



LAND MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL

January 30, 2018

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: WT Docket No. 02-55
WP Docket No. 15-32
WP Docket No. 16-261
PS Docket No. 13-42**

***Ex Parte* Presentation**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 26, 2018, the Land Mobile Communications Council (“LMCC”) representatives listed below, and the undersigned, met in person or by telephone with the staffs of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau and the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau listed below. The parties discussed the following FCC proceedings:

WT Docket No. 02-55: The LMCC representatives recommended that the Commission make additional Sprint-vacated spectrum between 854-860 MHz available in markets where the physical process of rebanding has been completed, even if not all rebanding projects have been reconciled and closed.

WP Docket No. 15-32: The LMCC representatives emphasized the importance of adopting final rules for the licensing of 800 MHz interstitial channels, an action that will make 319 12.5 kHz bandwidth channels available to the Private Land Mobile Radio (“PLMR”) user community. This rule change has been endorsed by virtually all segments of the PLMR industry. It represents a proactive measure that will allow them to make more intensive use of spectrum already allocated for their operations, including in markets where there are no assignable 800 MHz available.

WP Docket No. 16-261: The LMCC representatives urged the Bureaus to move forward promptly with the adoption of rules in this proceeding, consistent with the recommendations in LMCC’s Comments and Reply Comments, and including the LMCC proposal to accord incumbent 800 MHz licensees in a market some limited period of time to apply for Expansion Band and Guard Band (“EB/GB”) channels before that spectrum is made available for new applicants.¹

¹ The Wireless Infrastructure Association does not support that LMCC recommendation.

They discussed the LMCC Memorandum of Agreement among participating frequency advisory committees that will define the process for coordinating EB/GB channels under whatever rules are adopted and avoid the submission of mutually exclusive applications to the FCC.

PS Docket No. 13-42: The LMCC representatives expressed the hope that the Commission will provide guidance in 2018 about how it intends to proceed with implementation of Section 6103 of Public Law 112-96, 126 Stat. 156 (2012), which mandates the auctioning of public safety spectrum in the 470-512 MHz band and relocation of those systems. The many licensees operating both public safety and industrial/business systems in that band are increasingly concerned about their critical communications as the auction deadline approaches without the identification of spectrum to which they could be relocated.

This letter is being filed electronically, in accordance with Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b), for inclusion in the record in these proceedings.

Kindly refer any questions or correspondence regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,



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