

**REGION 43 NPSPAC REGIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING
DECEMBER 19, 1997**

A meeting of the Regional Review Committee was held via conference call to consider items of normal business. Schedule conflicts had prevented the Committee from meeting at the end of the 2nd filing window in 1997. The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 1200 with the following members and guests in attendance:

Jay Gunsauls	Zone 1
Kevin Kearns	Zone 2
Jon Wiswell	Zone 2
Jay Morrison	Zone 2
Alan Hull	Washington State Agencies
Wayne Wantland	Eastside Frequency Advisor
Al Upton	Everett Fire

MINUTES

Alan Hull made a MOTION, 2nd by Wayne Wantland, to approve the Minutes of the May 6, 1997 and July 1, 1997 meetings. The Motion PASSED.

APPLICATION REVIEWS

Northwest Regional Council (NWRC - Whatcom, Skagit, Island and San Juan Counties) - The NWRC has applied to use Channel #750 (867.9625) for a mobile data system. This system would initially serve the Oak Harbor Police, and ultimately expand to serve all law enforcement agencies in the four county region. A review of their coverage predictions indicates that there are no anticipated co-channel or adjacent-channel interference concerns. Since this channel will be supporting a new wireless service, as opposed to replacing an existing channel, there is no need for the applicant to offer a turnback channel, and none is offered.

The Committee discussed this application and Wayne Wantland made a MOTION, 2nd by Jon Wiswell, to APPROVE the application. The Motion PASSED.

Skagit County Public Works and Skagit Transit - The Committee had previously reviewed applications from these agencies that contained data that seemed to indicate that the proposed uses would potentially cause adjacent-channel interference to others in the region. We had asked for antenna and/or power level changes to limit signal >25dBu into King and Kitsap counties.

The applicants have provided new coverage predictions that do a much better job of containing their signal, but there still appears to be some potential that the adjacent-channel signal levels may be too high in some areas. However, it does appear that with further ERP adjustments, the proposed sites could be made to work.

Working under the authorization from previous meetings, the Chair sent a letter to the applicants' representative advising that the applications would be forwarded to APCO. They were also instructed to contact the Chair when they begin construction of the system so field measurements can be taken when they turn up the system so adjustments can be made to protect King and Kitsap counties. The Chair will utilize technical resources from King County Radio Communications Services and other interested parties (such as the City of Seattle and Kitsap County CENCOM) to perform these tests.

WSDOT Minot Peak and Mineral Hill - I had received back the Minot application from WSDOT and it was still not signed. WSDOT will make arrangements to have someone come and sign it. The Mineral Hill application was modified as requested and the potential for co-channel interference into King County seems to be eliminated. Both applications will be sent to APCO.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair provided an update to the members on the proceedings before the FCC regarding the allocation of an additional 24 MHz of spectrum to public safety needs. So far the decision has been made to allocate spectrum within the range of 746 to 806 MHz (previously referred to as TV channels 60 thru 69). The Commission is now taking comments on what is anticipated to be several NPRMs to determine the appropriate service rules and coordination strategies for this spectrum. The National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) is taking an active role in providing Comments and Reply Comments to all of the FCC proceedings. Anyone interested can stay up to date on this topic by referencing the NPSTC web page at <http://rmlectc.dri.du.edu/npstc/>.

It is anticipated that the Commission will ultimately choose some form of a regional planning approach to dealing with this new spectrum, and the existing Regional Planning Committees seem to be the most likely candidates to fill this role. Several of the Regional Chairpersons (myself included) have provided input on the need to have some method of funding the activities of these Committees so they can be more effective and timely in their work than they can be will all donated labor and resources.

The Teleconference Meeting concluded at 1240.