

**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 #9
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 continues 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, but is positioning itself to react to developments related to the recent passage of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, which reallocated the 700-MHz D Block to Public Safety and provided \$7B in funding to construct a national public safety broadband network. In collaboration with the Statewide Interoperability Coordinators of all other FEMA Region III states (Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia), the District participates in a regional planning

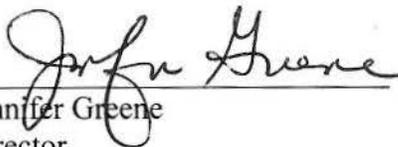
¹ *In the Matter of Requests for Waiver of Various Petitioners to Allow the Establishment of 700 MHz Interoperable Public Safety Wireless Broadband Networks*, PS Docket No. 06-229, FCC 10-79 (May 12, 2010) (“*Waiver Order*”), ¶ 64.

project under the FEMA-III Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program (RCPGP). The project developed a regional governance consortium agreement called the Mid-Atlantic Consortium for Interoperable Nationwide Advanced Communications (MACINAC). MACINAC explores key architectural/procurement issues including engagement with the private sector and utilities, and the collection of state-specific requirements for inclusion in a potential multi-state cooperative initiative. The project plan has been modified to take into account recent legislative developments and a grant extension request has been filed and granted through July 2013.

Funding. The District continues to analyze funding sources and awaits the seating of the First Responder Network Authority (“FirstNet”) on August 20, 2012, as well as the announcement of NTIA’s state implementation grant program on August 22, 2012. NTIA’s grant guidance is expected to determine the scope of eligible activities and define eligible costs. FEMA’s June 15, 2012 *Grant Programs Directorate Information Bulletin No. 386* affirmed that the District’s preparedness activities are in line with current guidance for the use of DHS/FEMA public safety grant funds for broadband-related expenditures and investments.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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