

**Region 43 (Washington)
800 MHz Regional Planning Committee
Minutes**

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Present

Michael Marusich	Adrian Pearmine
Jose Zuniga	Fred Radovich
Rhein Etscheid	Steve Browne
Spencer Bahner	Dave Buchanan
Ron Solemsaas	Ray Hawkins
Scott Chapman	Jose Zuniga
Steve Taylor	Kit Eldredge
Fred Radovich	Launita Hernandez
Joe Blaschka, Jr.	David Mendel
Hai Phung	Dave Zehrung
Tom Eckels	Marjean Penny
David Buchanan	Spencer Bahner

On Phone

Bob Wentworth	Dean Heistand
Doug (?)	Jim Cole

Discussion of Region 43 letter submitted to Sprint/Nextel and cc'd FCC/TA.

SERS as lead agency gave update from progress with Sprint/Nextel: Sprint/Nextel maintains this is a regulatory issue that they should not be paying for.

Since SERS submitted their Wave 4 application on time, they are supposed to be in mandatory negotiations.

Lance Johnson from Sprint/Nextel Frequency group has indicated positive feedback, per Marjean Penny. Other Sprint/Nextel folks, including or speaking on behalf of Sandy Edwards have indicated negative feedback.

David Buchanan is taking Border planning issue to TA leadership.

Steve Taylor indicated that there is a high level of interoperability between agencies in the State of Washington, that will be lost if they went forward with the "current plan."

M. Marusich indicated that the proposal is to have a coordinated band plan developed, instead of each individual agency developing their own, but regionally coordinated, band plan.

D. Buchanan presented the following: 852.5 – 854 would move down; I/LT would move up to 862/866; NPSPAC would fit in same NPSPAC space in current plan, on same channel spacing (i.e., every 12.5). David Buchanan to document the details of the overall concept.

“Secondary Canadian” licensing is one of the issues. Sets in Canada NPSPAC band, where we are licensed as Secondary, would move down to “Canadian Pool”, assuming that Sprint can identify available frequencies in those bands.

Channel widths (25 vs. 12.5) is one of the other issues.

D. Buchanan suggested that Sprint/Nextel (with Mary Kruger, from Atlanta) develop a draft of the Region 43 International Border Band Plan, instead of Washington State leading this development.

Many participants indicated that the local agencies will need to have significant input into the development of this new “border plan” and the local agencies will need to be compensated.

Spencer indicated that the International Treaty needs to be supported, i.e., things cannot be done as part of Rebanding that would violate the treaty. Spencer indicated that with the existing frequency assignments, Interoperability is possible with Vancouver area radios.

David Buchanan to draft the concept rebanding that he presented this afternoon.

Steve Browne (Sprint/Nextel) to discuss the concept with Sandy Edwards.

Region 43 to respond with “don’t forget about that” comments, to make sure they get included in concept before it gets forwarded to Sprint/Nextel.

Sprint/Nextel to review the draft concept and set up a conference call prior to the next Region 43 meeting.

M. Marusich identified that identifying a formal communication and response process with Sprint/Nextel would be helpful.

Mutual Aid partners need to be identified and included as part of the plan development.

David Buchanan indicated that as a region, we need to coordinate Mutual Aid, put together the MOUs and ensure that a Mutual Aid program is submitted to Sprint/Nextel as part of rebanding plan funding request.

Ron Solemsaas identified that the process that is being presented would likely take several months before a new International Region 43 Band Plan would be complete. This would have significant impact on the region's ability to meet the impending Region 43 deadlines.

Joe Blaschka indicated that a regular reporting process will need to be identified to ensure that forward progress is maintained in this effort.

Group passed motion to ask D. Buchanan to document the concept that he presented today.

Group agreed to have a conference call on 9/7/06 at 12:30 p.m. to get an update on Sprint/Nextel stance on the concept and to review the draft concept itself.

Location of next month's meeting proposed to stay on west side to support rebanding coordination. DIS offered to host the meeting in Olympia.