

Minutes

New England Region 700 MHz Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Tenth Meeting Tuesday 11 March 2003

List of Attendees: See attachment

The tenth meeting of the New England Region 700 MHz Technical Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday March 11, 2003 at the Maine State Police – Troop B Barracks in Gray, Maine.

The meeting was convened at 10:00AM

The Chairman and Vice Chairman were present. The Secretary had informed the Chairman in advance of his absence and the Vice Chairman, Jerry Zarwanski took minutes.

The Chairman, George Pohorilak requested everyone present introduce themselves.

Order of Business:

1. **Minutes**

A correction was pointed to the Chairman that the last meeting was the ninth and not the tenth meeting. Jim Kowalik motioned to **ACCEPT** the December 10, 2002 minutes as distributed with correction to ninth meeting. Seconded by Steve Brown and **CARRIED** by unanimous vote.

2. **Membership**

The Chairman indicated that every state except Vermont has membership on this committee. Letters were mailed to Vermont as well as all the other New England States and there has been no official response from VT. The Chairman indicated that CT State layoffs have affected his ability to visit the “700 MHz State License” holder in the New England States. The layoff of the Chairman’s two Connecticut staff members and restrictions in out of State travel has restricted visits and research and distribution of 700MHz correspondence.

3. **State Licensees Update.**

There is no new information. Most of the holders are members of this committee. In Connecticut the Governor has offered an early retirement incentive. Frank Aiudi from DOIT (CT 700MHz License holder) who has been attending the 700MHz meetings is

strongly considering retiring. Chuck Welch from NH OEM indicated Meade Herrick is retiring and he would be the new representative from NH OEM

4. NCC UPDATE:

At this time there is no new information being distributed by the NCC.

Two members of this committee, Jim Kowalik and George Carbonell flew to Denver, Colorado for CAPRAD (Computer Assisted Precoordination Resource and Database System) Training and will update the committee further once the agenda item is reached. The Chairman indicated there is approximately \$700 remaining in the budget for 700MHz planning.

5. FCC UPDATE:

The Chairman indicated there was really nothing new to report and eventually he would craft a letter to be sent to appropriate Congressional delegations stating the need for progress on the issue of making the 700 MHz frequencies available to Public Safety users. Bob Cruikshank – Motorola informed the committee he has a list of Congressional delegates that sit on the 700 MHz Committee. He also indicated some action the committee may pursue with the FCC/Congressional delegates to expedite the use of 700MHz frequencies for Public Safety.

The Chairman also indicated that at some future date he may send letters to the Governors of the New England State or meet on the topic of 700MHz. At this time, he cannot even meet with the CT Governor because the Governor has other significant issues such as State budget and Departmental issues.

George Carbonell addressed the 85% penetration rule and some discussion took place but the bottom line is there is no change in the ruling.

6. CAPRAD

Jim Kowalik spoke on the training that took place in Colorado and indicated that the online system is a tool for sorting and allocating frequencies in 700MHz. The 700MHz frequencies have been pre allotted on a county basis through out the United States. The Development of a State or regional plan would either adopt the pre-allotment, refine it or supercede the allotment. California has adopted a 6.25 distribution and Missouri is adopting a cellular technology distribution approach. George Carbonell presented a Power Point presentation on CAPRAD which addressed: accessibility and rights into the online system; Technical system features and hardware; Placement of Regional Plans, Applications and Database Information on the online system. George Carbonell also handed out a CD which introduces the CAPRAD system.

The Chairman motioned we adopt the CAPRAD system as part of the Regional Planning process. Seconded by Steve Brown. Carried by unanimous vote.

The Vice Chairman addressed the issue of interference criteria and what has been technically adopted. Mr. Carbonell indicated that a field strength/contour of 50Dbu is considered and any contour cannot exceed a county by five miles. As to interference criteria, nothing has been adopted. The Vice Chairman asked what would happen if States/Regions adopted different standards and boarder issues arise. Mr. Carbonell indicated there is a need to reach out to the different States/Regions and address these issues.

7. PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Scoring Matrix.

Attached to the Agenda was four available scoring matrix tables for discussion. The first, existing 821MHz scoring matrix, the second, NCC 700MHz adopted scoring matrix as provided in the green binder (700MHz NER Plan), the third, a newly developed scoring matrix and the fourth, a version of the third with the top category, Service, modified. The Chairman discussed each and the members present questioned the differences in each of the scoring matrix. The deciding factor on which scoring matrix should be chosen is the objectivity of scoring rather than the subjectivity. The Chairman asked for a response from each member in a month as to the best scoring matrix for 700MHZ.

8. New Business/Comments

None

The Chairman indicated the next meeting will be held in Rhode Island on June 10, 2003 at 10:00 AM at a site still to be determined.

The Chairman **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Carbonell. Unanimous vote to adjourn. 11:42AM

Respectfully submitted

Jerry Zarwanski, Vice Chairman.