

BEFORE THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

Region 41 (Utah) 700 MHz Regional Planning Committee Petition for Rulemaking to Revise 700 MHz Frequency Plan

PS Docket No. 13-87 RM-11433

Request for waiver

The Region 41(Utah) Planning Committee respectfully files this request for a waiver of the Commission's rules under Docket 13-87 to allow more time to modify our existing 700 MHz Regional Plan. Due to legislation action within the State of Utah under House Bill 155, unique or unusual circumstances exist that would make application of the rules to amend regional plans by October 30, 2015 burdensome or contrary to the public interest.

Discussion

Legislation within the State of Utah created an independent state agency and a board to administer the creation, administration, and maintenance of the Utah Communications Authority to provide a public safety communications network, facilities, and 911 emergency services on a statewide basis for the benefit and use of the public agencies, and state and federal agencies. The legislation consolidated the management of 911 emergency services, communication network infrastructure, the State Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC), and other public safety committees under the Utah Communications Authority. This consolidation resulted in a significant change to the voting members within the Regional Planning Committee (RPC) and therefore caused a significant delay in the annual Regional Planning Committee meeting. The RPC is made up of public safety volunteer members that dedicate their time, in addition to the time spent on their regular positions, to make decisions on the efficient and effective use of the

public safety spectrum. The work these people do reflects their dedication to public safety communications and ensures their agencies have a voice in the management of the public safety spectrum. Given the time necessary to re-organize the Region 41 Planning Committee, modify our 700 MHz plan, obtain approval within the region, and submit the plan to adjacent regions for concurrence; Regional Planning Committee 41 requests a waiver of the Commission's requirement to amend our regional plan by 30 October 2015 and extend the date to 30 January 2016. We believe that this extension of time will allow sufficient time for the re-organized regional planning committee to submit a plan modification to the Commission and would be in the public interest.

Respectfully,

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30 October 2015