

800 MHz TRANSITION ADMINISTRATOR

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800 MHz Transition Administrator Invites Industry Comment on 800 MHz Regional Prioritization Plan

Comments Requested by January 12, 2005

December 21, 2004, Washington, D.C. – The 800 MHz Transition Administrator (“TA”) today invited interested industry participants to provide comments on the various issues related to the 800 MHz band reconfiguration schedule currently being developed by the TA. Issues for comment include:

- Regions that should be reconfigured simultaneously with others, due to large 800 MHz systems that span regional boundaries or which have integrated spectrum plans with adjacent regions;
- Public Safety Regions along the Mexican or Canadian borders that cannot be reconfigured until a new NPSPAC channel plan has been negotiated with the neighboring country;
- Regions that should be reconfigured as soon as possible because of excessive interference from cellularized systems;
- Regions that should be reconfigured later in the process because of large systems which are currently in the process of a major upgrade or system change; and
- Any other comment interested parties have on the reconfiguration priority or sequence.

As part of its initial outreach efforts, the TA has attended various industry meetings and has met with industry stakeholders regarding their concerns and thoughts regarding the 800 MHz band reconfiguration process. Accepting comments from the industry will provide an additional opportunity for parties to highlight issues for consideration and will enable the TA to develop a more comprehensive reconfiguration schedule.

Interested parties should send their comments by e-mail to Comments@800TA.org or in writing to 800 MHz Transition Administrator, c/o Robert B. Kelly, Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P., 1201 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20044-0407 by January 12, 2005. Those providing comments should be aware that the 800 MHz TA is not required to act on input received or include input provided into the 800 MHz reconfiguration schedule that will be provided to the Federal Communications Commission on January 31, 2005.

About the 800 MHz Transition Administrator

The 800 MHz Transition Administrator (“TA”) consists of a team including BearingPoint, Inc., Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P., and Baseline Telecom, Inc. The TA is an independent entity selected by a committee representative of the various 800 MHz stakeholders and whose selection was concurred with by the FCC on October 29, 2004. The TA has been charged by the FCC to oversee the reconfiguration of the 800 MHz band. The TA uses information it receives solely for purposes of administering the 800 MHz reconfiguration process and may disclose such information to the FCC or other authorized parties pursuant to the requirements of the 800 MHz Order or other applicable law.

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