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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Mr. Michael Wilhelm
Chief, Public Safety and Critical Infrastructure Division
Wireless Telecommunications Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Notification -- WT Docket No. 02-55

Dear Mr. Wilhelm:

800 MHz Transition Administrator, LLC (“TA”), by its counsel, hereby provides notice that it is amending the Regional Prioritization Plan for the reconfiguration of the 800 MHz band by moving the Louisiana NPSPAC region from Wave 2 to Wave 3 due to the effects of Hurricane Katrina. (The State of Louisiana is NPSPAC region #18.)

On January 31, 2005, the TA submitted its Regional Prioritization Plan to the Commission in which the TA established a schedule for reconfiguring the 800 MHz NPSPAC regions.¹ The Commission approved the Regional Prioritization Plan on March 11, 2005.² The Regional Prioritization Plan assigns the Louisiana NPSPAC region to Wave 2, which is scheduled to begin reconfiguration on October 3, 2005. As a result of the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina in certain areas within Louisiana and the resulting interruption to essential services in these areas, the TA is amending the Reconfiguration

¹ Regional Prioritization Plan of the 800 MHz Transition Administrator, WT Docket No. 02-55 (filed Jan. 31, 2005). On February 18, 2005, the TA amended the Regional Prioritization Plan to establish a “date certain” for the start of Wave 4 reconfiguration, but still subject to pending border treaties with Canada and Mexico. *Ex Parte* Notification of 800 MHz Transition Administrator, WT Docket No. 02-55 (filed Feb. 18, 2005).

² *Public Notice*, “Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Approves the Basic Reconfiguration Schedule Put Forth in the Transition Administrator’s 800 MHz Regional Prioritization Plan,” WT Docket No. 02-55, DA 05-619 (March 11, 2005).

Prioritization Plan to move the Louisiana NPSPAC region from Wave 2 to Wave 3, which is scheduled to begin reconfiguration on January 3, 2006.³ (The Mississippi and Alabama NPSPAC regions (regions #1 and #23, respectively), which also suffered extensive damage from Hurricane Katrina, are already assigned to Wave 3.) The TA will continue to monitor the recovery efforts from Hurricane Katrina and work with the public safety community and other affected 800 MHz licensees to assess whether a further deferral of the Louisiana NPSPAC region, as well as the Mississippi and Alabama NPSPAC regions, is needed.

To the extent that licensees in the Louisiana NPSPAC region may have already initiated reconfiguration negotiations with Nextel or anticipate doing so before January 3, 2006, the TA will accept submission of their agreements prior to that date and otherwise work with Nextel and affected licensees to provide the maximum necessary flexibility for reconfiguration.

Should there be any questions concerning this amendment to the Regional Prioritization Plan, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Robert B. Kelly
Robert B. Kelly

³ In the 800 MHz *Supplemental Order*, the Commission gave the TA flexibility and discretion to change the reconfiguration schedule to meet unanticipated “demands.” *Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band*, Supplemental Order and Order on Reconsideration, 19 FCC Rcd 25120, 25152 (¶ 72) (2004) (“*Supplemental Order*”).