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Ms. Marlene Dortch, Esq.  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: National Association of Regional Planning Committees (NARPC) Petition for Rulemaking on the regional prioritization of newly available 800 MHz public safety spectrum, Docket 02-55

Dear Ms. Dortch,

The National Association of Regional Planning Committees (NARPC) hereby submits the following Petition for Rulemaking to promote regional prioritization of vacated spectrum allocated to public safety in the 800 MHz re-banding process, Docket 02-55.

The NARPC supports FCC designated Regional Planning Committees across the country and has identified certain regions that desire to have a prioritization matrix developed to be used within their region to aid the Commission in the distribution of the new 800 MHz public safety spectrum that is to be made available when the 800 MHz re-banding process is complete. While we acknowledge that all regions will not feel this prioritization will be necessary due to the small potential for 800 MHz application conflicts to arise in their region, many regions feel that this prioritization will ensure channel distribution to those agencies in communities that need the channels most

The NARPC recognizes that while all regions operate in different jurisdictional and political atmospheres with unique demographics requiring distinctive spectrum management devices, we support a concept in which each region, should they deem it necessary, be empowered to determine the most effective distribution mechanism of these channels, as the regions are the best resource in determining their needs.

We look forward to working with the Commission, as well as the Transition Administrator, in ensuring the available public safety spectrum is utilized to its fullest. Regardless of the outcome, the NARPC will continue to work with regional planning committees across the nation to ensure their voice is heard.

Respectfully submitted,

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