

**Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

_____	)	
In the Matter of	)	
	)	
Improving Public Safety Communications	)	
in the 800 MHz Band	)	WT Docket. 02-55
	)	Mediation No. TAM-12278
Supplemental Request for Extension of Time	)	
by Rhode Island Public Transit	)	
Authority	)	
_____	)	

**SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (“RIPTA”), by its attorneys, hereby requests an additional extension of time in which to submit an 800 MHz rebanding cost estimate to Sprint Nextel Corporation (“Sprint”). RIPTA had previously sought an extension of time of the October 15, 2007 deadline imposed by Federal Communications Commission Public Notice FCC 07-168 released September 12, 2007. By letter of November 2, 2007 that extension request was granted and RIPTA was given until December 1, 2007 to submit its cost estimate.<sup>1</sup> Unfortunately, however, counsel for RIPTA did not receive that letter until the December 1, 2007 deadline had passed. RIPTA therefore submits this supplemental request and asks that it be treated as if it had been filed prior to December 1, 2007.

A further extension is appropriate in this case because, despite the diligent efforts of RIPTA, a frequency reconfiguration plan has not been completed. RIPTA has been frustrated with the progress made in completing its intermodulation study and has determined that further work on the study should be undertaken by MACRO Corporation, a respected provider of consulting and implementation management services for public safety communications systems. Macro has been in negotiations with Motorola to take over the completion of the study and has discussed the matter with Sprint.

<sup>1</sup> See letter of David L. Furth to Veronica M. Ahern, November 2, 2007.

RIPTA proposes the following timetable for approval by the Commission:

December 13, 2007: Macro submits a revised Request For Planning Funding (RFPF) agreement to Sprint.

December 30, 2007: Sprint approval RFPF Agreement is expected.

January 15, 2008: Macro completes intermodulation study.

January 18, 2008: RIPTA submits 800 MHz rebanding costs to Sprint.

RIPTA notes that the November 19, 2007 Third Recommended Resolution and Renewed Request for Waiver submitted by the 800 MHz Transition Administrator ("TA") recognized that the planning process has been delayed in this matter.<sup>2</sup> The TA also noted that it has been monitoring the situation and reporting, on a bi-weekly basis, to the Commission. RIPTA intends to continue to cooperate fully with the TA and coordinate its schedule with them.

For these reasons RIPTA hereby requests an additional extension of time to January 18, 2008 in which to submit its rebanding cost estimate to Sprint.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhode Island Public Transit Authority

By:   
Veronica M. Ahern  
Its Attorney

NIXON PEABODY LLP  
401 Ninth Street, N.W.  
Suite 900  
Washington D.C. 20004  
(202) 585-8000

December 7, 2007

cc: (by email)  
Lisa G. Henneberry (TA)  
David L. Furth (FCC)  
Steve Kelly (Sprint)

---

<sup>2</sup> Mediation No. TAM-12278, November 19, 2007 submission by Lisa G. Henneberry, p.2.