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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ACTION

THE NEW ENGLAND AREA (REGION 19) PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN RECEIVES APPROVAL FOR MINOR AMENDMENTS TO ITS PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN (GENERAL DOCKET NO. 90-53)

By this Public Notice, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) announces that the New England Area (Region 19)¹ Radio Planning Committee's proposal to amend the Region 19 Public Safety Regional Plan is approved. On September 20, 2001, Region 19 filed an amendment, which revises the current channel allotments for radio frequencies in the 821-824/866-869 MHz bands within the New England area, and reflects changes made as a result of its Eighth Window application process.²

In accordance with the National Public Safety Plan, each region is responsible for planning its use of public safety radio frequency spectrum in the 821-824/866-869 MHz bands.³ The Region 19 Plan, which was originally adopted by the Commission on April 26, 1990,⁴ has been amended several times in the last eleven years.⁵ On October 2, 2001, the Bureau issued a *Public Notice* (DA 01-2191)

¹ Region 19 includes Connecticut (except Fairfield, Litchfield, New Haven and Middlesex counties), Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

² See New England Radio Planning Committee letter and amendment dated Sept. 10, 2001 was filed by George J. Pohorilak, Chairman, Region 19 on Sept. 20, 2001. The amendment includes letters of concurrence from both Regions 8 (New Jersey) and Region 30 (New York – Albany), and the revised allocation table at Appendix 1. (*September 20 Amendment*).

³ See Development and Implementation of a Public Safety National Plan and Amendment to Part 90 to Establish Service Rules and Technical Standards for Use of the 821-824/766-869 MHz Bands by the Public Safety Services, Report *and Order*, General Docket No. 87-112, 3 FCC Rcd 905 (1987).

⁴ See New England Area Public Safety Plan, *Order*, Gen. Docket No. 90-53, 5 FCC Rcd 2844 (1990).

⁵ The New England Area Public Safety Plan (Region 19) was revised by letter on July 17, 1992, Feb. 28, 1995, and Oct. 30, 1996, and amended by *Public Notice* on Mar. 21, 1997, Feb. 8, 1999, Feb. 8, 2000, Sept. 28, 2000 and Jan. 16, 2001. See 1997 WL 126054 (FCC); 14 FCC Rcd 3336 (1999); 15 FCC Rcd 15580 (2000); 15 FCC Rcd 19,090 (2000), and 16 FCC Rcd 824 (2001).

inviting interested parties to file comments regarding a proposed amendment to the Region 19 Plan.⁶ We have reviewed the Region 19 request, which modifies the Region's frequency allocation tables to provide new assignments for the Massachusetts State Police; Farmington, Connecticut Police Department, and the West Springfield, Massachusetts Fire Department. Further, we received no comments in response to the Public Notice of October 2, 2001. The amendment is, therefore, accepted and approved as submitted. The Secretary's office will place the amended Region 19 Plan in the official docket file where it will remain available to the public.

Questions regarding this public notice may be directed to Joy Alford, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (202) 418-0694.

Action by Acting Chief, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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⁶ See Wireless Telecom Action, Comments Invited on New England Area (Region 19) Public Safety Plan Amendment, Gen. Docket 90-53, *Public Notice*, 16 FCC Rcd. 17615 (2001).