



## LAKES REGION MUTUAL FIRE AID

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*Chief*

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FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau  
Federal Communications Commission  
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**Re: Reply Comments WT Docket 09-217**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid (LRMFA) is a governmental New Hampshire Mutual Aid Fire District that provides emergency communications for thirty eight Fire, EMS and Haz-Mat response agencies serving communities in five counties. We cover a geographical area of 1,494 Square Miles.

LRMFA relies heavily on call and volunteer first responders. Wireless alerting is a critical function within our system. Currently we make use of voice one-way paging to alert our response personnel. This technology is effective when transmitting emergency events to the field units, however we definitely appreciate the benefits of a talkback channel as described by the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council

(NPSTC) and Mr. Verdouw of Monroe County, NY. Acknowledgement of emergency alerting confirmation of response and reply options would significantly improve our decision processes, allowing us to make immediate changes when necessary to assure adequate response to incidents.

However, from what we can ascertain from this proceeding, New Hampshire does not fall within the region 2 border and therefore we have no NPCS spectrum available to consider upgrading our equipment. We hope that this proceeding will lead to additional being located to support those in our situation.

We urge your approval of the NPSTC request for rulemaking. From the description of systems operating in Richmond, VA and Monroe County, NY, two-way paging or acknowledgement paging would be a profound improvement over the broadcast-only technology we currently use, and would have immediate and practical benefit in many jurisdictions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rene Lefebvre". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rene" and last name "Lefebvre" clearly distinguishable.

Chief Rene Lefebvre  
Chairman, LRMFA Board of Directors