Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of
Amendment of Part 90 of the Commission’s Rules
Implementing a Nationwide, Broadband, Interoperable Public Safety Network in the 700 MHz Band
Service Rules for the 698-746, 747-762 and 777-792 MHz Bands

WP Docket No. 07-100
PS Docket No. 06-229
WT Docket No. 06-150

COMMENTS OF APCO REGARDING NPTSC 4.9 GHz REPORT


Founded in 1935, APCO is the nation’s oldest and largest public safety communications organization. Most APCO members are state or local government employees who manage and operate communications systems for police, fire, emergency medical, forestry conservation, highway maintenance, disaster relief, and other public safety agencies. APCO is the largest FCC-certified frequency coordinator for Part 90, Public Safety Pool channels, and appears regularly before the Commission on a wide range of public safety communications issues. APCO is a member of the NPSTC Governing Board and participated in the development of the NPSTC Report.
APCO’s prior comments in this proceeding explained that the “most significant problem facing the 4.9 GHz band is the lack of effective frequency coordination and planning” which “creates chaotic, haphazard equipment deployment that is incompatible with the needs of interference-free, mission-critical radio communications.”\(^1\) We also recommended that a new database be established with updated and more detailed information on all licensed operations. APCO supports the NPSTC Plan as it address these and related issues. The end result will be more effective and efficient public safety use of the 4.9 GHz band.

CONCLUSION

Therefore, APCO urges the Commission to proceed with rules implementing the NPSTC Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

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\(^1\) Comments of APCO (Oct. 28, 2012).