



PSST – Operator Advisory Committee

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Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

Subject: Notice of Ex Parte Discussion, Various Matters relating to Waivers of 700 MHz Spectrum, PS Docket No. 06-229

On Monday, March 12, 2012, William M. (Bill) Schrier, Chief Technology Officer for the City of Seattle and Chair of the Public Safety Spectrum Trust Operator Advisory Committee (PSST-OAC) conducted a telephone call with Jennifer Manner and Gene Fullano of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB).

The following matters were discussed:

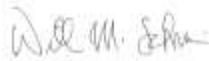
- The PSHSB Order of 9 January 2012 (DA 12-25) which places certain requirements on 700 MHz Public Safety Broadband Waiver Recipients, including the requirements to “employ a numbering administrator”, to “complete development of the [numbering] scheme by March 31, 2012”, and to employ a “common entity to provide the clearinghouse functions” by May 31, 2012.
- The 21 Waiver Recipients had jointly identified a numbering administrator, Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) and had so named that numbering administrator by February 8, 2012 as required by the order.
- The FCC’s PSHSB has not yet approved or disapproved SAIC as a numbering administrator as required by Order DA 12-25.
- The City of Charlotte has made a request to Bill Schrier, as Chair of the PSST-OAC, on March 9, 2012, for a block of networking numbering identifiers, and had asked for those numbers to be delivered by March 12, 2012.
- SAIC is able to deliver most of the numbering identifiers to Charlotte the week of March 12, but they would be doing so as an administrator unapproved by the PSHSB, which places Charlotte at risk.
- Order DA 12-25 states “we direct the Petitioners to submit their choice of numbering administrator for the Bureau’s approval by February 8, 2012. Provided that the Bureau approves the submission, Petitioners shall complete development of the scheme by March 31, 2012.” If the Bureau does not act quickly to approve SAIC, or disapproves SAIC, then the scheme is would not completed by an approved numbering administrator, and the Waiver Recipients may be in violation of Order DA 12-25 through no fault of our own.
- Bill Schrier requested a date when the waiver recipients might receive action on the SAIC nomination.

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- The potential for staying (holding in abeyance) certain portions of Order DA 12-25, given the new law passed by Congress on February 22, 2012 creating a “FirstNet” authority in the National Telecommunications Infrastructure Administration (NTIA) and directing FCC to transfer the license to this spectrum to FirstNet. Specifically we discussed the potential for staying the requirement to obtain the services of a clearinghouse entity.
- The possibility that the Waiver Recipients may wish to give ideas, advice or counsel to the Commission on the matter of the Technical Advisory Board for First Responder Interoperability.

Very Truly Yours,



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