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800 MHz RECONFIGURATION

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- Areas of Continued Focus

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

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Q&A

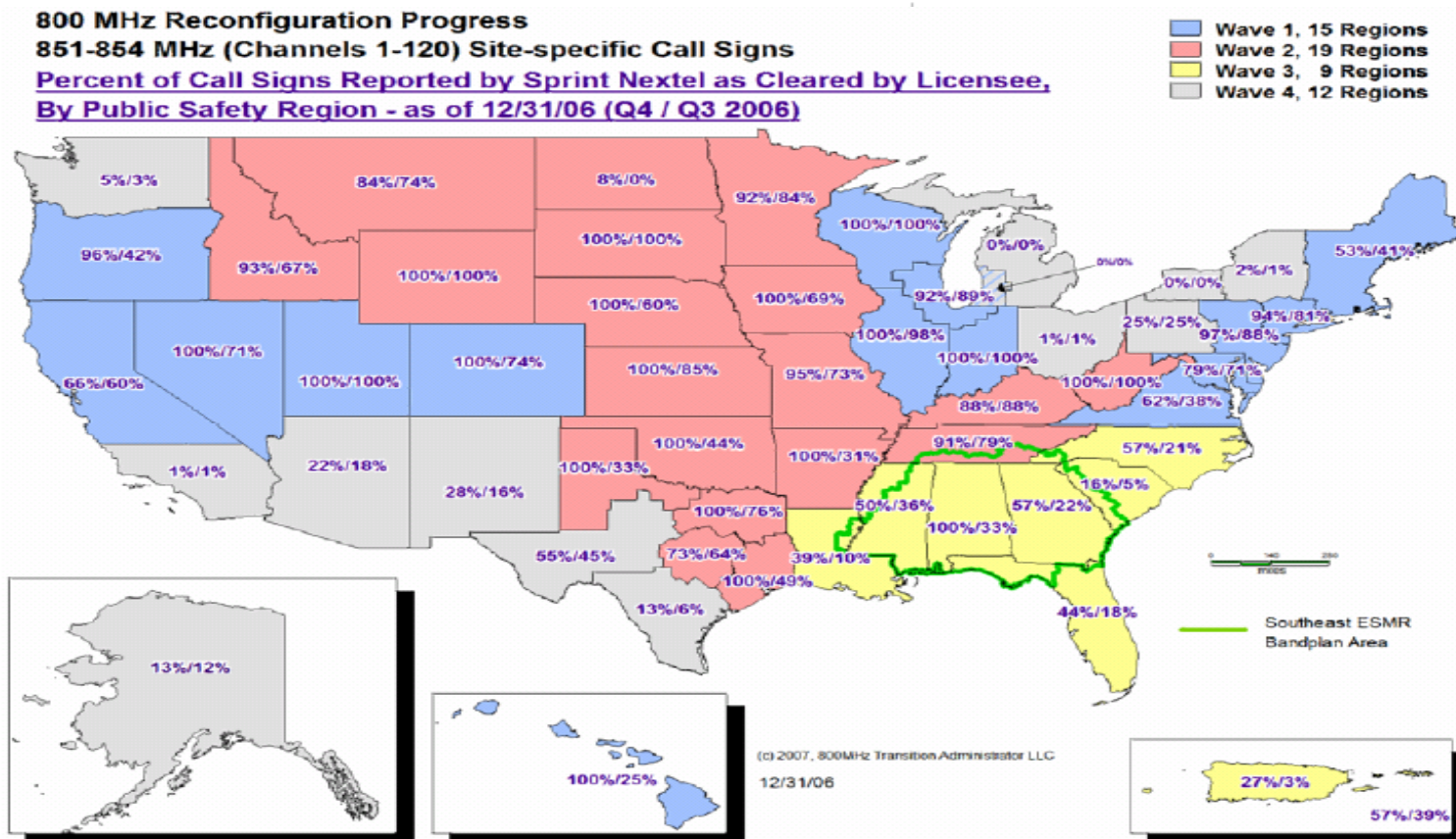
Areas of Progress

The 800 MHz reconfiguration program has seen significant progress in the following areas:

- Substantial continued progress in clearing Channels 1-120
- Significant improvement in overall Public Safety engagement in the program and leverage of educational opportunities to facilitate progress
- Many licensees are effectively moving planning activities forward
- Recent FCC order to allow information sharing among licensees
- Effective negotiation of FRAs via ADR process



Channels 1-120 Clearing



As of December 31, 2006, Sprint Nextel is reporting that physical reconfiguration is complete for 70% of all non-border area Channel 1-120 FRAs.

The January 8, 2007 ruling released by the FCC allows for the exchange of information among public safety licensees.

The benefits of the ruling to public safety licensees include:

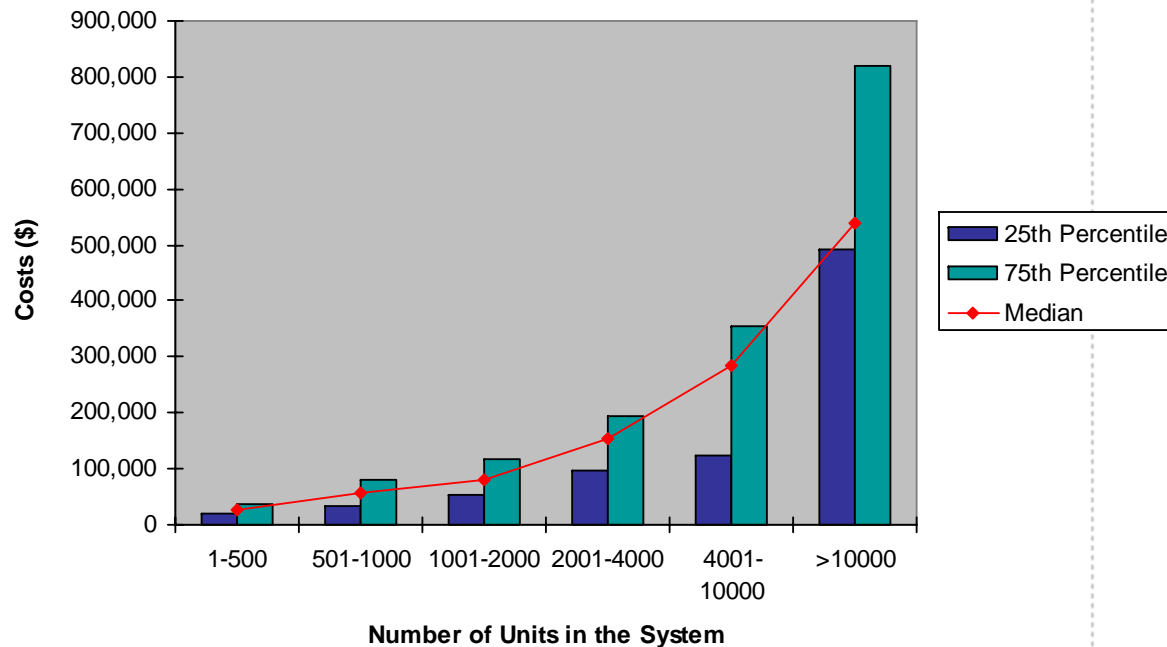
- Allows public safety licensees to engage in historical information sharing
- Provides licensees with a check and balance for certain costs and activities to similar or comparable systems
- Provides a mechanism for reviewing proposed costs and activities against similar or comparable systems

The FCC's Order does not allow parties that have already negotiated PFAs or FRAs to reopen negotiations.

NDA Order (cont.)

Per the FCC's ruling, the TA has published PFA cost ranges.

Planning Cost Ranges (by number of units)



Several data slices provided:

- Total planning costs
- Incumbent costs broken down by cost category
- Vendor costs broken down by cost category
- Hourly incumbent and vendor rates by cost category

Data points provided:

- 25th percentile (low point)
- Median
- 75th percentile (high point)

This information provides licensees seeking planning funding with ranges for similar sized systems... It is a starting point for comparison and not meant to be your only source of information.

Educational Opportunities

The parties involved in this process have provided information to guide the licensees through the process.

- APCO Regional and National Meetings
- APCO Bulletin
- TA/APCO Rebanding Newsletter
- TA Public Safety communications SMEs (for one-on-one or small group meetings and workshops)
- TA Website and Online Training (Webinars)

Many licensees are leveraging these opportunities to engage in the process and obtain information necessary to move their individual reconfiguration efforts forward.

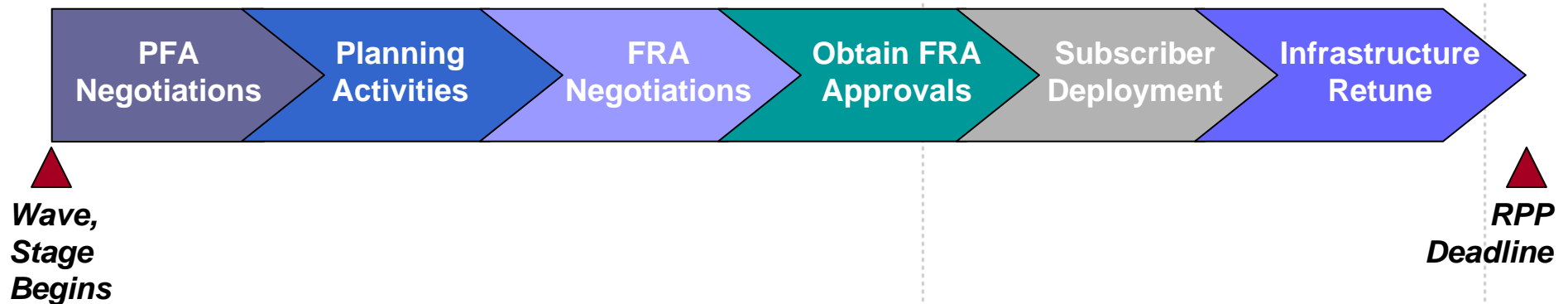
Areas of Continued Focus

The following continue to be areas of focus to advance the program:

- Sequential nature of the process, specifically for public safety licensees
- Adherence to RPP timelines for planning and negotiations:
 - Use of negotiation periods prior to ADR
 - Start of planning activities relative to the overall timeframe
- Border area frequency plans have not been finalized
- Government / agency contract approval process

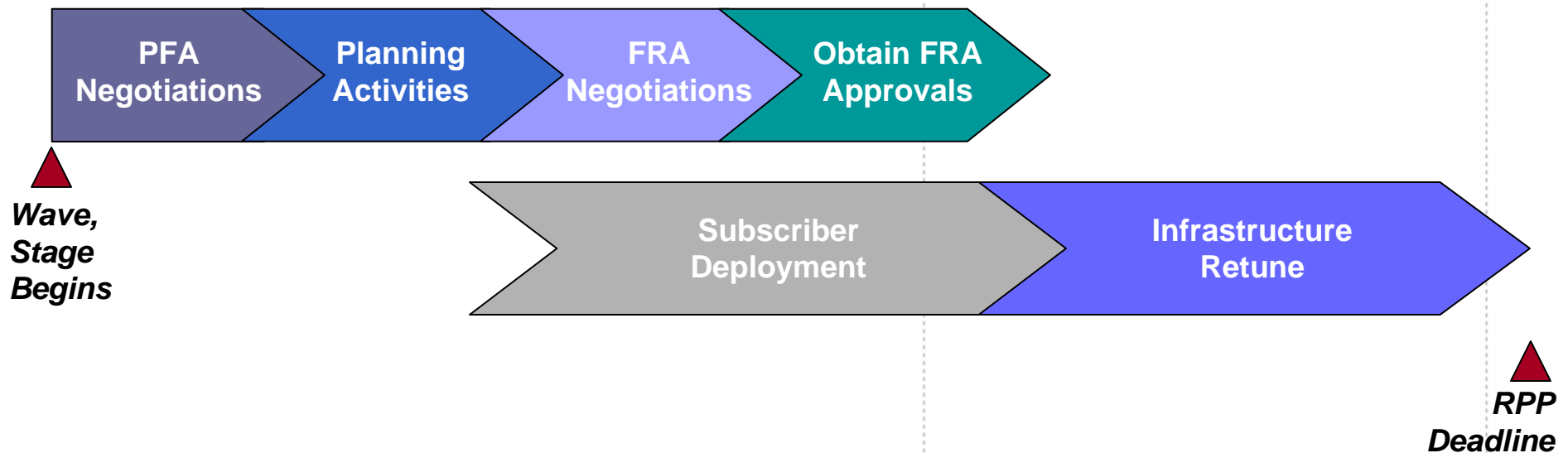
Sequential Process

Sequential nature of process prevents physical reconfiguration activity from commencing until after negotiations and contract approvals have been completed.



Sequential Process

The TA is working with Public Safety, Sprint Nextel and the FCC to modify the process to allow more parallel physical reconfiguration activity...



In the coming weeks, the TA will work to finalize and publish guidelines allowing licensees to deploy replacement subscriber units and / or software upgrade (flash) kits in advance of completing the full FRA contract negotiations process.

Adherence to RPP Timelines

WAVE 1							
	Freeze Start/PN Date	Request for Planning Funding (RFPF) Deadline	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	N/A	June 27, 2005	September 26, 2005	September 27, 2005	December 26, 2005	February 8, 2006
NPSAC	December 30, 2005	July 17, 2006	February 1, 2006	April 30, 2006	May 1, 2006	October 31, 2006	December 14, 2006
WAVE 2							
	Freeze Start/PN Date	Request for Planning Funding (RFPF) Deadline	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	N/A	October 3, 2005	January 2, 2006	January 3, 2006	April 2, 2006	May 12, 2006
NPSAC	June 30, 2006	August 1, 2006	August 1, 2006	October 31, 2006	November 1, 2006	January 31, 2007	March 15, 2007
WAVE 3							
	Freeze Start/PN Date	Request for Planning Funding (RFPF) Deadline	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	May 15, 2006	January 3, 2006	April 2, 2006	April 3, 2006	July 2, 2006	August 14, 2006
NPSAC	October 2, 2006	November 1, 2006	November 1, 2006	January 31, 2007	February 1, 2007	April 30, 2007	June 12, 2007
WAVE 4							
	Freeze Start/PN Date	Request for Planning Funding (RFPF) Deadline	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	August 14, 2006*	July 3, 2006	October 2, 2006	October 3, 2006	January 2, 2007	February 14, 2007
Channels 1-120 Border Areas	June 2, 2006	August 14, 2006*	July 3, 2006	October 2, 2006	October 3, 2006	April 2, 2007	May 14, 2007
NPSAC	January 2, 2007	February 1, 2007*	February 1, 2007	April 30, 2007	May 1, 2007	July 31, 2007	September 12, 2007

Freeze Information: The freeze on applications extends 70 miles outside of the affected NPSAC 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.

* Licensees with delayed frequency proposals will be notified of an alternate RFPF deadline, described in the FPR cover letter.

Border Area Issues

Current status of border issues generates specific impacts to affected licensees...

Evaluation of Proposed New Frequencies

- Licensees in border areas and in areas adjacent to the border areas will not receive frequency proposal reports until revised border area band plans are available

Channel 1-120 Licensees

- Wave 4, Stage 1 licensees affected by the border areas received a 90-day extension of the mandatory negotiation period

NPSPAC Licensees

- TA modification of the RFPF deadline for Wave 4, Stage 2 licensees affected by the border areas

The FCC and State Department are engaged in bi-lateral discussions with the governments of Mexico and Canada to address the international agreements.

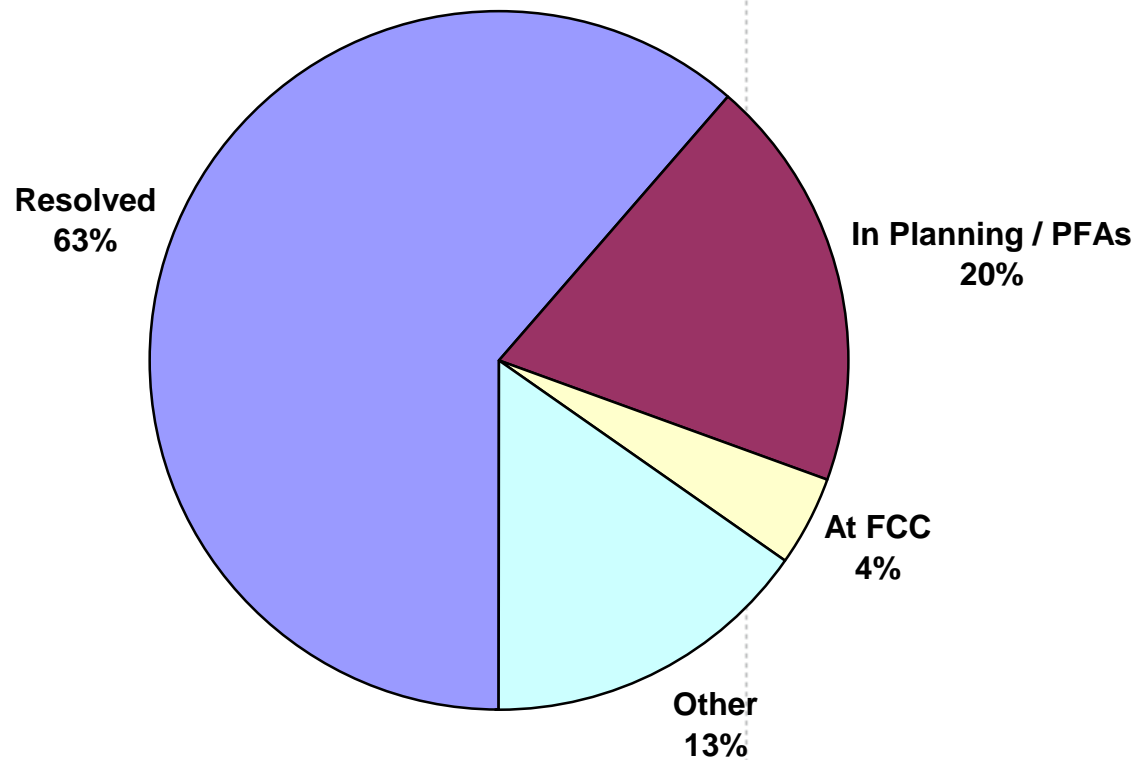
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Effective ADR Process

Through Wave 1, Stage 2, the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) process has assisted licensees and Sprint Nextel in reaching agreement.



Over 800 licensees have entered the mediation process to date.

Stage 1 Results

Although the Wave 4 mediation period is still in progress, mediations involving Channels 1-120 are nearly complete.

	Mediations (Total)	Mediations (Public Safety)	Resolved	In Planning	At the FCC
Wave 1	176	63	170	2	2
Wave 2	89	23	88	1	0
Wave 3	150	93	126	19	3
Wave 4	70	36	22	3	0
Totals	485	215	406	25	5

All data as of February 9, 2007

Stage 2 Preparation

In anticipation of Stage 2 ADR, the TA's mediation team undertook a review of the Stage 1 mediation process and identified the issues presented by the unique circumstances of public safety communications systems.

- TA interviewed TA Mediators, Sprint Nextel, incumbent licensees, and vendors.
- TA engaged in outreach efforts with Public Safety and Sprint Nextel to identify the issues likely to be presented by Wave 1, Stage 2.
- TA conducted additional training for TA Mediators that focused on planning funding, interoperability, technical issues, and the day-to-day realities of the Public Safety community.

Stage 2 Results (to date)

As expected, a large number of Stage 2 licensees have entered mediation, many of which require planning funding.

	Mediations (Total)	Resolved	In Process	In Process Breakdown			
				In Planning	Pre-contract Agreement	At FCC	In Negotiation
Wave 1	323	100	223	136	28	14	45
Wave 2	224	13	211	45	6	0	160
Totals	547	113	435	181	34	14	205

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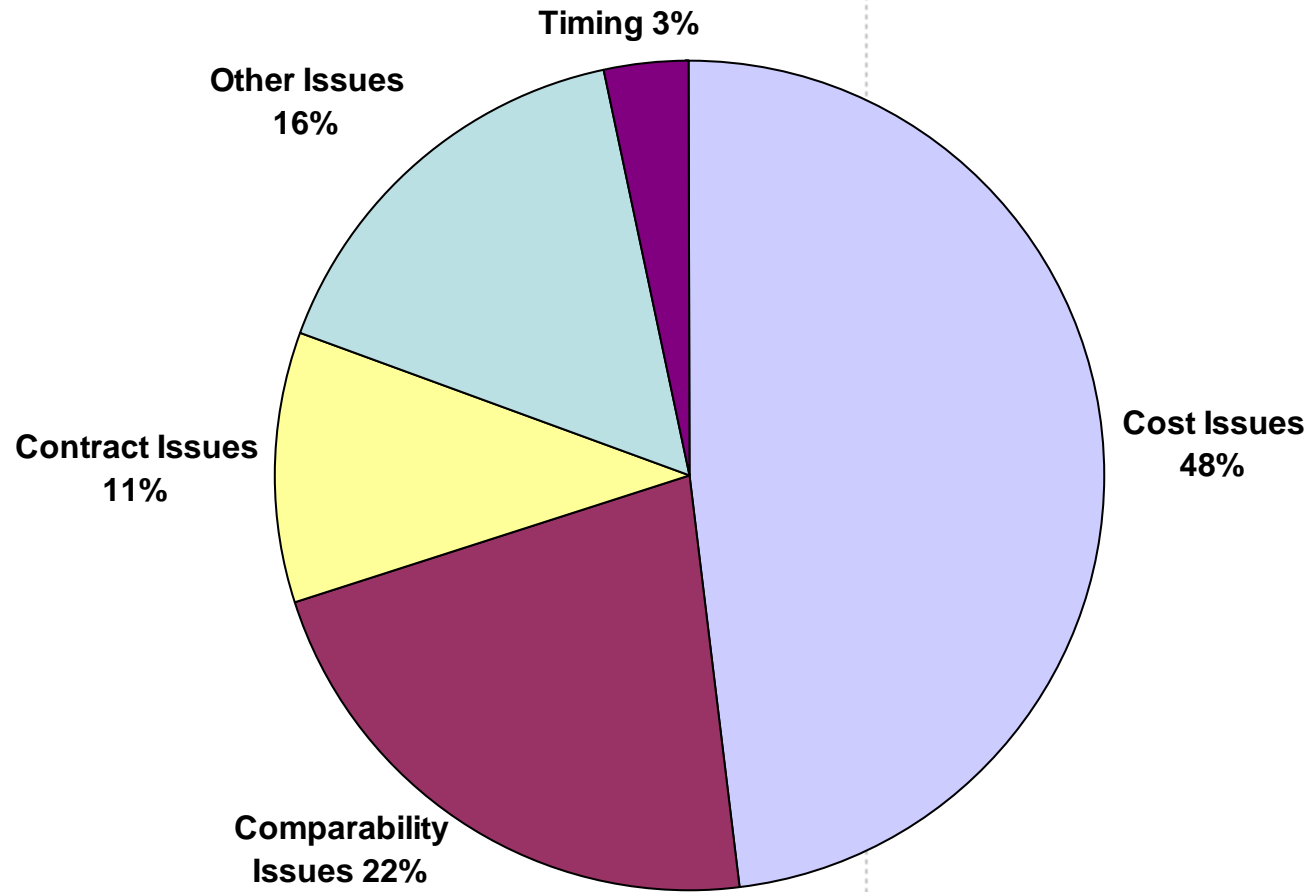
** Wave 2 Stage 2 mediation commenced February 1, 2007. The exact number of mediations is subject to change.*

Stage 2 ADR Challenges

The numbers show progress, but compared to Stage 1 mediations, Stage 2 is taking longer...

- Calendar challenges / holidays
- Newly released FCC decisions and orders
- New parties and associated learning curves
- Vendor resource issues (e.g., consultants, lawyers, manufacturers)
- Sprint Nextel resource issues
- Licensee preparation
- Day-to-day realities of the Public Safety community

Snapshot of Wave 1, Stage 2 Mediation Issues





Interactive Q&A

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Wednesday, February 21, 2007 | 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Interoperability & Mutual Aid - Steps necessary to prepare for the Interoperability and Mutual Aid operations within the reconfiguration process.

Thursday, February 22, 2007 | 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Cost Estimate Guidance & Successful Negotiations - Guidance on how to prepare a Cost Estimate; an overview of the updated Incumbent Labor Reimbursement Policy addressing reimbursement of licensee internal labor costs; FCC Order regarding Non-Disclosure Agreements and tips for successful negotiations.

Wednesday, February 28, 2007 | 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Change Notice Process & Actual Cost Reconciliation - Guidance on how to notify Sprint Nextel and the TA of changes to the scope of your planning and/or reconfiguration; Actual Cost Reconciliation detailing necessary documents required to support the costs incurred during reconfiguration.

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