

Meeting of the
FCC Region 19
700 MHz Technical Advisory Committee
Tuesday, December 14, 2004
Rhode Island Emergency Operations Center

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 10:00 AM.

Present Mr. Pohorilak; Chairman, Mr. Zarwanski, Vice Chairman and Mr. Warakois, Secretary.

All members present were asked to sign the attendance roster.

Previous Minutes

The Chairman presented the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Carbonell MOVED to ACCEPT the minutes as presented. Mr. Brown SECONDED the motion. There was no discussion. The minutes were APPROVED by voice vote.

STATE UPDATES

Connecticut

Mr. Pohorilak reported that "Significant momentum" has been achieved in formalizing the

(Connecticut) State Interoperability Committee. Mr. Skip Thomas is the State of Connecticut

Commissioner of Homeland Security. Various pieces 800MHz ICAL/ITAC radio equipment have been purchased and distributed statewide to PSAP's and operations centers.

New Hampshire

Mr. Kowalik reported that the SIEC committee would be formed after the June 2005 meeting of the 700-800 MHz Committee. The actions of that committee will be linked to the actions of this 700 MHz and the 800 MHz Committees.

Massachusetts

Mr. Gutowski reported that the Massachusetts State Interoperability Committee operates under

the Executive Office of Public Safety. The Secretary of Public Safety wants to assure that

funding for interoperability will be used in conformance with the rules for interoperability.

Rhode Island

Mr. Crotty reported that Rhode Island is moving forward. The Washington County project is funded for the establishment of an interoperability system in southern Rhode Island.

An interoperability committee is forming.

Maine-
No report

Vermont-
No report

NCC- (committee has expired)

FCC update
No report

CAPRAD

Mr. Kowalik has been using the site and updating some of this committee's current status. He reports that some of the editing functions of the database are a bit confusing. Further training on the use of CAPRAD will occur at a time when the 700 MHz band is available for Public Safety use. Mr. Zarwanski reported that he has made a request to APCO that CAPRAD training be given at the Denver, Colorado APCO 2005 Conference. Denver, Colorado is the location for CAPRAD training.

Region 19, 700 MHz Plan

The Chairman reported that the motion of September 14, 2004 to submit the plan to the FCC with absence of concurrence from the adjacent regions (8 & 30) has not been carried out as the result of conversations with the Chairmen of both regions. Region 8 has given concurrence to the Region 19 Plan. Region 30 reviewed the Plan and the Chairman had a telephone statement of conditional concurrence with the Plan by Region 30. Days later in an email, the Chairman received a retraction of the verbal concurrence. Technical issues and concern with dispute resolution could not be immediately resolved. There were further issues raised regarding references to the Standard Technical Document TIA-88. Once those issues are resolved an agreement would be forthcoming.

Mr. Zarwanski explained that the issue of interference and comparisons between the 800 MHz and proposed 700 MHz technologies. The Region 19 Plan is less stringent on some of the interference contour requirements.

The Chairman notes that approval by the Region 30 Committee will require the Plan to be re-submitted to Region 8 with the changes for re-concurrence.

MOVED by Mr. Carbonell that:

This committee review the Plans for Regions 5 and 24 and any others already approved by the FCC to determine the accepted technical parameters that are in dispute and to change the Region 19 Plan, if necessary, to reflect the already acceptable plans. SECONDED by Mr. Derdak.

It is the Committee's intent to submit the PLAN to the FCC with the interference requirements edited to show the acceptable wording as it appears in the Plans already accepted by the FCC
The motion was CALLED, VOTED and ACCEPTED.

4.9 GHz Planning

The Chairman distributed a package of study documents. Four proposed plans from different regional committees were included in the package. A brief discussion took place on whether the plan should be frequency agile or constrained to public service category. Further discussions on technology and frequency use would be discussed at future meetings.

NEW BUSINESS ^

The Chairman noted that the Region 19 Committee still has openings for membership from all of the New England States. The schedule of meetings has been determined for the year 2005 and beyond. The current balance of funds was announced.

Mr. Carbonell MOVED to adjourn. SECONDED by Mr. Kowalik.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted

James Warakois, Secretary

EXHIBITS

1. 1. Region 6 ^ 4.9 GHz REGIONAL PLAN, Draft Version 7/11/04, "4940 MHz TO 4990 MHz SPECTRUM ALLOCATION AND USAGE IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA" (32 pages).
2. 2. Region 41 ^ 49 GHz Plan (Draft), Revision 1.1.
3. 3. STATE OF IDAHO, REGION 12, 4.9 GHz REGIONAL PLAN. July 21, 2004.
4. 4. "SURVEY FOR DETERMINING EACH ELIGIBLE AGENCY'S NEED FOR PUBLIC SAFETY FREQUENCIES IN THE 4.9 GHz BAND", Region 5 & 6 Public Safety/ Public Service Organization California, U.S.A., April 15, 2004.