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Status Update

Planning & Negotiation Schedule Status

WAVE 1						
	Freeze* Start/PN Date	Start of Voluntary Negotiation Period	End of Voluntary Negotiation Period	Start of Mandatory Negotiation Period	End of Mandatory Negotiation Period	End of Freeze*
Channels 1-120	May 27, 2005	June 27, 2005 ✓	September 26, 2005 ✓	September 27, 2005 ✓	December 26, 2005 ✓	February 8, 2006
NPSPAC	December 30, 2005	February 1, 2006 ✓	April 30, 2006 ✓	May 1, 2006 ✓	July 31, 2006	September 12, 2006
WAVE 2						
	Freeze* Start/PN Date	Start of Voluntary Negotiation Period	End of Voluntary Negotiation Period	Start of Mandatory Negotiation Period	End of Mandatory Negotiation Period	End of Freeze*
Channels 1-120	September 2, 2005	October 3, 2005 ✓	January 2, 2006 ✓	January 3, 2006 ✓	April 2, 2006 ✓	May 12, 2006
NPSPAC	June 30, 2006	August 1, 2006	October 31, 2006	November 1, 2006	January 31, 2007	March 15, 2007
WAVE 3						
	Freeze* Start/PN Date	Start of Voluntary Negotiation Period	End of Voluntary Negotiation Period	Start of Mandatory Negotiation Period	End of Mandatory Negotiation Period	End of Freeze*
Channels 1-120	December 2, 2005	January 3, 2006 ✓	April 2, 2006 ✓	April 3, 2006 ✓	July 2, 2006	August 14, 2006
NPSPAC	October 2, 2006	November 1, 2006	January 31, 2007	February 1, 2007	April 30, 2007	June 12, 2007
WAVE 4**						
	Freeze* Start/PN Date	Start of Voluntary Negotiation Period	End of Voluntary Negotiation Period	Start of Mandatory Negotiation Period	End of Mandatory Negotiation Period	End of Freeze*
Channels 1-120	June 2, 2006	July 3, 2006	October 2, 2006	October 3, 2006	January 2, 2007	February 14, 2007
NPSPAC	January 2, 2007	February 1, 2007	April 30, 2007	May 1, 2007	July 31, 2007	September 12, 2007

* The freeze on applications extends 70 miles outside of the affected NPSPAC region(s) into adjacent regions that may be in a different Wave. The TA has used the FCC's guidance to calculate the freeze dates, however, only the FCC's Public Notice announcing the start of the voluntary negotiation period and the freeze start and end dates for each Wave/Stage will be definitive. The dates provided by the TA are approximate and for general guidance only. Licensees should not rely on the TA calculated freeze dates to determine the last possible day for filing an application prior to the start of an application freeze for a given wave.

** Tentative Dates: actual dates for this Wave depend on border treaties with Mexico and Canada



Status of Reconfiguration Agreements

*** As of June 16, 2006**

	RFPF Request for Planning Funding	PFA Planning Funding Agreement	FRA Frequency Reconfiguration Agreement
Total <u>Received</u> by the TA	163	50	647
Total <u>Approved</u> by the TA	92 * Sent to Sprint Nextel to Begin PFA Negotiations	46	636

CHALLENGES

- Information provided by individual licensees to the TA would indicate that a significant number of licensees will be seeking planning funding
- The number of Request for Planning Funding submissions to date has been lower than expected based on the input of the community
- Negotiations over planning funding continue to absorb the available time that should be dedicated to Frequency Reconfiguration Agreement negotiations

ENHANCEMENTS

- Planning Funding Agreement (PFA) Fast Track Mechanism**
- Additional instructions in RFPF Form v2.6 released June 14, 2006
- Establishing of firm RFPF Submission Deadlines



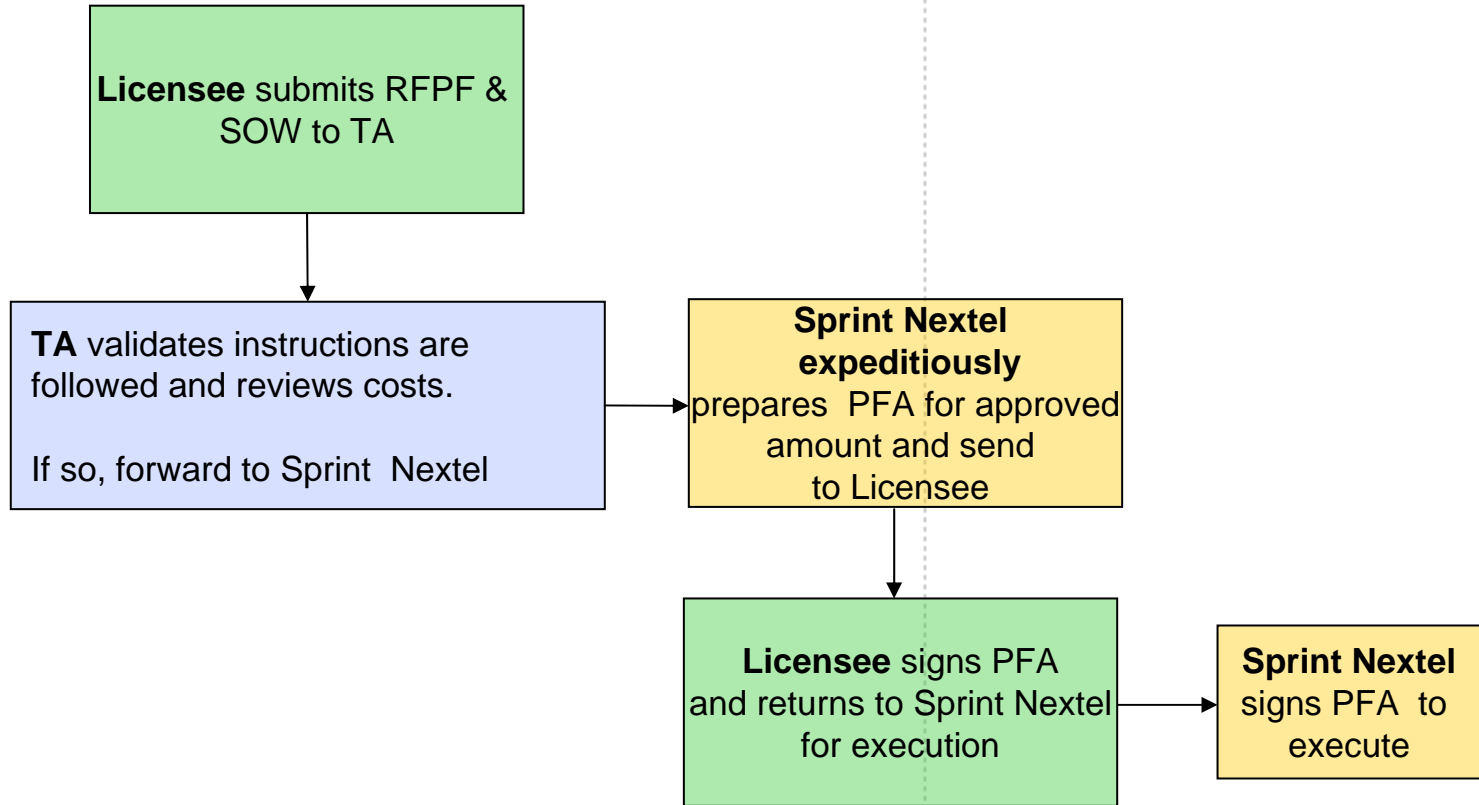
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Planning Funding Agreement (PFA) Fast Track

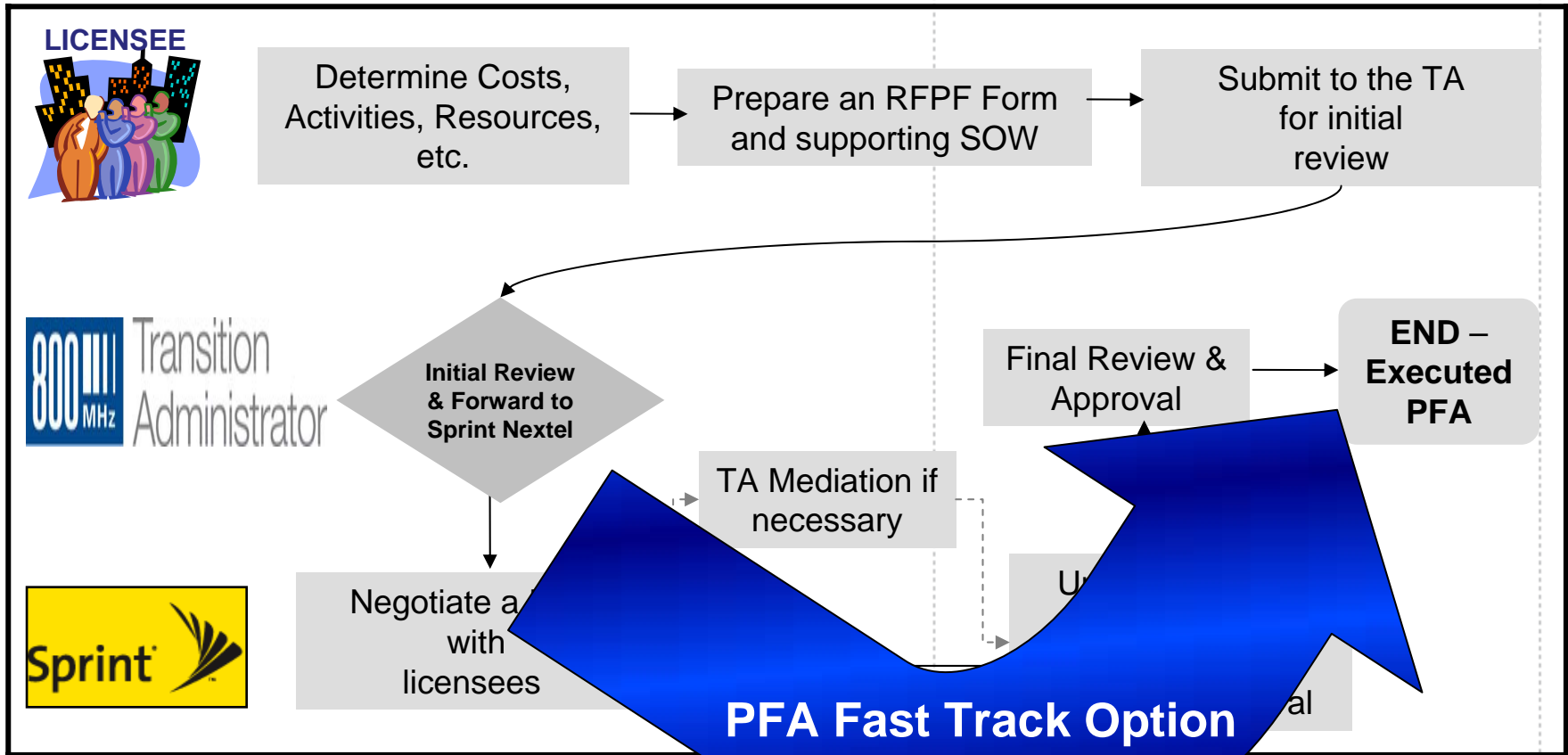
- ❑ The PFA Fast Track Option expedites the planning funding process
- ❑ Provides licensees more time to reach a Frequency Reconfiguration Agreement (FRA) and prepare for the actual retuning process
- ❑ To qualify for the Fast Track Option, licensees should meet the following conditions:
 - ❑ You must be able to determine a **reasonably accurate subscriber unit count**
 - ❑ The total planning funding request includes **equates to \$55 or less** per subscriber unit
 - ❑ The total legal costs should be **8% or less** of the total request
 - ❑ The total costs for project management should be **25% or less** of the total request
 - ❑ Conform to all other program guidelines and instructions, including use of RFPF Form version 2.6

Fast Track Submission Process



NOTE: If your RFPF does not qualify for Fast Track, it will follow the standard 60-day negotiation process.

The Steps to a PFA - Overview



Benefits of the Fast Track process include:

- Allows a significant portion of the licensee base, especially the Public Safety community, to obtain planning funding in an expedited fashion
- Allows licensees to focus on the goal of reaching a Frequency Reconfiguration Agreement (FRA)
- Allows Public Safety, Sprint Nextel and the TA the opportunity to focus additional resources on more complex licensee situations



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Request for Planning Funding (RFPF)

The Request for Planning Funding (RFPF) Form

For Fast Track eligibility, use Version 2.6 or higher.

The screenshot shows the website interface. At the top left is the logo for 800 MHz Transition Administrator. To the right is an 'online reference guide' with an 'rg' logo and a search bar with a 'go >' button. Below the logo is a navigation menu with links: Home, About the TA, 800 MHz Reconfiguration, FAQs, Document Library (highlighted), News & Events, and Contact the TA. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column is titled 'Document Library' and lists several categories with right-pointing chevrons: TA Presentations, FCC Notices, RPP Documents, Reconfiguration Forms, Reconfiguration Materials, TA Policy Documents, and Other TA Documents. The right column is titled 'Request for Planning Funding Guidance' and features a sub-section 'Planning Funding Agreement Fast Track Option'. Below this, there is a paragraph of text that is partially obscured by a yellow callout box. The callout box contains the text: 'RFPF Instructions, Form, and Samples are available on the TA's website at: www.800TA.org'.

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The TA has established the following deadlines for the submission of RFPFs:

	WAVE 1		WAVE 2		WAVE 3		WAVE 4	
	1-120	NPSPAC	1-120	NPSPAC	1-120	NPSPAC	1-120	NPSPAC
Voluntary Start Date for 1-120 / NPSPAC	Jun. 27 2005	Feb. 1 2006	Oct. 3 2005	Aug. 1 2006	Jan. 3 2006	Nov. 1 2006	Jul. 3 2006*	Feb. 1 2007*
Request For Planning Funding (RFPF) Submission Deadline	N/A	N/A	N/A	Aug. 1 2006	May 15 2006	Nov. 1 2006	Jul. 1 2006*	Feb. 1 2007*

*Tentative dates; actual dates for this Wave depend on border treaties with Mexico and Canada

If you miss the deadline, **you should incorporate any necessary planning costs into the Cost Estimate** as part of your Frequency Reconfiguration Agreement (FRA).

NOTE: Planning funding requests submitted after the deadline will not be accepted without adequate explanation as to why funding is required prior to negotiating an FRA.

NOTE: ALL RFPFs submissions AFTER June 19, 2006 must use Form version 2.6 or later available on the TA website at http://www.800TA.org/content/documents/rfpf_forms.asp

Submission of an accurate and complete RFPF makes the entire process go faster.

- Ensure data consistency between internal and vendor SOWs (e.g., missing or incorrect call signs, number of units, system details)
- Exclude any ADR-related costs (e.g., anticipated legal costs for mediation)
- Use the latest TA RFPF/SOW template (Version 2.6 or higher); fill out the Form correctly and completely using TA instructions
- Exclude actual testing or other reconfiguration implementation-related activities (e.g., performing a coverage test)
- Avoid work duplication and redundant tasks (e.g., two vendors proposing to manage the same project)

Don't let challenges linger... Inform the TA as soon as an issue is identified that may prevent successful contract negotiations or reconfiguration implementation.



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General Guidelines

- Know your Rights & Obligations
- Understand the timeline for your system
- If you have not already done so, engage in negotiations with Sprint Nextel as early as possible to meet reconfiguration milestones
- Understand **YOUR** Organization's Processes
- Determine if you need planning funding and submit Request for Planning Funding (RFPF) form by deadline
- Negotiate and Execute a Frequency Reconfiguration Agreement (FRA)

Be involved! Maintain accountability!

Resources

- Webinars – Fast Track Pre-recording Available NOW
- TA Website
- Distributed printed materials
- TA Contact Center

Sign up for TA Alerts!

- Receive E-mail updates directly from the TA
- Stay informed with real-time alerts, news, and updates on reconfiguration
- To sign up visit www.800ta.org/content/news/TAAlerts.asp



- ❑ **RFPF Instructions** – Complete guide to filling out the RFPF Form and SOW.
- ❑ **RFPF Form (and SOW) Template** – Microsoft Word Form. Use of this form is required to meet review guidelines.
- ❑ **Funding Fact Sheet** – Quick reference aid with additional details and clarifications on the distinctions between the RFPF and Cost Estimate processes.
- ❑ **Sample RFPF Package** – One “completed” RFPF Form and supporting SOW for a large/medium system and one for a small system.
- ❑ **PFA Fast Track Fact Sheet** – Reference aid for licensees wishing to pursue the PFA Fast Track Option.
- ❑ **TA Online Reference Guide** – Also known as the “Reconfiguration Handbook,” this extensive resource covers topics from planning for reconfiguration through implementation. Go to <http://www.800TA.org/org/default2.asp>.

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