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COMMENTS INVITED ON FLORIDA (REGION 9)  
800 MHz PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN AMENDMENT  
(GEN. DOCKET NO. 90-119)

Comment Date: August 8, 2005

Reply Date: August 23, 2005

On January 3, 2005, the Florida Region Committee (821-824/866-869 MHz Planning)<sup>1</sup> submitted a proposed amendment to its Public Safety Radio Communications Plan for review and approval.<sup>2</sup> The proposed amendment allocates additional channels to several counties, and provides for certain substantive changes which include:

- Updated tables of channel allotments (formerly Appendix G and H) to Tables IV and V (thereby re-indexing former Tables IV, V, and VI to Tables VI, VII and VIII).<sup>3</sup>
- A revised Plan Section 5.3.8 to include Mutual Aid Operation Policy and Procedures, and
- A new Plan Section 6.3, Special Temporary Authority (STA) procedures.

In addition, the proposal also includes certain administrative and nomenclature modifications. The proposed amendment was reviewed by, and letters of concurrence obtained from, Florida's adjacent regions, Region 1 (Alabama) and Region 10 (Georgia).

In accordance with the National Public Safety Plan, each region is responsible for

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<sup>1</sup> Region 9 consists of the State of Florida.

<sup>2</sup> See Letter dated December 28, 2004, from Ray Carlson, Chairman, Region 9 to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC (submitting the Region 9 Plan Amendment for Public Safety Radio Communications), filed January 3, 2005 (Plan Amendment).

<sup>3</sup> See Region 9 Plan, Table IV-Channel Allotments at pages 4-10 through 4-20. Table IV lists channel allotments by jurisdiction and Table V-Channel Allotment Cross Reference by Channel Number at pages 4-21 through 4-39.

planning its use of public safety radio frequency spectrum in the 821-824/866-869 MHz bands.<sup>4</sup> The Region 9 Plan, which was originally adopted by the Commission on May 10, 1990, has been amended several times in the last 15 years.<sup>5</sup>

Prior to taking action on the Region 9 Plan Amendment, by this Public Notice, we solicit comments on the Plan Amendment. Pursuant to Sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on the proposed Region 9 Plan Amendment on or before August 8, 2005 and reply comments on or before August 23, 2005. All comments should reference General Docket 90-119, and should be filed with the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554.

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The Plan Amendment can be accessed electronically via the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>.<sup>6</sup> Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to [ecfs@fcc.gov](mailto:ecfs@fcc.gov), and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. Filings and comments are also available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, DC, 20554. Copies also may be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554. Customers may contact BCPI through its web site, <http://www.bcpweb.com>, by email at [fcc@bcpweb.com](mailto:fcc@bcpweb.com), by phone at (202) 488-5300 or (800) 378-3160, or by facsimile at (202) 488-5563.

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<sup>4</sup> *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).

<sup>5</sup> *See* In the Matter of Florida Public Safety Plan, Gen. Docket No. 90-119, *Order*, 5 FCC Rcd 3067 (1990). The Region 9 Plan was subsequently revised on May 7, 1991, 6 FCC Rcd 2607 (1991); November 25, 1991, 6 FCC Rcd 7180 (1991); September 17, 1993, 8 FCC Rcd 7038 (1993); March 23, 1994, 9 FCC Rcd 1644 (1994); June 19, 1995, 10 FCC Rcd 7167 (1995); September 9, 1997, (Report No. WT 97-34); June 16, 1999, 14 FCC Rcd 8536 (1999), and March 2, 2001, 16 FCC Rcd 4880 (2001).

<sup>6</sup> *See* Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 Fed. Reg. 24121 (1998).

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