

**Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, DC 20554**

In the Matter of )  
 )  
Amendment of Sections 90.20(d)(34) and 90.265 ) PS Docket No. 13-229  
of the Commission’s Rules to Facilitate the Use )  
of Vehicular Repeater Units )

**COMMENTS**

The National Railroad Passenger Corporation (“Amtrak”) hereby comments to support the Federal Communication Commission’s (“Commission”) proposal to allow the Industrial/Business (“I/B”) community more VHF spectrum for mobile repeater use.<sup>1</sup>

Amtrak supports making additional frequencies available to the I/B community for mobile repeater use. Amtrak has a large and accredited nationwide police force with over 400 mobile repeater-equipped vehicles. Mobile repeaters are also used on many of its longer trains for end-to-end crew communications. Currently, railroads are not eligible for public safety frequency allocations, and the railroad frequencies are not usable because of the 2 MHz (LR) spectrum window. Additionally, Amtrak uses the 173 MHz (IB) frequencies for MO3 applications and finds that the existing ones are often crowded or trunked. If new frequencies are allocated, one or two should be made available to wide area users for nationwide applications.

Amtrak thanks the Commission for the opportunity to comment and urges it to include I/B eligibles in this rulemaking.

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<sup>1</sup> *Amendment of Sections 90.20(d)(34) and 90.265 of the Commission’s Rules to Facilitate the Use of Vehicular Repeater Units*, Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, PS Docket No. 13-229, RM 11-11635, FCC 13-121, ¶33 (2013).

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