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Commission permits United States ESMR operations on a secondary basis, subject to PFD limitations.³ The NRPC does not believe excluding United States public safety from use of these channels for international mutual aid is consistent with the intent of the current international agreement. The Commission has acknowledged in the Second Report and Order that the United States will protect the mutual aid aspect of these channels by Canada. Therefore, we believe it is only logical to permit public safety users in the United States use of these channels for international mutual aid purposes. The NRPC believes it is in the best interest of public safety to continue to permit these channels to be available for international mutual aid coordination by entities from both countries.

The NRPC believes that the agreement between the United States and Canada permits the use of these channels by United States' eligible entities for public safety mutual aid operations without further modification. Accordingly, the NRPC requests the Commission take expedient action to update 47 CFR §90.619 to permit the use of these channels on a primary basis by public safety eligible entities within the CBR, as currently defined as Canadian Border Regions 1 - 6, for international mutual aid, consistent with the terms of the international agreement. Additionally, the NRPC requests that ESMR licenses in the CBR be required to protect all international mutual aid operations on these channels.

Respectfully submitted,



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³ *Id.* ¶ 27.

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