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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ACTION

THE REGION 55 (WESTERN COUNTIES OF UPSTATE NEW YORK) 800 MHz REGIONAL PLAN UPDATE COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES THE OPENING OF AN APPLICATION FILING WINDOW (PR. DOCKET NO. 92-287)

The Region 55 (Western Counties of Upstate New York)¹ 800 MHz Regional Plan Update Committee announces a filing window for submittal of radio channel allotment requests and license applications for radio frequencies in the 821-824/866-869 MHz Band.² Region 55 is responsible for planning public safety radio frequency spectrum usage within the Western Counties of Upstate New York in accordance with the Public Safety National Plan.³

The filing window for Region 55 applications opened on March 18, 2002 and will run through May 10, 2002, inclusive. Applicants must submit a signed application and provide an appropriate response to the 7 items of supplemental information listed on the reverse side of the application form. An engineering study is required. It should propose potential channel selections and include radio signal coverage prediction plots, using the Okumura-Hata computer model, and clearly display contours with mean signal strengths of 40 dBuV/m and 5 dBuV/m, overlaid on an appropriately sized map with County and State boundaries indicated. Radio signal coverage, and co- and adjacent-channel protection of incumbent channel allotments and licensed stations must comply with the Region 55 and other Regional Plans. An international agreement between the U.S. and Canada limits the availability of channels, power and antenna height in the Regional Plan area. Competing applications will be scored in accordance with the

¹ Region 55 consists of the Counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chemung, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Wyoming and Yates, in the State of New York.

² Buffalo Public Safety Plan, PR Docket No. 92-287, *Order*, 8 FCC Rcd 984 (PRB and Chief Engineer, 1993).

³ See Development and Implementation of a Public Safety National Plan and Amendment to Part 90 to Establish Service Rules and Technical Standards for Use of the 821-824/766-869 MHz Bands by the Public Safety Services, *Report and Order*, General Docket No. 87-112, 3 FCC Rcd 905 (1987).

Region 55 Plan. There is no guarantee that suitable channels exist for any particular applicant, or that proposed channels might not be allotted to another applicant whose application received a higher score. The cost to prepare an application is solely the responsibility of the applicant.

A copy of the Region 55 Plan is on file with the Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th St., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition, copies may be obtained by contacting the Region 55 Chairman.

All applications must be sent to:

Louis J. Oshier, Chairman
Region 55 – 800 MHz Regional Plan Update Committee
Director of Law Enforcement Communications
Erie County Central Police Services
95 Franklin Street – Room 230
Buffalo, New York 14202-3904
Fax: (716) 858-6039

The next meeting of the Region 55 – 800 MHz Regional Plan Update Committee is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on May 20, 2002 at the Erie County Fire Training Center, 3359 Broadway, Cheektowaga, N.Y. All applicants are invited to attend this meeting to answer any questions and offer any supporting documentation. Interested parties may contact Mr. Louis J. Oshier at (716) 858-8578 Oshierl@bflo.erie.ny.us (e-mail) for additional information.

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