

August 7, 2015

RE: Region5 Southern California 700 MHz Regional Planning Committee – Request for approval of Plan amendments and frequency allocations additions - Docket 02-378

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Secretary Dortch:

At the July 16, 2015 frequency coordination meeting of the Region 5 700 MHz regional planning meeting, the attached spreadsheet of changes to frequency allocations was voted on and approved by the members. Region 5 requests the FCC approval of these changes.

Additionally at a special meeting of the Region 5 700 MHz Planning Committee on July 16, 2015, the attached revised plan changes were approved by the full committee.

The allotment changes are highlighted in Yellow in the spreadsheet. They include a new channel allotments for the County of Los Angeles/LA RICS, Port of Los Angeles and the City of Arcadia. These allotments will only be licensed in the County of Los Angeles geographical Area and will be greater than 113 km from any adjacent Region border. Note the Los Angeles County/LA RICS allotments are from the former reserve pool channels.

These changes also reflect the planning preference of the Committee to make allotments to specific agencies, not general allotments to geographical areas. This is due to the extreme needs for spectrum in the Southern California area.

The Region 5 plan amendment makes changes to incorporate the former reserve channels and the six (6) trunked deployable channels into the Region 5 Plan. Please note that the County of Los Angeles is allotted all the reserve channels except for the 6 trunked deployable channels. The County requested all channels and the Region 5 Planning Committee after opening a filing period for other requests for the reserve channels voted to grant the allocations to Los Angeles/LA RICS. This was on recommendation of a special committee formed under sections 5.6 and 8.4 of the Region Plan for disputes. There was one other request for the reserve channels by the Interagency Communications Interoperability System JPA (ICIS).¹ The special committee determined that ICIS did not meet the priority matrix requirement for immediate funding while Los Angeles County did as they have a signed contract and are currently implementing their new upgraded system. Another factor was Los Angeles County has a need for a trunked Deployable system and agreed to use the 6 trunked deployable channels under the Region Plan

¹ ICIS agencies are located within the boundaries of Los Angeles County and therefore cannot operate co-channel with Los Angeles County.

and FCC rules. This benefits the region as there will not be a need for a geographically large exclusion zone to protect Los Angeles county operations. A mark-up version of the plan revision is also attached to make it easier to see specific changes. The Adjacent Region concurrences and the LA County Request with the need for a trunked deployable system is attached.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Buchanan", is enclosed in a light gray rectangular box.

David Buchanan, Chair Region 5 700 MHz Regional Planning Committee