

Region 43 700 MHz Minutes
Aug 26th, 2015
Sparling/Stantec Building Lynnwood

Chair: Chair, Spencer Bahner/Seattle

Call to Order/Roll Call: Meeting called to order at 10:08 am

Attendees: Tim McDowell/WSDOT (Vice-Chair), Mark McDermott/SERS, John Zwosta/PCDEM, Debra Davis/Port of Seattle, Mike Norin/ADCOMM, Larry Kieling/SERS, Doug Dickinson/RCC, Stanley Bronisz/Wiztronics, Andy Ruschak/Sparling

On Conference Bridge: None

Introduction/Review of Agenda: Round Table introduction and Phone-None.

Approval of Minutes from March 25: Will be reviewed at September meeting.

Agenda Items:

Discussion about the Kootenai County, Idaho 700 MHz at Mt Spokane

- Contacted by consultant for a 6 channel site.
- Suggestion to use CAPRAD assignments for Spokane Co, WA rather than use Kootenai Co, ID allocation
- Spokane County is all 800 MHz, and WSP/WSDOT has the 700 MHz state pool.
- 38 channels available for Spokane County geographic area. We don't see any concerns / issues

RPC Workshop / CAPRAD Training at APCO Spencer Update:

- They had FCC staff present (John Evenoff and others)
- SIEC discussion air-to-ground channels
- Low power channels (can be) analog, - narrowband channels
- 700 MHz state channels have been turned over to the RPC by a few states
- 700 and 800 Plan amendments/modifications
- 800 interference cellular "A" Carriers
- Discussion about some new CAPRAD online functionality, navigation and usage.
- Standardize contours using TSB-88

Plan Rewrite/Review Discussion:

- First 80% draft is available for review on the Region 43 site.
- We received Region 35 draft plan
- Need to get ours out to Region 12 & 35
- Need to get feedback from membership about Region 35 plan so we can get letter of concurrence

- Deadline submitted by to FCC by Oct 30, 2015 or Waiver for extension
- Minor Touch-Ups
 - Input on LERN
 - SIEC Language
 - NIFOG reference needs to be added
- Clarification that encryption is not allowed on 'Call' channels only, other interop channels allow encryption
- R43 Plan drafting committee feels that the CAPRAD channel allocation should be the primary resource first
- Spencer did confirm that region 12 & 35 will also be using CAPRAD as the primary resource before looking at other resources
- FCC has been holding in reserve 24 x 12.5KHZ narrowband pool channels
 - NPSTC/NRPC recommend 6 to be used for a national wide trunked system and the FCC has endorsed.
 - Use of 18 remaining discussion, Should we allocate some of these channels for statewide simplex use?
- We will add to the plan the 12 low power channels can be only used in analog mode, as well as the 3 channels that can be used nationwide (itinerant channels)
- 16 adjacent 12.25 KHz channels have been identified for air-to-ground use by the FCC, due to licensing challenges relative to Canada it is recommended that they are not to be a part of the plan at this time
- Review some proposed timelines, meeting dates and submittal dates

Quick review of the Region-43 plan

- Reviewed the cleaned up document.
- Talked about the Highlighted areas (still needing some clarification from R43 members and other stakeholders and/or changes by drafting team)
- Reviewed some of the updated tables
- Talked about removing some of the tables and reference the NIFOG
- The channel plan will also be posted on the Region 43 web site

Good of the Order:

- John Z talked about the US Open. A success story for interoperability.

Next Meeting: set for Set for Sep 30th, 2015 @ Stantec/Lynwood

Adjourn: Tim M/WSDOT motioned, John Z/PCDEM 2nd, to adjourn 11:20