

Appendix G Inter-Regional Dispute Resolution

The procedure will consist of the following steps should a dispute occur:

If the adjacent Region(s) cannot approve the request, the adjacent Region shall document the reasons for partial or non-concurrence, and respond within ten (10) calendar days via mail, email or fax. If the applying Region cannot modify the application to satisfy the objections of the adjacent Region then, a working group comprised of representatives of the two Regions shall be convened within thirty (30) calendar days to attempt to resolve the dispute. The working group shall then report its findings within thirty (30) calendar days to the Regional chairpersons via email, mail or fax. Findings may include, but not be limited to unconditional concurrence; conditional concurrence contingent upon modification of applicant's technical parameters; or partial or total denial of proposed frequencies due to inability to meet co-channel/adjacent channel interference free protection to existing licensees within the adjacent Region.

If the Inter-Regional Working Group cannot resolve the dispute, then the matter shall be forwarded for evaluation to the National Plan Oversight Committee (NPOC), of the National Regional Planning Council (NRPC). Each Region involved in the dispute shall include a detailed explanation of its position, including engineering studies and any other technical information deemed relevant. The NPOC will, within thirty (30) calendar days, report its recommendation(s) to the Regional chairpersons via the CAPRAD database. The NPOC's decision may support either of the disputing Regions or it may develop a proposal that it deems mutually advantageous to each disputing Region.

CONCLUSION

In agreement hereto, Regions 4 and Region 17 do by the signing of the document pledge to abide by this Agreement.

Respectfully, [all signatories to agreement]

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