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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ACTION

THE PHILADELPHIA METROPOLITAN AREA (REGION 28) RECEIVES APPROVAL FOR MINOR AMENDMENTS TO ITS PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN (GENERAL DOCKET NO. 89-573)

By this Public Notice, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) announces that the New England Area (Region 28)¹ Radio Planning Committee's proposal to amend the Region 28 Public Safety Regional Plan is approved. On September 13, 2001, Region 28 filed an amendment, which revises the current channel allotments for radio frequencies in the 821-824/866-869 MHz bands within the Philadelphia Metropolitan area, and reflects changes made as a result of its Filing Window 6B assignments.²

In accordance with the National Public Safety Plan, each region is responsible for planning its use of public safety radio frequency spectrum in the 821-824/866-869 MHz bands.³ The Region 28 Plan was originally adopted by the Commission on February 2, 1990,⁴ and was subsequently amended by Public Notice on December 16, 1993, September 11, 1998, and February 9, 2001.⁵

¹ Region 28 includes Eastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey and Delaware.

² See Region 28 Radio Planning Committee letter and amendment dated Sept. 12, 2001, filed by Richard R. Reynolds, Chairman, Region 28 on Sept. 13, 2001 (*September 13 Amendment*). The amendment includes letters of concurrence from Regions 8 (New York Metropolitan Area), 20 (District of Columbia, Maryland & Northern Virginia), and 36 (Western Pennsylvania).

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*, Gen. Docket No. 87-112, 3 FCC Rcd 905 (1987).

⁴ See Philadelphia Metropolitan Area (Region 28) Public Safety Plan, *Order*, Gen. Docket No. 89-573, 5 FCC Rcd 764 (1990).

⁵ The Philadelphia Metropolitan Area Public Safety Plan (Region 28) was amended by *Public Notice* on Dec. 16, 1993, Sept. 11, 1998 and Feb. 9, 2001. See The Philadelphia Metropolitan Area Public Safety Plan (Region 28), Public Safety Planning Update Committee Receives Approval for Minor Amendment to Its Public Safety Plan, *Public Notice*, Gen. Docket No. 89-573, 9 FCC Rcd 82 (1994); 1998 WL 598470 (FCC), and 16 FCC Rcd 2988 (2001).

On October 16, 2001, the Bureau issued a *Public Notice* (DA 01-2385) inviting interested parties to file comments regarding a proposed amendment to the Region 28 Plan.⁶ We have reviewed the Region 28 *September 13 Amendment* request. Filing Window 6B includes those applications whose interfering contours extended beyond the Region 28 boundaries for which Region 28 requested and received letters of concurrence from adjacent Regions 8, 20, and 36. In addition, Region 28 stated that no response was received from Regions 30 (New York - Albany) and 55 (New York - Buffalo), as there was no impact to their Regions from any of the Filing Window 6B assignments. Further, we received no comments in response to the Public Notice of October 16, 2001. The amendment therefore, is accepted and approved as submitted. The Secretary's office will place the amended Region 28 Plan in the official docket file where it will remain available to the public.

Questions regarding this public notice may be directed to Joy Alford, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (202) 418-0694.

Action by Acting Chief, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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⁶ See Wireless Telecom Action, Comments Invited on Philadelphia Metropolitan Area (Region 28) Public Safety Plan Amendment, Gen. Docket 89-573, *Public Notice*, 16 FCC Rcd 18487 (2001).