

The City of Chattanooga operates a regional public safety communications system where we have deployed point to point microwave connectivity using licensed 4.9GHz (WQEG909). The use of this band has been instrumental in allowing us to provide connectivity to public safety answering point and RF sites in our region in east Tennessee and northwest Georgia. In areas where it would be difficult or cost prohibitive to use 6 or 11 GHz microwave, or fiber connectivity due to tower size, lack of other forms of connectivity such as LTE.

The loss of this band in our operations would present a financial hard ship to us and the other counties that currently use the band. Total in the region we have 24 point to point microwave shots at 4.9 GHz deployed across three counties in northwest Georgia and two counties in southeast Tennessee.

We would ask for consideration that this spectrum remain allocated to public safety.

Respectfully Submitted,