

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of

Technical Advisory Board for First Responder
Interoperability

PS Docket No. 12-74

Comments of Ericsson

Ericsson submits these comments in response to the Public Notice making available the recommendations of the Technical Advisory Board for First Responder Interoperability (the “Interoperability Board”).¹

Ericsson commends the Interoperability Board for its work in completing the *Recommended Minimum Technical Requirements to Ensure Nationwide Interoperability for the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network*.² In particular, Ericsson applauds the recommended use of open standards and alignment with 3GPP commercial standards. These standards, used by commercial service providers, will enable interoperability within the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (“NPSBN”) that is on par with interoperability achieved in commercial service provider networks. Moreover, using such standards will ensure interoperability from the first day of deployment. Finally, because commercial products based on these standards already exist and are ready to be

¹ Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Makes Available the Recommendations of the Technical Advisory Board for First Responder Interoperability, PS Docket 12-74, *Public Notice*, DA 12-811 (May 23, 2012).

² Recommended Minimum Technical Requirements to Ensure Nationwide Interoperability for the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network, PS Docket 12-74 (May 22, 2012)

deployed, using them will facilitate deploying the NPSBN and will lower the costs of its buildout.

As the Interoperability Board recognized, “FirstNet must fully embrace the technologies, standards and best practices used by commercial service providers”³ to ensure maximum interoperability from the outset of deployment. By incorporating open standards and 3GPP commercial standards, the Interoperability Board’s recommendations will enable this outcome, which will provide our first responders with effective communications as they rapidly respond to critical situations. These recommendations provide the stable foundation needed to deploy interoperable emergency communications nationwide today, and set the right path forward for the future of public safety communications.

Respectfully submitted,



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³ *Id.* at 22.