

MINUTES
NCC Region 43 700 MHz Regional Planning Committee
February 26, 2003
1000-1117
Telephone Conference Call

1. Roll Call and Introductions

Following individuals participated in the conference call.

Kevin Kearns	Bob Speidel
Allan Josue	Emory Washington
Jon (Wiz) Wiswell	Babu Parayil
Hai Phung	Dean Heistand
Spencer Bahner	Fred Radovich
Gary Palmer	Gary Amundson
Dennis Hausman	Tom O'Day
Bob Wentworth	

2. Agenda Modifications – None

3. Approval of Minutes of January 29, 2003

Dennis Hausman placed a motion, seconded by Wiz, to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion was passed.

4. Information Updates

NPSTC Meeting – Feb. 19, 2003. Kevin and Bob Speidel attended this meeting. Kevin is in the process of finalizing his notes/comments and will distribute via the listserv when completed. This meeting covered various topics concerning all bands. Reference the 700 MHz spectrum, the following notes were provided by Kevin and Bob.

- It was recommended that a 700 MHz national oversight committee be established consisting of the regional chairs. The committee would address inter-regional disputes, and other issues concerning plan development and coordination.
- The Region 5 plan from California was returned to them by the NCC. The plan was not inclusive enough in that it did not reflect any effort for including the tribal nations within the state. Further, the plan did not have enough discussion about what they would be doing about border regions. Also there was no mechanism provided on how California

would handle inter-regional disputes, in light of the fact that they did not use the existing CAPRAD coordinated database.

- Regions should establish outreach programs to ensure all eligibles for use of the spectrum are involved as much as possible in the planning development and implementation. When reviewing region plans, the FCC is looking for detailed information about what was done to contact and inform eligible users on the planning and use of the spectrum.
- The NPSTC National Support Office has the CAPRAD database loaded, the webpage has been updated, and they are working with the DOJ on the use of ps.gov for the interoperability data suite of channels.
- In preparing our plan, both Kevin and Bob, indicated that we should keep detailed notes/documentation on all outreach activities that are undertaken.

NCC Meeting – Feb. 20-21, 2003. The following notes were provided by Kevin. Again, complete notes will be provided on the listserv.

- The interoperability subcommittee discussed the naming convention of the interoperability channels. It was agreed that a standard naming convention be established and be mandated for use so that all users are programming radios the same. FCC is reluctant to mandating this, because FCC considers this an operational issue/requirement and not a policy/rulemaking issue. In light of this, the NCC was requested to develop justification for establishing a mandatory naming convention and presenting it to the FCC prior to the NCC being disbanded at the end of the summer.
- NCC supports the SIEC's being established not only to manage the 700 MHz interoperability channels, but to also include oversight of VHF, UHF, and 800 MHz interoperability channels as well. However, both the NCC and FCC have no specific guidelines on what SIEC's are supposed to do. It was recommended that NPSTC develop SIEC guidelines.
- Concerning wideband data channels, a question was posed to the Technology Subcommittee as to what was the criteria for loading and assigning the data channels? The subcommittee indicated that a model was being developed for the regions to use that would show how loading and assigning the data channels could be done.
- Use of the CAPRAD database is not mandatory, evident by California's non-use, however it is highly recommended that it should be used to help deconflict inter- and intra- regional issues.
- Syracuse Research briefed on how the initial pack of the CAPRAD database was done. Packing was not based on population alone. A model which relates the population to the demand for services, using only one transmitter per county, and a theoretically maximum of assigning 24 channels, separated by 250 KHz for combining, was used. Syracuse Research indicated that they would be willing to re-

look packing within a given region if specific additional information can be provided.

5. DRAFT Plan Review and Editing

Kevin requested that members send in any proposed changes/comments to Version 1 to him prior to the March meeting. A detailed review of the plan and changes will be accomplished.

6. Meeting Schedule for plan editing/reviews

March 26, 2003 – WSDOT in Selah, WA, 1000 – 1400 hours.

April 30, 2003 – To be held after 800 MHz RPC meeting, location TBD

May 28, 2003 – WSEMD, Camp Murray

June 25, 2003 – Conference Call

July 30, 2003 – Location TBD in central WA. Final plan editing by RPC

August 27, 2003 – Conference Call

September 24, 2003 – Location TBD in western WA. Review and final edit by all interested parties.

October 29, 2003 – Location TBD in eastern WA. Review and final edit by all interested parties.

November 26, 2003 – Final RPC Plan Approval and transmittal to FCC

7. Other Items – None noted

8. Meeting was adjourned at 11:17 AM