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## WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU CERTIFIES TWO ADDITIONAL FREQUENCY COORDINATORS FOR THE 800 MHz SMR POOL

### WT Docket No. 02-55

On December 22, 2004, the Commission released a *Supplemental Order and Order on Reconsideration* in WT Docket No. 02-55.<sup>1</sup> The *800 MHz Supplemental Order* noted, among other things, that in the former 800 MHz Specialized Mobile Radio (SMR) Pool there was no frequency coordination requirement and thus no recognized frequency coordinators. Because coordination will be required for certain stations operating on frequencies in the new SMR Pool,<sup>2</sup> the Commission stated that it would need to certify frequency coordinators to coordinate spectrum in the new SMR Pool.<sup>3</sup> The Commission concluded that current 800 MHz General Category coordinators are qualified to coordinate spectrum use in this pool. It stated that any of these coordinators interested in coordinating frequencies in the new SMR Pool must notify the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau of their intention to coordinate these frequencies within forty-five days of release of the *800 MHz Supplemental Order* (February 7, 2005).<sup>4</sup>

On February 9, 2009, and February 12, 2009, respectively, current FCC-certified 800 MHz frequency coordinators<sup>5</sup> the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO),<sup>6</sup> and the International Municipal Signal Association/International Association of Fire Chiefs (IMSA/IAFC),<sup>7</sup> filed requests to serve as frequency coordinators for frequencies in the new SMR Pool.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See *Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band, Supplemental Order and Order on Reconsideration*, WT Docket No. 02-55, 19 FCC Rcd 25120 (2004) (*800 MHz Supplemental Order*).

<sup>2</sup> See *id.* at 25149 ¶ 68.

<sup>3</sup> See Section 90.617(d) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 90.617(d).

<sup>4</sup> The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau has delegated authority to select frequency coordinators in the services it administers. See *800 MHz Supplemental Order*, 19 FCC Rcd at 25149 n.155.

<sup>5</sup> See International Association of Fire Chiefs, Inc., and International Municipal Signal Association and American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, *Order*, 16 FCC Rcd 14530 (WTB PSPWD 2001) (*Certification Order*).

<sup>6</sup> See Letter dated February 9, 2009 from Gregory E. Kunkle, Esq., Counsel to AASHTO, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission (AASHTO Request).

<sup>7</sup> See Letter dated February 12, 2009 from Gregory E. Kunkle, Esq., Counsel to IMSA and IAFC, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission (IMSA/IAFC Request).

<sup>8</sup> Both requests state that the parties did not request certification by the Commission's original February 7, 2005 deadline because they did not anticipate much interest in these channels within the public safety community, but the demand has proven to be much greater than expected. See AASHTO Request at 3; IMSA/IAFC Request at 3. The parties also explain that their structures and operations "have not materially changed" since February 7, 2005, so

We have reviewed these filings and hereby certify AASHTO and IMSA/IAFC to coordinate 800 MHz SMR Pool frequencies.<sup>9</sup>

Action by the Deputy Chief, Mobility Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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they are as qualified to coordinate the 800 MHz SMR pool now as they were on the filing deadline. *See* AASHTO Request at 4; IMSA/IAFC Request at 4.

<sup>9</sup> The other frequency coordinators certified to coordinate 800 MHz SMR frequencies are the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials, Inc., Enterprise Wireless Alliance, the Forestry Conservation Communications Association, Forest Industries Telecommunications, MRFAC, Inc., PCIA – the Wireless Infrastructure Association, and the United Telecom Council. *See* Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Certifies an Additional Frequency Coordinator for the 800 MHz SMR Pool, *Public Notice*, 20 FCC Rcd 8681 (WTB PSCID 2005); Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Certifies Frequency Coordinators for the 800 MHz SMR Pool, *Public Notice*, 20 FCC Rcd 5134 (WTB PSCID 2005).