

# MINUTES

## New England Region 19 700 MHz

### TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, December 13, 2005

**10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Municipal Building  
Brattleboro, VT**

The meeting was convened at 10:00 a.m.

Present were George Pohorilak, Chairman, Jerry Zarwanski, Vice-Chairman, Jim Warakois, Secretary.

**Minutes** of the September 13, 2005 meeting were accepted by voice vote.

#### **State Update:**

Connecticut: Chairman Pohorilak provided an overview of interoperability projects that Connecticut's Interoperability Committee were involved in. A current initiative the committee is working on is to develop a plan for the cross-banding of VTAC, UTAC and selected 806MHz frequencies. This plan in Connecticut will be called STOCS. An RFP/RFI has been developed for STOCS hardware and will be issued shortly by DOIT. A Governance Committee reviews all plans/projects developed by the interoperability committee. The Interoperability Committee meets on a regular monthly basis.

Mr. Carbonell briefly discussed STOCS, the Regional division of the STOCS frequencies and the RFP/RFI .

Mr. Zarwanski indicated that the Connecticut Interoperability Committee has taken on the role of approving/denying homeland security telecommunications/radio projects submitted by cities/towns to the Department of Emergency Management Homeland Security.

New Hampshire: Mr. Kowalik reported a continuation of the various interoperability initiatives in New Hampshire. He also noted an increase in interest in 4.9 GHz among public safety services.

Massachusetts: No report

Maine: No report

Vermont: No report

### **FCC Update:**

Bette Reinhart (Motorola Inc.) gave a detailed report on current FCC activity.

- **700 MHz Television band clearing**
- **Bi directional converters**
- **Rules to share NPSTC templates**
- **Move to narrow emission date June, 2017.**
- **Observation of 4.9 GHz construction deadline.**

Ms Reinhart noted that there are a total of 620 4.9 GHz licenses issued. Ninety licenses have been issued in Region 19. The majority of the 4.9GHz licenses in Region 19 have been issued to public services in the state of Massachusetts.

The service codes for 700 MHz assignments are SG and SY.

The Chairman noted that the first Region 19 window for the 700 MHz service is open. No applications have yet been received. Window 1 will open once an application is received

### **4.9GHz**

Chairman Pohorilak discussed the need to review the draft plan for the final time. There have been no written comments submitted to date. We are awaiting comments and if there are no comments we will vote to accept the plan at the next meeting. Mr. Warakois commented on aeronautical and data use in the 4.9GHz band.

A discussion was held on the notification of current 4.9GHz license holders of the existence of a Region 19 4.9GHz plan . Any 4.9GHz license holder must conform to the guidelines of the plan.

Mr. Derdak made a motion to make 4.9GHz Licensees aware of the 4.9GHz Plan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kowalik and approved by voice vote.

### **NPSTC**

Mr. Zarwanski indicated that the NPSTC is looking for representation from the Regional planning committees to be members on their committee. NPSTC has divided the Regional Planning committees in to 5 zones and is looking for a member from each zone. Region 19 falls into the East Coast zone.

## **CAPRAD**

The current CAPRAD database is under consideration for a move from NLECT - Department of Justice to a new location yet to be determined.

## **New Business**

The annual schedule for 2006 meetings was distributed to those in attendance.

The balance of funds from the original grant to the committee is currently less than \$200.

Mr. Carbonell suggested that two 25KHz channels of the 700 allotment be reserved for assignment to transmission of differential correction of GPS measurements. He noted the current practice is to assign such transmission to frequencies in the UHF PS pool.

Mr. Carbonell motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Brown.  
Passed by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully  
James Warakois, Secretary.