

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)
)
Implementing a Nationwide, Broadband,) PS Docket No. 06-229
Interoperable Public Safety Network in the 700)
MHz Band)

To: Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau

**700 MHz PUBLIC SAFETY BROADBAND QUARTERLY REPORT #8
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Pursuant to the Commission’s *Waiver Order*,¹ the District of Columbia (“District”) here provides this 700 MHz Public Safety Broadband Quarterly Report.

Planning. The District has continued to participate in the PSST Operator Advisory Committee (OAC) activities, study items of the Public Safety Communications Research (PSCR) project, and NPSTC working groups that are focused on developing requirements for QOS, prioritization, and local control. The District currently has no deployment schedule for LTE because of the lack of funding. Along with the other Statewide Interoperability Coordinators of FEMA Region III states (Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia), the District of Columbia does actively participate in a regional planning project under the FEMA-III Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program (RCPGP). The FEMA Region III projects aims at developing a Regional governance agreement and decide on key

¹ *In the Matter of Requests for Waiver of Various Petitioners to Allow the Establishment of 700 MHz Interoperable Public Safety Wireless Broadband Networks*, PS Docket No. 06-229, FCC 10-79 (May 12, 2010) (“*Waiver Order*”), ¶ 64.

architectural/procurement issues. The state specific requirements collection process is currently under review and the needs assessment task itself will initiate shortly thereafter. The project plan has being modified to take into account the recent legislative decisions and a grant extension request has been filed. *Funding.* The District is continuing to analyze funding sources and awaiting the outcome of congressional legislation on the governance and funding of a nationwide public safety broadband network.

Deployment. The District already has 12 sites fully prepared as a result of its earlier 700 MHz broadband pilot initiatives. Deployment planning will be on hold until there is more clarity on funding and an appropriate procurement vehicle.

On January 9, 2012, the FCC Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (Bureau) issued the PLMN ID Order (See Requests for Waiver of Various Petitioners to Allow the Establishment of 700 MHz Interoperable Public Safety Wireless Broadband Networks, PS Docket 06-229, Order, DA12-25, (PSHSB rel. Jan. 9, 2012) (PLMN ID Order)), requiring Waiver Recipients to submit their choice of numbering administrator for approval and, provided that the Bureau approves the submission, complete the development of a numbering scheme by March 31, 2012.

On February 8, 2012, all twenty-one Waiver Recipients filed a joint request asking the Bureau to approve the selection of Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) as the numbering administrator.

On March 16, 2012, the Bureau issued an Order (See Requests for Waiver of Various Petitioners to Allow the Establishment of 700 MHz Interoperable Public Safety

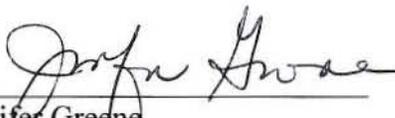
Wireless Broadband Networks, PS Docket 06-229, Order, DA12-423, (PSHSB rel. March 16, 2012)), approving SAIC to serve as the common numbering administrator.

The Waiver Recipients, through the Operator Advisory Committee, diligently worked with SAIC on the development of the numbering scheme.

The District of Columbia verifies that it completed the development of the numbering scheme by the March 31, 2012 deadline as required by the PLMN ID Order, with the assistance of SAIC.

The District of Columbia also verifies that there is no new information regarding SAIC's licenses or affiliations that might call into question its ability to serve as a fair and impartial administrator.

Respectfully submitted,

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