas (Region 40)**

License Acquisitions                      Non-NPSPAC

**Texas - Austin (Region 49)**

License Acquisitions                      Non-NPSPAC

**Texas – El Paso (Region 50)**

License Acquisitions                      Non-NPSPAC

Laura and Sergio Rubio                  Non-NPSPAC

City of El Paso                              Non-NPSPAC remaining; NPSPAC previously completed

In addition, the following licensee has cleared its existing channels, but has not fully completed relocation to its new channel assignments as it is dependent upon Laura and Sergio Rubio completing their retune first:

El Paso Independent School District                      Non-NPSPAC public safety

**Texas - Lubbock (Region 52)**

License Acquisitions                      Non-NPSPAC

**Texas – San Antonio (Region 53)**

License Acquisitions                      Non-NPSPAC

Tom D. Phillips                              Non-NPSPAC

The following is a summary of what remains to be returned in each Region:

**Total Licensees Remaining: 9**

| Region #                         | Region Name         | Non-ESMR Licensees Remaining to Clear or Retune (Public Safety and Non-Public Safety) | Economic Area Licensee Request to relocate or reconsider move to ESMR Band |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---|--|
| 4                                | Arkansas            |   | 1  |
| 5                                | Southern California | 4   |  |
| 29                               | New Mexico          |   | 1  |
| 34                               | Oklahoma            |   | 1  |
| 40                               | Texas - Dallas      |   | 1  |
| 49                               | Texas - Austin      |   | 1  |
| 50                               | Texas - El Paso     | 3   | 1  |
| 52                               | Texas Lubbock       |   | 1  |
| 53                               | Texas - San Antonio | 1   | 1  |
| <b>Total Licensees Remaining</b> |                     | <b>8</b>  | <b>1</b>   |

**Category breakdown of 9 remaining licensees by public safety and non-public safety:**

| Region #                          | Region Name         | Public Safety | Non-Public Safety |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 4                                 | Arkansas            |               | 1*                |
| 5                                 | Southern California | 0             | 4                 |
| 29                                | New Mexico          |               | 1*                |
| 34                                | Oklahoma            |               | 1*                |
| 40                                | Texas - Dallas      |               | 1*                |
| 49                                | Texas - Austin      |               | 1*                |
| 50                                | Texas - El Paso     | 2             | 2*                |
| 52                                | Texas Lubbock       |               | 1*                |
| 53                                | Texas - San Antonio |               | 2*                |
| <b>Total Individual Licensees</b> |                     | <b>2</b>      | <b>7</b>          |

\* Counting License Acquisitions (Non-public safety) as one licensee across multiple Regions



**Breakdown of 2 remaining public safety licensees:**

| Region #                   | Region Name         | NPSPAC   | Non-NPSPAC<br>Public Safety<br>(Interleaved) |
|----------------------------|---------------------|----------|--|
| 5                          | Southern California |          | 0  |
| 50                         | Texas - El Paso     |          | 2  |
|                            |                     |          |  |
| <b>Total<br/>Licensees</b> |                     | <b>0</b> | <b>3</b>                                     |

Sprint appreciates the continuing opportunity to update the Commission on the substantial progress being made in 800 MHz band reconfiguration. We remain available to discuss this Report at the Bureau's convenience. Sprint remains committed to completing this important initiative; however, as the information contained herein demonstrates, Sprint cannot complete 800 MHz band reconfiguration until all affected incumbent licensees complete their individual retuning activities.

Should you have any further questions in this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted

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