

Tactical Channels (ITAC-1 thru ITAC-4)

These frequencies are reserved for use by those agencies involved in interagency communications. Incidents requiring multi-agency participation will utilize these frequencies as directed by the control agency responsible for that area. These frequencies may be subdivided into use by various services of public safety as needed.

Network Operating Method

A network will be established on the calling channel, ICALL. This network will be wide area to cover large sections of the Region. Multiple networks may be required to fully cover the outlying areas of the Region. Multi-state coverage networks are encouraged to be monitored by selected agencies.

Communications systems on ITAC-1 thru ITAC-4 will be implemented by agencies who agree in their application to do so. Mobile relay stations operating on ITAC-1 thru ITAC-4 will provide limited coverage to permit maximum reuse of the channel within the Region and in adjacent regions.

Encryption Standards

Encryption shall be permissible on the Tactical Channels, only when utilized with hardware capable of receiving encrypted and non-encrypted transmissions, and after having been prearranged with the primary Public Safety dispatch center.

Use of Long-Range Communications

During incidents of major proportions where public safety requirements might include the need for long-range communications in and out of a disaster area, alternate radio communications plans are to be addressed by lead agencies within this region. These agencies shall integrate the appropriate interface to the five national channels as a minimum. Such long distance radio communications might be Amateur Radio Service communications: Including the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES), and the related Military Affiliated Radio System (MARS); satellite communications facilities; and/or long-range emergency preparedness communications systems, such as Operation SECURE and other local government radio service channels in the 2 to 8 MHz bands. Interface may be by any means - automatic or manually controlled direct retransmission, or by simply repeating a message.

Any and all such long-range communications capabilities should be incorporated as part of the communications plans of those lead agencies. They then could provide the means to communicate outside the area for themselves and the smaller agencies who might need assistance. Instances, as addressed in the National Public Safety Planning Advisory Committee's Plan, such as earth-quakes, hurricanes, floods, widespread forest fires or nuclear reactor incidents could require the need for such long range communications.

Cellular Telephone and RF Interference

The cellular telephone service is a rapidly developing and expanding service in this Region. Such systems have facilities and cell capacity more specifically designed for the longer transmission durations associated with telephone conversations. There are numerous public safety applications for this service, such as the use of cellular biotelemetry in the provision of emergency medical services, direct long distance communications required to deal with hazardous materials incidents, etc. Such mobile telephone service currently provides a "one-to-one" communication link, not a fleet communications directed at multiple units, as is typical of most public safety applications. Nevertheless, there is clearly a limited role for the interconnection of the cellular telephone network into the common tactical channels.

In this Region, cross-connected communications into the four tactical channels may be utilized but only under manual control by a control point.

Under no circumstances will cross-connected communications into the national calling channel be permitted.

Expansion of Existing Systems

Existing systems that are to be expanded to include the frequency bands of 821-824/866-869 MHz may have their mobile radios 'grandfathered' provided that they are modified in conformance with the Memorandum Opinion and Order - FCC Docket 87-112. Existing base stations in the frequency bands 805-821/851-866 MHz shall not be used, unless they are appropriately type accepted, in the frequency bands 821-824/866-869 MHz.

Coordination with Adjacent Regions

The interoperability aspects of this Plan are consistent with those proposed in Region 30, New York - Albany Radio Planning Committee and Pennsylvania Region 28.

As Pennsylvania, Region 36, and Ohio, Region 33, develop their Plans, both this Region's Plan and the appropriate members of our Committee will be available to ensure compatibility. We anticipate inter-regional cooperation in the implementation of the common channels in areas which comprise our common borders.

IMPLEMENTATION AND PROCEDURES

Notification

A series of informational meetings were held in two locations across New York State for the purpose of familiarizing eligibles with the NPSPAC Final Report and the Regional Planning process required by Report and Order 87-112.

All interested parties were invited to participate in the development of this Regional Plan. This notification was accomplished by the FCC issuing a Public Notice. In addition, the mobile communications print media were contacted by the "convener" and made aware of the Committee's formation. Also notified were State and Local Government Agencies concerned with emergency management as well as Federal Agencies responsible for National Security and Emergency Preparedness. See Appendix H.

Frequency Allocation Process

In performing the allocation process, the Committee used a combination of computerized and a manual method. (See Appendix F), as this offered maximize spectrum utilization under the unique conditions in Region 55. The Committee also considered the results of a recent demographic study to determine the future needs of applicants (see Appendix B). Any system that may frequency impact a neighboring planning region has been coordinated by the respective Committee Chairmen of the affected regions.

The Plan incorporates a filing "window" concept which will provide for the evaluation of all applications for the available spectrum at the same time. (The Committee established December 15, 1989 as the closing of the first window.) The response was underwhelming, probably due to fiscal conditions. Two applications were received from the New York State Police, seeking uniform statewide channels. A second "window" will be established within 90 days of plan approval. The flow chart, entitled "Evaluation Matrix" (see Appendix A), shows the sequence of events that will be followed in the allocation of the 6 MHz of 800 MHz spectrum. This process follows the guidelines established under the National Plan:

The allocation is placed in the frequency pool (Block #1). If frequencies are available in the pool (a second iteration of the evaluation matrix could occur if all frequencies are not allocated on the first iteration), a window opening announcement is made (Block #2). The window period will be thirty days (Block #3 through Block #4) with late applications rejected (Block #5). Applications are received and reviewed during the window period by the local frequency advisor (Block #6).

The Regional Plan Update Committee (RPUC) will consult with State Communications Planning Administrators, where they exist, to determine if the application is in compliance with State Plans (Block #7).

An application that is not in compliance with an existing State Plan will be rejected at this point (Block #8) and returned to the applicant with an explanation of the reason(s) for rejection.

Having passed the tests of State Plan compliance and the needs assessment, the RPUC will apply the evaluation matrix (Block #9).

The implementation of the evaluation matrix will result in the award of a score for each application. That score is the total of the points awarded in seven categories, with a maximum possible score of 1000 points. Prior to the allocation of points for the seven categories, a needs assessment review is conducted (Block #10). The applicant submits a statement of need for the requested frequencies. This statement of need serves as an over-view of the proposed system. The seven categories are as follows:

1. Service (Block #11) - maximum score 350 points. Each of the eligible services has a predetermined point value (Appendix D). That point value is multiplied by ten (10) to determine the score for the Service Category. An applicant with multiple services will be scored on the basis of the percentage that each service represents of his total system. That is, a system that is 50% police and 50% local government (school administration) would be awarded the total of 50% of the point value for police plus 50% of the point value for school administration.
2. Intersystem Communications (Block #12) - maximum score 100 points. The application is scored on the degree of interoperability that is demonstrated, with a range of points from 0 to 100.

This category does not rate the application on the inclusion of the mandated five common channels for interoperability. This category does rate the application on his proposed ability to communicate with different levels of government and services during times of emergency.

3. Loading (Block #13) - maximum score 150 points. Those applicants that have demonstrated they are part of a cooperative, multi-organization systems, will be scored on a range of 0 to 100 points depending upon the extent of the cooperative system. An expansion of an existing 800 MHz system will be scored on a range of 0 to 50 points, depending upon the degree of expansion. A system could be an expansion of an existing 800 MHz and a cooperative system as well and, as a result, receive the combined point values for these two sub-categories for a maximum value of 150 points.

4. Spectrum Efficient Technology (Block #14) - maximum score 100 points. This category scores the applicant on the degree of spectrum efficient technology that the system demonstrates. A point value range of 0 to 100 points can be awarded for this category. A trunked system would be considered a spectrum efficient technology as well as any technological system feature which is designed to enhance the efficiency of the system and provide for the efficient use of spectrum.

5. Systems Implementation Factors (Block #15) - maximum score 100 points. This category scores the applicant on two factors, budgetary commitment and planning completeness. The degree of budgetary commitment is scored on a range of 0 to 50 points. An applicant that demonstrates a high degree of commitment in funding the proposed system will receive the higher score. Each applicant will be scored on the degree of planning completeness with a range of scoring from 0 to 50 points. Applicants will be required to submit a timetable for the implementation of the communications system or systems.

6. Geographic Efficient (Block #16) - maximum point value of 100 points. Each applicant will be scored on the level of geographic efficiency, scoring will be based upon two sub-categories, the ratio of mobiles to area covered and the channel reuse potential. The ratio of mobiles to area covered measures the level of efficient coverage that a system demonstrates. The higher the ratio (mobiles divided by square miles of coverage) the more efficient the use of the frequencies. The ratio of mobiles to area covered is scored on a scale of 0 to 50 points. Those systems which cover large geographic areas will have a greater potential for channel reuse and will, therefore, receive a high score in this sub-category. The level of channel reuse potential is scored on a scale of 0 to 50 points.

7. Givebacks (Block #17) - maximum score 100 points. The applicant is scored in two sub-categories: the number of channels given back and the extent of availability of those channels to others. The greater the number of channels given back the higher the score will be, with range of points of 0 to 50. The greater the level of availability of the give backs, the higher the score will be in the sub-category for availability to others with a range of points of 0 - 50.

Points are totaled for each application (Block #18) and the applications are prioritized by the RPUC (Block #19). The frequency pool is allocated (Block #20), the Appendix to the Regional Plan is updated, The Plan is then sent to the FCC for review and approval, as outlined in the Report and Order, Docket 87-112 (Block #21). The license applications are then submitted and simultaneously coordinated by APCO. After this point, the FCC would grant the license(s) to the applicant (Block #23).

The licensee, under "slow growth" has three years to implement the system. Should system implementation not begin (award of contract) within a two year period, or if projected channel loading is not attained within three years after granting of license, the channels will be returned for re-allocation to others.

The implementation of systems is monitored by the RPUC who determines if progress is made on the implementation of the system (Block #24). Monitoring of system implementation will take place at the above designated intervals. If progress is made the system is ultimately implemented (Block #26). If progress is not made the licensee is warned of the consequences of his lack of progress (Block #27). The local designated frequency advisor continues to monitor progress on the implementation of the system (Block #28). If the continued monitoring indicates that progress is still not being made, the licensee is notified of pending action to withdraw the license (Block #29). The notified licensee can appeal this action (Block #30) or can allow the license to be withdrawn. If the allocated frequencies are withdrawn, they are added back to the frequency pool (Block #32) and the process starts a second iteration at Block #1.

Appeal Process

Throughout the frequency allocation process, applicants are given opportunities to appeal decisions which have caused rejection of their application. The appeal process has two levels: the full Region 55 Committee and the FCC. An applicant who decides to appeal a rejection should initiate that appeal immediately upon notification of rejection. In the event that an appeal reaches the second level, the FCC, their decision will be final and binding upon all parties.

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(FCC-REGION 55)

CHANNEL PLAN

ITAC-1 thru ITAC-4 CHANNEL ASSIGNMENT BY COUNTY

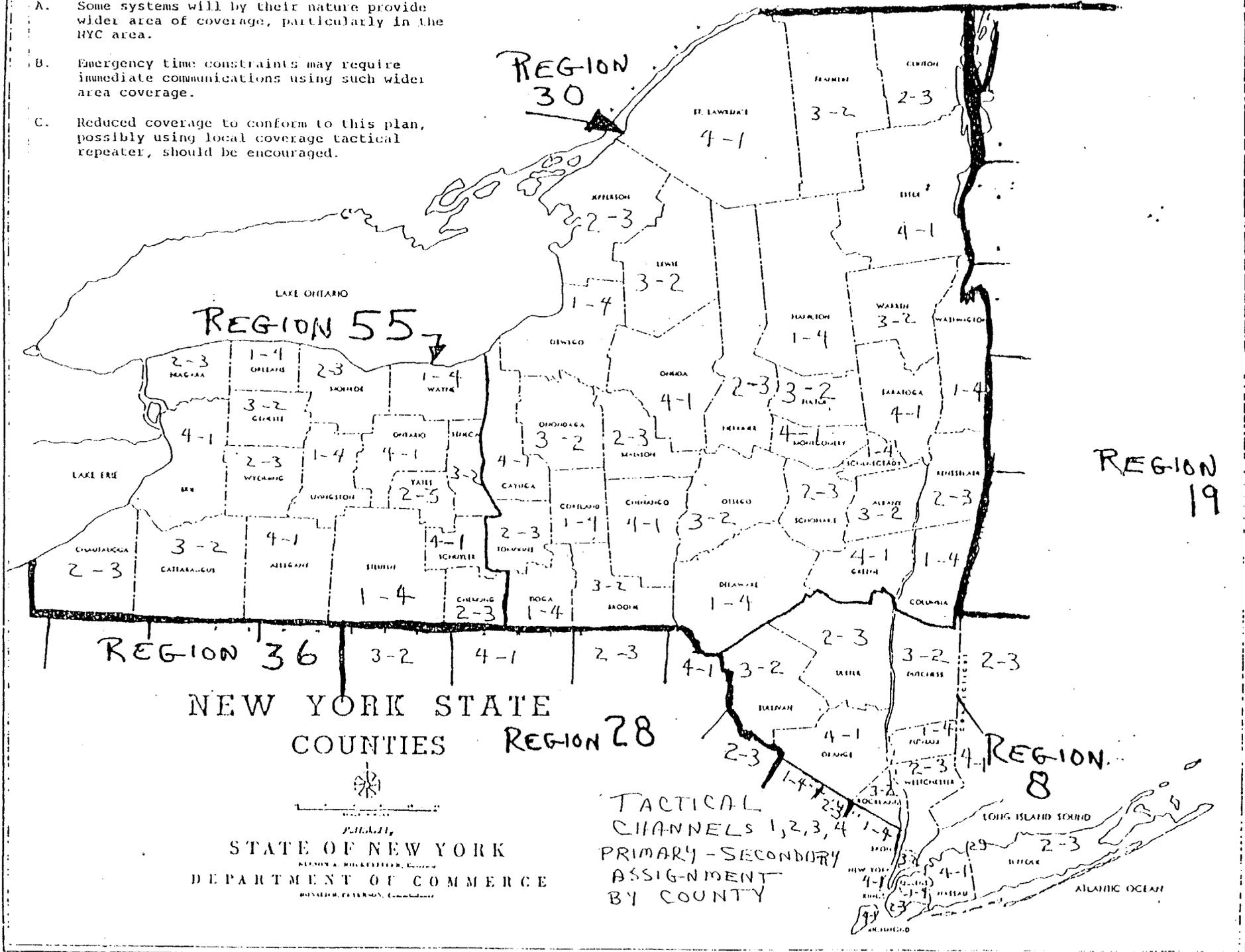
<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>PRIMARY</u>	<u>SECONDARY</u>
ALLEGANY	4	1
CATTARAUGUS	3	2
CHAUTAUQUA	2	3
CHEMUNG	2	3
ERIE	4	1
GENESEE	3	2
LIVINGSTON	1	4
MONROE	2	3
NIAGARA	2	3
ONTARIO	4	1
ORLEANS	1	4
SCHUYLER	4	1
SENECA	3	2
STEUBEN	1	4
WAYNE	1	4
WYOMING	2	3
YATES	2	3

NOTE A: Some systems will by their nature provide wider area of coverage than the boundaries of the County indicated in the table.

NOTE B: Emergency time constraints may require immediate communications using such wider area coverage.

NOTE C: Reduced coverage to conform to this Plan, possibly using a local coverage tactical repeater, should be encouraged.

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STATE OF NEW YORK
 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

TACTICAL CHANNELS 1, 2, 3, 4
 PRIMARY-SECONDARY ASSIGNMENT BY COUNTY

TACTICAL CHANNEL IMPLEMENTATION

September 5, 1989

1. The lead agency in each State will be the assigning agency of tactical channels for each incident.
2. For each licensee of a five channel trunked system it will be required that a base repeater system be placed in operation, by that licensee, on a tactical channel. This channel will be assigned by the RPUC.
3. The distribution of base repeater stations assigned by the RPUC will be on a first to license first to be assigned basis, in each county. This will facilitate maximum utilization of tactical channels in each county.
4. After all four tactical channel repeaters are placed in operation in a given area further distribution of base repeater requirements will be determined by the RPUC on a case by case basis.
5. In order to allow use of all tactical channels all existing and future licenses of the 821 pool will be required to place in operation control stations on each of the four tactical channels.
6. Nothing herein shall preclude an organization which operates old 800 pool conventional or trunked systems, or a new 800 pool conventional systems from implementing a tactical channel operation providing they conform to the guidelines set forth above.

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The Region 55 area is surrounded by Canada, Region 30, Region 28, and Region 36. As such, the availability of channels meeting acceptable distance to system radius (D/R) ratios outside the channel allotment limitations of the Canadian Sharing Zone is quite limited. A computer program was written to exclude Canadian Sharing Zone channels, perform distance and D/R ratio calculations, from each of the Region 55 site locations against the site locations of previously allotted channels in the three Regional Planning Areas noted above. Their data had been provided to Region 55 following the CET computer packing runs.

Those channels which were requested for Region-wide or State-wide reserved use and not in conflict with the Canadian Sharing Zone channel restrictions are assigned first. Then, those channels which remain and produce acceptable D/R ratios (5 minimum for co-channel and 3 minimum for adjacent channel), are listed in order of the following:

1. Counties outside the Canadian Sharing Zone are provided channels below channel 759 to the extent possible up to their defined level (6 channels - all are below 150,000 population) in priority order by population. No channels closer than 50 KHz are permissible within a county or immediately adjacent to a county.

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2. Reminaing counties are provided channels above channel 759 in priority order by population. No channels closer than 50 KHz are permissible within a county or immediately adjacent to a county.

By this procedure, only Steuben, Chemung, and Niagara counties were able to achieve their allotment totals of 6, 6 and 9 respectively. All other counties received significantly less or none at all (i.e., Erie 11 out of 40, Monroe 11 out of 30)

Since all county assignments are pool assignments, subject to coordination with adjacent regions, the Regional Planning Committee has decided to submit the list of channels which could be allotted by any county. In that manner, on a "first come - first served" basis, an applicant may request any channel(s) listed to a county, subject to inter-regional coordination at the time of application. Upon issuance of an allotment to an applicant, those channel(s) would be removed from pool status and the list of available pool channels would be revised along with listing the applicant allotment. In accordance with the Canadian Treaty, all stations located within the Sharing and Protection Zones would be restricted to 500 Watts ERP and 500 Feet.

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REGION-WIDE RESERVED CHANNELS:

All Eligibles - channel 830 (Low Power - 7.5 Watts ERP,
mobile only.)

All EMS Eligibles - channel 822 (Low Power - 7.5 Watts ERP,
mobile only.)

All Fire Eligibles - channel 820 (Low Power - 7.5 Watts ERP,
mobile only.)

All Police Eligibles - channel 824 (Low Power - 7.5 Watts
ERP, mobile only.)

New York State - Department of Environmental Conservation -
channel 794.

New York State - State Emergency Management Office - channel
792.

New York State Police (in the Counties of Chemung, Schuyler
and Steuben) 502, 640, 678, 716 and 754

New York State Police (Low Power - 7.5 Watts ERP) channels
826, 827, 828, and 829.

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REGION-WIDE GUARD CHANNELS:

The following channels are not to be allotted in order to protect receiver operations on adjacent reserved channels: 603, 641, 679, 717, 755, 791, 793, 795, 819, 821, 823, 825.

POOL ALLOTMENTS:

The following channels are pool allotments by county, available on a "first come - first served" basis. In a competitive "application filing window" process, the highest scoring applicant would be afforded priority over others of lower score. "*" = initial preferred choice.

619 Steuben
621 Steuben *
637 Steuben *
642 Schuyler
643 Steuben
645 Steuben
649 Chemung *, Schuyler
658 Steuben
659 Steuben, Schuyler *
661 Steuben
663 Steuben
664 Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben *
665 Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben
666 Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben
668 Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben
670 Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben *
672 Schuyler, Steuben
673 Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben
675 Chemung *, Schuyler, Steuben
685 Chemung *, Schuyler, Steuben
687 Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben
688 Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben
690 Schuyler *, Steuben
692 Schuyler, Steuben
693 Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben
694 Chemung *, Schuyler, Steuben
695 Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben
696 Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben
705 Schuyler, Steuben *
706 Chemung
713 Schuyler, Steuben *
729 Chemung *, Schuyler, Steuben
730 Steuben
732 Steuben
733 Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben
734 Schuyler, Steuben
735 Chemung *, Schuyler, Steuben

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POOL ALLOTMENTS (continued)

- 741 Chemung, Schuyler *, Steuben
- 742 Schuyler, Steuben
- 747 Steuben
- 749 Steuben
- 757 Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben
- 759 Chemung, Schuyler *, Steuben
- 761 Erie, Monroe, Niagara *, Livingston, Genesee, Wyoming,
Orleans, Steuben
- 762 Erie, Monroe *, Niagara, Wayne, Ontario, Livingston,
Genesee, Allegany, Wyoming, Orleans, Seneca, Yates,
Steuben, Chemung, Schuyler
- 763 Erie *, Monroe, Niagara, Livingston, Genesee, Allegany,
Wyoming, Orleans, Steuben, Chemung, Schuyler
- 764 Monroe, Niagara, Wayne *, Ontario, Livingston, Genesee,
Wyoming, Orleans, Seneca, Yates, Schuyler
- 765 Monroe, Niagara *, Genesee, Orleans
- 767 Monroe *, Niagara, Genesee, Orleans
- 768 Erie *, Niagara, Genesee, Allegany, Wyoming, Orleans
- 769 Erie, Monroe, Niagara, Cattaraugus, Livingston, Genesee,
Allegany, Wyoming, Orleans, Steuben
- 770 Erie, Monroe, Niagara *, Ontario, Livingston, Genesee,
Wyoming, Orleans, Yates, Steuben
- 771 Erie, Niagara, Cattaraugus, Livingston, Genesee,
Allegany, Wyoming, Orleans, Steuben, Chemung, Schuyler
- 772 Erie *, Monroe, Niagara, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus,
Livingston, Genesee, Allegany, Wyoming, Orleans, Yates,
Steuben, Chemung, Schuyler
- 773 Erie, Niagara, Genesee, Allegany, Wyoming, Orleans
- 774 Erie, Monroe *, Niagara, Chautauqua *, Cattaraugus,
Livingston, Genesee, Allegany, Wyoming, Orleans
- 775 Erie, Niagara, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Genesee,
Allegany, Wyoming, Orleans
- 776 Erie *, Monroe, Niagara, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus,
Livingston, Genesee, Allegany, Wyoming, Orleans, Yates,
Steuben, Chemung, Schuyler
- 777 Erie, Monroe, Niagara, Chautauqua, Wayne *, Ontario,
Cattaraugus, Livingston, Genesee, Allegany, Wyoming,
Orleans, Seneca, Yates, Steuben, Schuyler
- 778 Erie, Monroe, Niagara *, Chautauqua, Ontario,
Cattaraugus, Livingston, Genesee, Allegany, Wyoming,
Orleans, Yates, Steuben
- 779 Erie, Monroe *, Niagara, Livingston, Genesee, Wyoming,
Orleans
- 780 Niagara, Genesee, Orleans
- 781 Erie *, Monroe, Niagara, Livingston, Genesee, Wyoming,
Orleans, Steuben
- 782 Erie, Niagara, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Genesee,
Allegany, Wyoming, Orleans

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- 783 Erie, Monroe *, Niagara, Chautauqua *, Cattaraugus, Livingston, Genesee, Allegany, Wyoming, Orleans, Yates, Steuben
- 784 Erie, Monroe, Niagara *, Livingston, Genesee, Allegany, Wyoming, Orleans
- 785 Monroe, Niagara, Livingston, Genesee, Wyoming, Orleans
- 786 Erie *, Niagara, Genesee, Wyoming, Orleans
- 787 Erie, Monroe *, Niagara, Livingston, Genesee, Wyoming, Orleans
- 788 Erie, Monroe, Niagara, Wayne, Genesee, Orleans
- 789 Erie, Monroe, Niagara, Wayne, Livingston, Genesee, Wyoming, Orleans
- 790 Erie, Monroe, Niagara, Wayne, Livingston, Genesee, Wyoming, Orleans
- 797 Erie, Monroe, Niagara, Chautauqua, Wayne, Ontario, Livingston, Genesee, Wyoming, Orleans, Seneca, Yates, Schuyler
- 798 Erie *, Monroe, Niagara, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Livingston, Genesee, Allegany, Wyoming, Orleans, Steuben, Chemung, Schuyler
- 799 Erie, Monroe *, Niagara, Ontario, Livingston, Genesee, Wyoming, Orleans, Yates, Steuben, Schuyler
- 800 Niagara *, Genesee, Orleans, Chemung, Schuyler
- 801 Erie, Monroe, Niagara, Livingston, Genesee, Wyoming, Orleans
- 802 Erie *, Niagara, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Livingston, Genesee, Allegany, Wyoming, Orleans, Steuben, Schuyler
- 803 Erie, Monroe *, Niagara, Chautauqua *, Cattaraugus, Livingston, Genesee, Wyoming, Orleans
- 804 Erie, Monroe, Niagara *, Wayne, Genesee, Wyoming, Orleans
- 805 Monroe, Niagara, Wayne, Livingston, Genesee, Wyoming, Orleans
- 806 Erie, Monroe, Niagara, Genesee, Orleans
- 807 Erie *, Monroe, Niagara, Chautauqua, Livingston, Genesee, Wyoming, Orleans
- 808 Erie, Monroe *, Niagara, Chautauqua *, Cattaraugus, Livingston, Genesee, Wyoming, Orleans, Yates
- 809 Erie, Monroe, Niagara *, Livingston, Genesee, Wyoming, Orleans
- 810 Erie, Niagara, Chautauqua, Genesee, Orleans
- 811 Erie *, Monroe, Niagara, Livingston, Genesee, Wyoming, Orleans, Seneca, Yates
- 812 Erie, Niagara, Livingston, Genesee, Wyoming, Orleans
- 813 Niagara *, Genesee, Orleans
- 815 Niagara, Genesee, Orleans
- 816 Erie, Monroe *, Niagara, Livingston, Genesee, Allegany, Wyoming, Orleans

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POOL ALLOTMENTS (continued)

817 Erie, Monroe, Niagara, Chautauqua, Genesee, Wyoming,
Orleans

UNALLOTTED CHANNELS LIST:

This plan does not have unallotted channels.

Channels are either 1) reserved Region-wide, 2) guard channels to reduce the likelihood of adjacent channel interference, or 3) pool channels for selection on a "first come - first served" basis.

Channels, which are not listed, either are restricted by the Canadian Agreement, or are less than the D/R ratio referred to above, or both.

