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# **THE FLORIDA REGION 9 COMMITTEE**

**700/800 MHz Regional Planning**



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**Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20554**

*In the matter of Amendment to Part 90 Rules and Regulations WP Docket No 07-100*

*The Florida Region 9 Committee Represents 700 and 800 MHz public safety band licensees in the State of Florida. Many of these State, County Municipal and Tribal licensees also operate and are licensed users of 4.9 GHz public safety spectrum. There are 132 licensees on the 4940-4990MHz public safety band operating networks in the State of Florida. These licensees cover many aspects of use, from local incident networks (deployable MESH), to mobile operations, to fixed point to point and point to multipoint operations.*

*This band is integral and well invested in within the State of Florida. Elimination of Public Safety eligibility would eliminate interoperability links that are currently in place, and place burden on these agencies and first responder's capabilities with no direct replacement available.*

*We would request the Commission preserve public safety's access to the band. A shared approach, to permit secondary users who would not interfere with public safety would be a possible solution to create more use of the band in areas where public safety has not adopted use.*

*All other public safety bands are channelized in nature, and do not permit for wideband operations as does the 4.9 Ghz band. In addition, we are highly concerned about elimination of aeronautical use of 4.9 GHz when Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) use at the state and local level is increasing dramatically.*

*The Florida Region Committee would support a new set of rules, with frequency coordination to enhance the use of the band and moving away from blanket licensing. This will allow for potential sharing (preserving priority for public safety) and band plan development to meet the intent of the Commission's desire for increased use.*

*Region 9 would request the commission preserve the 4.9 GHz band for public safety.*

*Respectfully,*

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