



**NPSPAC Regional Plan Amendments
to Reflect 800 MHz Band
Reconfiguration
and
Licensing of New NPSPAC Facilities in the
806-809/851-854 MHz Band.**

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NPSPAC Regional Planning

Background

- ❑ National Plan is contained in the *Report and Order, General Docket No. 87-112*.
- ❑ *FCC set national guidelines for the use of spectrum, “while allowing RPCs to develop plans tailored to their own areas and communications needs.” National Plan Report and Order at 905.*
- ❑ 47 C.F.R. § 90.16

Guidance on Amendment of 800 MHz Regional Plans

- Public Notice, DA 09-212 (rel. 2/10/2009)
- All RPCs for non-border NPSPAC Regions must file Amended Plans or Notifications by April 13, 2009
 - *Amend plans to reflect the 15 megahertz shift in the NPSPAC band from 821-824/866-869 MHz to 806-809/851-854 MHz*
 - *Notification of intent to file combined rebanding and with other modifications.*
 - *Disposition of NPSPAC channels within the region.*
 - *Technical procedures*
 - *Procedures for Assigning Channels*

Plan Amendment Requirements

STREAMLINED Process:

- Amendment consists of only the Submit band plan for 806-809/851-854 MHz channels.
- Amendment must be filed by **April 13, 2009**
 - ❑ Cover letter signed by RPC Chair
 - ❑ Reference RPC Commission Docket No. __.
- No adjacent region coordination required
- PSHSB will review Plan Amendment submission
 - ❑ will not seek comment on 15 MHz shift amendments
- PSHSB will issue approval by public notice.

Deadlines

➤ **April 13, 2009**

- Filing deadline for streamlined amendments
- Filing deadline for notification of intent to file plan amendment with 15 MHz shift and other related items. RPCs in Wave 1 through 3 that intend to submit amended plans reflecting the 15 megahertz shift combined with other substantive amendments

➤ **June 10, 2009**

- Filing deadline for Combined Rebanding-Related and other Substantive Amendments
- Submit a Notification Letter (signed by the RPC) to Chief, PSHSB and e-file in WT Docket No. 02-55

Standard Plan Amendment Requirements and Process

- ❖ Letter must summarize the changes reflected in the Plan Amendment
 - ❖ Addressed to Chief, PSHSB, reference WT Docket No. 02-55 and RPC Docket No. ____.
- ❖ Amendments must include evidence of Adjacent Region Coordination
- ❖ Must be filed in appropriate dockets
- ❖ Recommend filing using Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).

Standard Plan Amendment Process

- Plan Amendments are reviewed, and if accepted, placed on public notice for comment.
 - 20 days for comments, 10 for replies
 - Rejected Plan Amendments –
 - Notify RPC Chair of discrepancy, resolve staff to staff where possible.
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Plan Amendment Review

- ✓ Accepted Plan Amendments
 - Placed on Public Notice for comment (20 days for comments; 10 days for replies)

- ✓ Amendment Approval by Public Notice

Best Practices for RPCs

- Administrative management of spectrum resources requires fair and open procedures

- Transparency of RPC process
 - All plans include a description of how to apply for channels
 - Application review process
 - Communication with applicant and RPC membership.

Regional Plan Docket Numbers

- ❑ Region 1: Alabama (Gen. Docket 90-280)
- ❑ Region 2: Alaska (PR Docket 93-81)
- ❑ Region 3: Arizona (PR Docket 91-143)
- ❑ Region 4: Arkansas (PR Docket 93-3)
- ❑ Region 5: Southern California (Gen. Docket 89-97)
- ❑ Region 6: Northern California (Gen. Docket 90-287)
- ❑ Region 7: Colorado (Gen. Docket 89-452)
- ❑ Region 8: New York-Metro (Gen. Docket 88-476)
- ❑ Region 9: Florida (Gen. Docket 90-119)
- ❑ Region 10: Georgia (PR Docket 92-189)
- ❑ Region 11: Hawaii (PR Docket 93-80)
- ❑ Region 12: Idaho (PR Docket 93-149)
- ❑ Region 13: Illinois (PR Docket 91-228)
- ❑ Region 14: Indiana (Gen. Docket 90-178)
- ❑ Region 15: Iowa (PR Docket 92-288)
- ❑ Region 16: Kansas (PR Docket 91-162)
- ❑ Region 17: Kentucky (PR Docket 93-132)
- ❑ Region 18: Louisiana (Gen. Docket 90-489)
- ❑ Region 19: New England (Gen. Docket 90-53)
- ❑ Region 20: District of Columbia, Maryland and Northern Virginia (Gen. Docket 90-7)
- ❑ Region 21: Michigan (Gen. Docket 90-221)
- ❑ Region 22: Minnesota (PR Docket 93-130)
- ❑ Region 23: Mississippi (General Docket 90-178)
- ❑ Region 24: Missouri (PR Docket 93-131)
- ❑ Region 25: Montana (PR Docket 92-267)
- ❑ Region 26: Nebraska (Gen. Docket 89-608)
- ❑ Region 27: Nevada (Gen. Docket 92-268)

Regional Plan Docket Numbers

- Region 28: Eastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey and Delaware (Gen Docket 89-573)
- Region 29: New Mexico (PR Docket 93-86)
- Region 30: New York-Albany (General Docket 90-394)
- Region 31: North Carolina (PR Docket 93-150)
- Region 32: North Dakota (Docket 93-77)
- Region 33: Ohio (PR Docket 91-258)
- Region 34: Oklahoma (PR Docket 92-171)
- Region 35: Oregon (PR Docket 92-269)
- Region 36: Pennsylvania (Gen Docket 92-274)
- Region 37: South Carolina (PR Docket 93-78)
- Region 38: South Dakota (PR Docket 93-57)
- Region 39: Tennessee (PR Docket 93-58)
- Region 40: Texas-Dallas (Gen Docket 88-549)
- Region 41: Utah (PR Docket 91-282)
- Region 42: Virginia (PR Docket 91-300)
- Region 43: Washington (PR Docket 91-270)
- Region 44: West Virginia (PR Docket 93-79)
- Region 45: Wisconsin (PR Docket 92-273)
- Region 46: Wyoming (PR Docket 91-59)
- Region 47: Puerto Rico (PR Docket 93-82)

Regional Plan Docket Numbers

- Region 48: US Virgin Islands (PR Docket 92-105)
 - Region 49: Texas-Austin (PR Docket 92-190)
 - Region 50: Texas-El Paso (PR Docket 92-286)
 - Region 51: Texas-Houston (PR Docket 91-199)
 - Region 52: Texas-Lubbock (PR Docket 92-1)
 - Region 53: Texas-San Antonio (PR Docket No. 92-169)
 - Region 54 Illinois-Southern Lake Michigan (Gen. Docket 89-363)
 - Region 55: New York-Buffalo (PR Docket 92-287)
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Licensing of New NPSPAC Facilities in the 806-809/851-854 MHz Band

- Permanent licensing of new facilities on available channels is now permitted in non-border regions
- Applications must be in accordance with RPCs amended regional plans
 - Applicants should obtain frequency coordination
 - Letter of concurrence from the RPC
- Applications for new facilities must be submitted to the TA to verify that the requested channels are not required for rebanding purpose.

Conditional Operation by Sprint on New NPSPAC Channels

- ❖ Prior to completion of rebanding in a NPSPAC Region, Sprint may continue existing operations on 805-809/851-854 MHz channels.
- ❖ Sprint must cease operations on any such channel to the extent necessary to comply with the co-channel spacing requirements of Section 90.621(b) on sixty days (60) notice that the new NPSPAC licensee is ready to use the channel for testing or to commence operations.

- ❖ Sprint will terminate operations to the extent necessary to allow the new licensee to operate on the channel without harmful interference.
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➤ Questions or concerns?

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