

Region 43 (Washington)
700 MHz/4.9 GHz Regional Planning Committee

October 26, 2005 - 1000 to 1030
Conference Call Only
253-512-7310

Meeting Summary:

The RPC met via conference call only to discuss 700 MHz & 4.9 GHz regional planning issues and the status of the 700 MHz & 4.9 GHz Plan documents, SIEC, NPSTC and NARPC updates and actions in other RPCs.

1. Roll Call and Introductions

The following individuals participated in the meeting:

Kevin Kearns – RPC Chair	Dave Brush – City of Yakima
Cammie Enslow – KCSO	Ken Rhodes – KCSO
Keith Flewelling – CRESA	Jim Cole - CRESA
Ron Solemsaas – SERS	Jon “Wiz” Wiswell – City of Seattle
Harlan Ohlson – WSDOT	Bob Wentworth – City of Spokane
Babu Parayil – Port of Seattle	Hai Phung – King County Metro Transit
Tom Howell – SNO PAC	Spencer Bahner - Sparling
Doug Kerr – ATT Global	

Attendees are again reminded to verify their contact information on the sign-in sheet, the latest version of which can be found at http://www.region43.org/docs/700mhz/Region_43_700_MHz_Membership_List_10-26-05.pdf. PowerPoint slides for today's meeting are posted at <http://www.region43.org/docs/20051026MeetingSlides.ppt>. Anyone interested in staying abreast of Region 43 activities is welcome to self-subscribe to the 700 MHz Committee Listserv on the website, www.region43.org.

2. Approval of 700 MHz/4.9 GHz Minutes of August 31, 2005

There was a motion by Bob Wentworth and a 2nd by Dave Brush, to approve the minutes subject to a correction to the minutes and roster to show that Bob Wentworth attended the last meeting via the conference line. The Minutes were approved as corrected.

3. Information Updates

• SIEC Activities – Kevin Kearns

SAW group meetings are being held today and on November 7th. Work on Draft Version 7 of the Technical Implementation Plan is expected to be finished by the SIEC Advisory Working Group today. Changes include cleaning up verbiage and

making the introductory portion more user friendly. The Plan should be on the SIEC agenda for the November 7th meeting.

The SIEC website has recently been redesigned and can be accessed at:
<http://isb.wa.gov/committees/siec/index.aspx>

- **Actions in Other RPCs – Kevin Kearns**

- Region 35 (Oregon)

- Region 35 is still pursuing outsourcing the initial drafting of their Plan so that it can then move through the Committee process for review, editing and approval..

- Keith Flewelling - noted that the City of Portland is pursuing a COPS grant.
 - Doug Kerr - added that he had offered to write the Plan but has not heard anything.
 - Kevin Kearns – mentioned that he understands that other vendors have offered to assist in this as well.

- Region 12 (Idaho)

- The Region 12 Plan is now out on public comment. Comments are due on November 2nd. Reply comments are due on November 17th.

- See the link below for the invitation for comments:

- http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6518168944

Filed plans for the 700 MHz band are available on the ECFS search page at:

http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/comsrch_v2.cgi

Note: search on Proceeding 02-378

- **NPSTC Organizational Update – Kevin Kearns**

- The June meeting slide deck has not yet been posted to the NPSTC website. The meetings scheduled for the week of November 7th in Los Angeles include the formal launch of the RPC Committee. The Chair plans on attending these meetings on behalf of northwestern RPCs and assembling a summary for the next meeting.

4. **700 MHz Regional Planning Process - Status Update**

The 700 MHz band plan was reviewed for the benefit of the group (page 7 of the meeting slides).

DTV Transition Issues

There has been considerable interest in establishing a “date certain” for DTV migration out of the 700 MHz band, in lieu of the troublesome 85% tuner penetration exception. Proposed dates have included the end of 2008 or anything between January and April of 2009. The Senate Commerce Committee is moving ahead with a bill to require DTV migration to be completed no later than April 7th, 2009. This is much later than the January 1st, 2007 date proposed by Senator John McCain. Debate continues on the issue of funding digital-to-analog set top converters for viewers with analog TV sets. The converters are inexpensive in mass quantities. There had been speculation that additional spectrum might be released to public safety for broadband use from auction of the 12 channels of the D/C

blocks. However, that no longer seems likely. A general discussion followed on the merits of the date certain approach and the continued need for public safety broadband spectrum.

Plan Document Updates

The Chair noted that he will electronically file both Plan documents. The 700 MHz Plan will be filed when the signed Inter-Regional Dispute Resolution document is received from Region 35. The 4.9 GHz Plan will be filed at the same time. The Chair invited questions/discussion on Plan status:

- Jon "Wiz" Wiswell – asked, hasn't the FCC been taking 3 to 4 month to process these?
- Kevin Kearns – noted that the FCC has committed to a 120 day schedule, including the comment period
- Doug Kerr – asked if the 4.9 GHz Plan is posted on the website.
- Kevin Kearns – responded that it is, but it has not been filed yet.

5. Good of the Order

None.

6. Future Meeting Dates

The 700 MHz/4.9 GHz meetings will be scheduled to occur from 1000 to 1200 hours, followed by the 800 MHz meeting from 1300 to 1500 hours. It is expected that we will be continuing with our standing meeting on the last Wednesday of each month through at least the 1st and 2nd Quarter of 2006.

- **November 30th – Yakima Probation Services**
207 S. 3rd Street, Yakima, Washington
- **December 28th – no meeting scheduled for December**

7. Adjourn

The 700 MHz/4.9 GHz portion of the meeting adjourned at 1027 hours.