

MINUTES
NPSPAC Region 43 Regional Review Committee
January 9, 2002, 9:00 Hours
Conference Call Meeting at 206-205-1111

1. Roll Call and Introductions

The meeting began at 9:00 hours with the following Committee members and alternates participating in the call:

Ken Gustafson – Zone 1
Tom Samuelson – Zone 1
Kevin Kearns – Zone 2 (Chair)
Jon (Wiz) Wiswell – Zone 2
Jay Morrison - Zone 2 (Secretary)
Dean Heistand – Zone 2 (Alternate)
Rick Lazo – Zone 3
Bob Wentworth – Zone 6 (Vice-Chair)
Alan Hull – State Agencies
Pat Buller – APCO Westside Frequency Advisor
Wayne Wantland – APCO Eastside Frequency Advisor

The following additional individuals participated as well:

Spencer Bahner – SERS
Mark McDermott – SERS
Ron Solemsaas – SERS
Tom Howell - SNOPAC
Steve Taylor – Tacoma
Joe Bartlett – Tacoma
Joel Harrington – Region 35 Chair
Travis Boettcher – Motorola

2. Approval of Minutes of December 19, 2001

Pat Buller made a Motion, 2nd by Wayne Wantland, to approve the minutes of December 19, 2001. The Minutes were Approved.

3. Discussion of Potential Modifications to the Region 43 Plan – Kevin Kearns

A current version of the Region 43 Plan is not available for distribution in an electronic format. Kevin has put together a temporary copy less maps, charts and other exhibits. Blank pages are inserted for the missing exhibits. A revised copy, when complete, will include current demographics and any modifications prior to submission to the FCC for approval. Kevin will convert the file to Word 97 document since not everyone on the distribution list was able to view the file and will email it out to names on his list.

4. Discussion of Potential Modifications to the By-Laws – Kevin Kearns

Kevin Kearns said that an electronic draft proposal was sent to all on his email list early AM on January 9, 2002. Not all committee members had time to review the draft prior to the

conference call. The underlines and strike-through text was briefly reviewed with some discussion.

- Eligibility of Membership – Proposed to change from “active employee of Part 90 eligible jurisdiction ...” to “an agency eligible to license channels covered by the Plan”.
- Officers – The time in office is proposed as a three (3) year term rather than one (1) year.
- General Duties of Office – The Chair will assume the responsibilities to maintain and distribute a roster of Committee membership and maintain the official and historical records of significance of the Committee. This proposal reflects what is currently being performed by the Chair to date.
- Meetings – The proposal is to designate a day in October of each year for the annual meeting. There was discussion to craft language allowing the Chair to establish meeting dates as needed to conduct Committee business. A *conference call* could be used to facilitate the meeting unless a member(s) felt a face-to-face meeting would better service the purpose.

5. Discussion of Potential Modifications to the Applications Review Procedures – Kevin Kerns

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The Regional Review Committee members will review the current document and craft the language to better assist applicants through the NPSPAC license process.

6. Spencer Bahner provided a list of issues to be covered in the Plan re-write sub-committee process. His comments were appended to the end of the meeting.

- Reassignment of licensed, but un-constructed assignments.
- Allowing co-coordination on Plan assigned channels to agencies that wished to place channels in service.
- Full or partial re-pack to maximize channel assignments in urbanized areas.
- Create simplex channel pools or rules that allow simplex secondary use of assigned channels.
 - A – Primary Channels
 - B – Use of Guards for simplex
 - C – Use of other 1st adjacent (12.5 kHz) for simplex
- Digital mode issues (clear and encrypted).
- Operation with aircraft
- Itinerant operations, particularly in support of fire suppression in Eastern Washington
- “Campus” applications for in building or short-range need
 - A – Reuse rules?
 - B – What “showings” needed for coordination?

- Impact of NEXTEL white paper proposal
 1. Is there a gain in given that channels above 854.750 MHz cannot be used above the 140 km line?
 2. Would band be used on 12.5 kHz steps like NPSPAC

How about Canadian approval?

7. Adjourn

Being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:28.

Next meeting, Conference call - Feb 13, 09:00 – Conference Bridge, 206-205-1111