

MINUTES
Region 43 800 MHz
Regional Review Committee
December 15, 2004 - 1300 to 1500
Snohomish Public Utility Operations Center
1802 75th Street SW, Everett

1. Roll Call and Introductions

The following individuals participated in the meeting:

Kevin Kearns	Tom Howell
Cammie Enslow	Jay Morrison
Capt. Deborah Huntsinger	Peter Hambuch
Ken Rhodes	Gary Amundson
Jon (Wiz) Wiswell	Brad Barber
Ron Solemsaas	Steve Taylor
Babu Paryil	Walt Pierce
Jay Morrison	Dave Brush – phone
Tom Samuelson	Keith Flewelling – phone
Ken Gustafson	Dennis Hausman - phone

2. Approval of Minutes of October 27, 2004

Approval of the Minutes of November 17, 2004 was deferred to the January meeting, as they had not been circulated for review prior to the meeting.

3. Review of Current 800 MHz Band Allocations in Non-Border Areas

See slides beginning on page 29 showing Current 800 MHz Band Allocations in Non-Border Areas, Post Re-banding 800 MHz Band Allocations in Non-Border Areas, followed by a close up view of Before and After Re-banding. The next slide is a map of the Canadian Border Sharing Regions for 800 MHz, followed by regional graphs of current and planned Canadian border allocation.

4. FCC or Industry Documents of Interest related to the 800 MHz Re-banding

The membership was reminded of the plethora of sources of documents related to the 800 MHz Re-banding process.

- For documents, slides and webinars relevant to 800 MHz re-banding see APCO's "800 ALERT" web site at <http://www.apcointl.org/frequency/800hp.htm>
- See the NPSTC web site at <http://www.npstc.org/> for similar resources.
- See the Shulman Rogers web site <http://www.800mhzrebanding.com/> and other law firms and trade associations for links, whitepapers, seminars, etc.

Note: Page 39 of the meeting slides contains a re-banding schedule (as of 11/30/2004) published by the Shulman Rogers law firm.

5. Other 800 MHz re-banding issues we feel we will need to address in some way

The Chair presented a list of questions that the RPC needs to address as we move forward in the re-banding process. These included questions regarding how we get started on our band plan, the implications of early or late entry into the process, the role of the RPC and licensees, and SIEC authority over the I/O aspects of the 800 MHz band including its role, given their State spectrum management role. Also considered were Canadian related issues such as impacts of delays on the Region 35 re-banding process due to Region 43 border issues and the possibility of coordinating our efforts with theirs (perhaps with involvement by the TA and Nextel), and re-banding beyond the 140 km line during while border issues are being resolved. Related issues included coordination with WSDOT, and potential involvement in non-NPSPAC 800 MHz Public Safety spectrum. See page 41 of the slides for a complete list of questions. Discussion on these issues followed:

- Babu Paryil - asked, will his channels have to move more than once?
- Kevin Kearns – responded that several would have to be cleared out of the band to accommodate the moves. The TA is responsible to make sure that this gets done. Nextel will negotiate with each agency. The goal of the FCC is to be done with this now and leave it up to others to negotiate. There are 3 ways to do it:
 - 1) Do it yourself
 - 2) Pay someone to do it
 - 3) Have Nextel do it

All reasonable costs will be covered, at first sitting down at the table with Nextel. The TA will work out ensuing problems. Kevin remarked that, speaking as an individual system operator (not as RPC leader), he envisions a project office that will coordinate the effort as in border Region 5.

- Dennis Hausman - asked how this would happen?
- Kevin Kearns – responded that this would be accomplished by inter-local agreement, for example, between King County, Tacoma, SERS, WSDOT, etc.
- Dennis Hausman – asked, if Nextel says it will cost x amount to relocate quid pro quo (as with the 700 MHz DOC move) would Nextel fund this?
- Kevin Kearns – replied that Nextel is only bound to fund 800 MHz re-banding. If the incumbent system is capable of retuning the cost is low. If it has to be completely replaced, Nextel might agree to it if cost is the same.
- Jon (Wiz) Wiswell – you could negotiate a re-banding cost fee and perhaps Nextel would give you the funds and you could add your own funds to move elsewhere.
- Kevin Kearns – responded that there is nothing formal on this but it may be possible. If it is relatively the same cost to them, they may go for it.

6. Discussion of possible re-packing of Region 43 at the time of re-banding.

During previous meetings the Chair has asked if there is interest in further discussion on this issue (with the dubious benefit of packing in more channels at our own cost). In previous discussions the group had agreed that although it would be beneficial, it is unlikely that incumbents would be able or willing to pay for it. Because we are in a border area we have more time to reconsider the issue. The Chair asked if everyone is still comfortable with this

- Jon (Wiz) Wiswell – responded that he thinks this approach is still valid.

7. Proposed framework for 2005 and beyond Plan

Note: see slides for complete text.

- Do away with the Zones and Zone Representatives.
- Allow any eligible licensee to designate a voting member (as in the 700 MHz RPC).
- Remove county-area channel allocations and begin accepting applications from any eligible licensee for appropriate channels.
- Include the original county-area assignment tables as a guide to indicate where channels were originally "packed". This will assist in processing subsequent applications.
- Continue to have the two filing windows each year to handle competitive applications (aligned with the 700 MHz windows when they are established).
- Retain any other key features such as scoring, I/O, etc.

7. Proposed timeline for 2005 and beyond Plan

- January meeting – first Draft of a new Plan presented to the Planning Group.
- Next two months – review and edit the Draft in monthly meetings.
- March – final Draft vetted at our monthly meeting (if time allows).
- April – Circulate to Oregon and Idaho for comments and consent.
- May – hold formal Vote to approve for transmittal to FCC.

Volunteers for the plan drafting workgroup were identified:

- Steve Taylor
- Jon (Wiz) Wiswell
- Babu Parayil
- Ron Solemsaas

8. Other Items/Good of the Order

- There is potential for assistance from the Interoperable Communications Technical Assistance Program (ICTAP) in an engineered approach to deployment of the ICALL and ITAC channels. King County will be trying to get this included in the FFY05 UASI grant.
- Other items? None.

9. Future Meeting Dates

The 800 MHz Regional Review Committee will continue meeting on a monthly basis for the balance of 2004 and early 2005 to complete a plan re-write process and deal with issues surrounding the re-banding process. Meetings will be scheduled from 1300 to 1500 hours. Vendor presentations will occur directly following the 800 MHz meeting, ending at 1630 or earlier. Meetings will generally be held on the same dates as the 700 MHz/4.9 GHz meetings (usually the last Wednesday of each month) to limit travel to regional planning related meetings to once a month.

- **January 26th meeting – Yakima Police Department, Yakima**

Note: No vendor presentations have been scheduled for the January meeting.

- February 23rd meeting – State DIS Boardroom, Forum Building, Olympia
(This may change to the King County EOC so we can tap into the 4.9 GHz demonstration event in Los Angeles)
- March 30th meeting – Yakima Police Department, Yakima
- The Agenda and meeting material will be posted to the web site, www.region43.org, and sent to the email list server prior to the meeting.

10. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1430 hours.