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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ANNOUNCES THAT FORESTRY CONSERVATION COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION, INC. IS CERTIFIED AS A FREQUENCY COORDINATOR FOR 800 MHz PUBLIC SAFETY FREQUENCIES

On July 25, 2001, the Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau), released an *Order* finding it in the public interest to expand competition among frequency coordinators in the 800 MHz public safety frequencies.¹ Additionally, the Division concluded that American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and International Association of Fire Chiefs, Inc., and International Municipal Signal Association (IAFC/IMSA) - - each of which was already certified as a frequency advisory committee (FAC) for the Public Safety Pool of Private Land Mobile Radio (PLMR) frequencies below 512 MHz, and for the Public Safety 700 MHz band General Use channels, and each of which had requested certification for 800 MHz public safety bands - - were qualified to be FACs for 800 MHz Public Safety frequencies and the 800 MHz General Category frequencies.² Consequently, AASHTO and IAFC/IMSA were certified to coordinate those PLMR frequencies. The Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International, Inc. was already certified to coordinate 800 MHz Public Safety frequencies.³

Forestry Conservation Communications Association, Inc. (FCCA), the only other FAC currently certified to coordinate Public Safety frequencies below 512 MHz and in the 700 MHz band, was invited to perform the same function for frequencies in the 800 MHz Public Safety band.⁴ FCCA was provided with forty-five days from the date the *Order* was released (July 25, 2001) to notify the Bureau of its intention to coordinate these frequencies.⁵ By correspondence dated August 29, 2001, FCCA provided

¹ International Association of Fire Chiefs, Inc., and International Municipal Signal Association and American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, Informal Request for Certification as a Frequency Coordinator in the PLMR 800 MHz Bands, *Order*, DA 01-1775 (WTB PSPWD rel. July 25, 2001).

² *Id.*, ¶ 17.

³ *Id.*, ¶ 8.

⁴ *Id.*, ¶ 25.

⁵ *Id.*

the required notification.⁶ We hereby certify FCCA to coordinate 800 MHz Public Safety frequencies and General Category frequencies.

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By the Chief, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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⁶ See Letter from John D. Lane, Counsel for Forestry Conservation Communications Association, Inc., to D'wana R. Terry, Chief, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission (dated Aug. 29, 2001).