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COMMENTS INVITED ON PHILADELPHIA METROPOLITAN AREA (REGION 28) PUBLIC SAFETY REGIONAL PLAN AMENDMENT (Gen. Docket # 89-573)

Comment Date: November 14, 2001

Reply Date: November 29, 2001

On September 12, 2000, Region 28 submitted a proposed amendment to its Public Safety Plan that would revise the current channel allotments to reflect changes made as a result of Region 28 Filing Window 6B. The requested amendment proposes modification of the Region's frequency allocation tables to provide new assignments as reflected in Appendix 1, a copy of which is attached. Filing Window 6 was divided into two parts (6A and 6B) to expedite the assignment process. The FCC approved filing window 6A (DA 01-328) on February 9, 2001. Filing Window 6B includes those applications whose 5 dBu contours extended beyond the Region 28 boundaries for which they had requested and received letters of concurrence from adjacent Regions 8 (New York metropolitan area), 20 (Washington, D.C., Maryland and Northern Virginia), and 36 (Western Pennsylvania). Region 28 cited that no response was received from Regions 30 (New York - Albany) and 55 (New York - Buffalo), as there was no impact to their Regions from any of the Window 6B assignments.

In accordance with the National Public Safety Plan, each region is responsible for planning its use of public safety radio frequency spectrum in the 800 MHz bands.¹ The Public Safety Plan for Region 28, which was adopted by the Commission on February 2, 1990, governs the use of frequency assignments in the 821-824/866-869 MHz bands within Delaware, Eastern Pennsylvania, and the Southern New Jersey area.²

The Commission is soliciting comments from the public before taking action on this proposed plan amendment. Copies of the Region 28 amendment request may be viewed at the

¹ See Development and Implementation of a Public Safety National Plan and Amendment of Part 90 to Establish Service Rules and Technical Standards for Use of the 821-824/866-869 MHz Bands by the Public Safety Services. *Report and Order*, General Docket No. 87-112, 3 FCC Rcd 905 (1987).

² Philadelphia Region Public Safety Plan, *Order*, General Docket No. 89-573, 5 FCC Rcd 764 (1990).

Commission's Reference Information Center, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Qualex International (Qualex), which is located at Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C., 20554. Qualex may be reached by telephone at (202) 863-2893, facsimile at (202) 863-2898, or via e-mail at qualexint@aol.com. The Region 28 amendment request may also be viewed on-line by accessing the Commission's Electronic Comments Filing System (ECFS) and initiating a search of the records for General Docket Number 89-573.

Interested parties may file comments to the proposed amendment on or before November 14, 2001, and reply comments on or before November 29, 2001. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), *see* Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, Report and Order, GC Docket No. 97-113, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998), or by filing paper copies. Commenters who submit by paper should send an original and five copies of comments to the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554. Commenters should clearly identify all comments and reply comments, whether submitted electronically or as paper copies, as submissions to General Docket 89-573 Philadelphia Metropolitan Area Regional Public Safety Plan (Region 28). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number.

Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

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