

MINUTES
NCC Region 43 700 MHz Regional Planning Committee
April 30, 2003
1:30-3:20 PM
Yakima, WA

1. Roll Call and Introductions

Following individuals participated in meeting.

Kevin Kearns	Keith Eldridge
Allan Josue	Steve Taylor
Jon (Wiz) Wiswell	Travis Bottcher
Dave Brush	Dean Heinen
Bob Wentworth	Spencer Bahner
Pat Buller	

2. Agenda Modifications – None

3. Approval of Minutes of March 26, 2003

Wiz motioned to approve, Bob Wentworth seconded, minutes were approved by voting members.

4. Information Updates

- Kevin briefed that FCC issued a report and order concerning the 4.9 MHz spectrum being made available for public safety use. It has been indicated that the regional planning process may be established to plan for use of this spectrum.
- The state legislature had passed HB1271, and the Governor signed the signed the legislation, forming the State Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC). Effective date for implementing the SIEC, under the Information Services Board (ISB) is July 1, 2003. The SIEC will be focusing on developing an interoperability plan. The SIEC will consist of 15 members with the chairperson being chosen by ISB. There is no staffing or funding identified to support the SIEC at this time. Kevin indicated that King County has concerns about representing its interests on the committee, particularly when addressing communications/technical issues.

5. Regional Planning Outreach

The brochure developed by Dennis Hausman was reviewed. Information about Project 25 (P25) was wrong and was corrected. Text was changed

to reflect interoperability channels adopting P25 common air interface specifications. Several other changes were made and Kevin will post on the web page.

6. Draft Plan Review and Editing

A section review and editing of the Draft Version 2 was conducted. Changes from version 1 were noted. Under Section 3.2, it was recommended that under Note 3, “primarily” and “recommended” be added for STATEOPS ITAC channels.

Under Section 7 concerning additional general use spectrum set aside for interoperability, no additional channels are required, but RPC reserves the right to allocate channels through changes in the plan. Channels would then be added under the SIEC. Concerning the interoperability channels it was proposed and to be requested to the SIEC that the RPC technically manage and coordinate the use of the interoperability channels on behalf of the SIEC. This would ensure that requests for general use and interoperability channels would be closely coordinated to meet all technical and operational requirements.

Concerning Section 8, Spencer Bahner indicated that this section basically was the lead for development of other procedures, specifically for items indicated on page 18, such as “filing windows”. Concerning paragraph 8.3 (page 17), about using 821 MHz allotment before using 700 MHz, it was generally felt that this paragraph be removed because it does not meet the intent of what the 700 MHz plan is about. Having this paragraph in the plan expressed that users had to use their 821 MHz allotment first before requesting 700 MHz allotment.

Concerning the use of Filing Windows, initial consensus was that they would be used. Use of filing windows would give requestors time to prepare plans and identify funding. At some later point in time, the RPC would consider going to another methodology for reviewing applications. One methodology discussed for filing windows was to establish eight windows over the period from 2004-2008. The first window would begin the day after the plan is adopted. After the eight windows are complete, channels will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. This methodology is only an initial concept. Kevin will be developing other options on this issue of filing windows.

7. Future Meetings - Schedule

May 28, 2003 – WSEMD, Camp Murray, Bldg. 97

June 25, 2003 – Conference Call

July 30, 2003 – Yakima

August 7, 2003 – Conference Call
September 24, 2003 – DIS Boardroom, Olympia
October 29, 2003 – Location TBD (East/Central)
November 19, 2003 – Location TBD (West)

8. Other Items - None

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM.