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Ms. Donna R. Searcy, Secretary
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Office of the Secretary

IN THE MATTER OF A REQUEST BY PRONET INC. FOR GRANT OF A PIONEER'S
PREFERENCE FOR ITS ELECTRONIC TRACKING SYSTEM (ETS)
FILE #PP-23, RM-7784

The Brea Police Department hereby submits its comments in support of the above-referenced request of Pioneer's Preference filed by ProNet Inc.

1 The Brea Police Department is a municipal law enforcement agency that provides law enforcement services for both the communities of Brea, and Yorba Linda in the northwest portion of Orange County, California. We provide services for approximately 90,000 residences.

2 ProNet has contracted with several financial institutions in both the cities of Brea and Yorba Linda for their Electronic Tracking System for over two years. The Brea Police Department has been involved in several captures of suspects of armed robberies of these institutions during that time period. The most significant; occurring on August 27, 1991, where a Bank of America branch was robbed at approximately 4:00 PM. With the use of the Anaheim Police Department's helicopter and ground units from our agency and surrounding cities, the vehicle was tracked for over 1 hour and 15 minutes, through rush hour Friday evening traffic in the Los Angeles metropolitan basin. The vehicle was finally stopped and suspects were arrested with complete recovery. If it had not been for ETS that date, we believe, that this case would not have been cleared. With the use of the electronic tracking system, we were able to follow and track the vehicle and no innocent bystanders were injured during a high speed police pursuit.

3 We are familiar with ProNet's request and its petition for Rulemaking to provide a permanent spectrum in the 216-220 MHz band for ETS and to authorize ETS to operate under the business radio service rules, and we fully support this request. We believe this will enhance our ability to provide service to our business community, not only banking institutions, but also jewelry stores.

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4 The Brea Police Department supports the grant of a Pioneer's Preference and rule making to ProNet because:

- (a) We believe, it is a critical enforcement tool for law enforcement that is not currently available by any other company. It allows us to track robbery suspects and attempts to apprehend in a safer location, rather than responding directly into a crime scene and possibly having a barricade situation take place.
- (b) With the institutions in our community that have been the victims of a robberies since the installation of ETS, the apprehension rate is significantly higher than it is with institutions in our community that are not equipped with ProNet ETS.
- (c) I am unaware of another system that is available for jewelry stores or financial institutions to use that allows law enforcement to track a suspect once a robbery has occurred. To my knowledge, ProNet is the only company that provides this type of service.
- (d) If ProNet ETS is not provided a permanent spectrum, and is not granted a Pioneer's Preference, and is subsequently unable to provide this service to institutions within our community, I believe it could create the potential for more hostage situations, lower the apprehension rate of suspects and decrease the recovery rate of stolen property, along with potential for injury of innocent people during a high speed vehicle pursuit.



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