



Transition
Administrator

The Official Reconfiguration Manager

Wave 4, Stage 2 – What You Need to Know

Within Wave 4, Stage 2 (NPSPAC), there are a number of licensees with locations in or near the international border areas defined by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), which are subject to, or affected by, special frequency plans negotiated by the United States Government with the Governments of Mexico and Canada. Due to the need for these border area frequency plans, the FCC has made adjustments to the Wave 4 schedule. Licensees in Wave 4 who are affected by 800 MHz band reconfiguration will generally fall into the following three categories:

- **Border Area** – These are licensees who have licensed repeater locations within the FCC-defined border areas, namely within 110 km (68.4 miles) of the U.S./Mexico border or within 140 km (87 miles) of the U.S./Canada border.
- **Non-Border Area but Affected by Border Area** – These are licensees who do not have licensed repeater locations within the border area, but are affected by the border area frequency plans due to proximity to the border area or because they interoperate with licensees that are in the border areas. In general, call signs with locations within 113 km (70 miles) of the FCC-defined border areas may be considered in this category. In mountainous areas of the western United States where certain locations have 169 km (105 miles) co-channel protection, the affected area extends further away from the border.
- **Not Impacted** – These are licensees who are not impacted by the border area frequency plans because they are located well outside the FCC-defined border areas and well outside the areas affected by the border areas described above.

How Does this Affect Planning & Negotiation Activities?

Border Area licensees in Wave 4, Stage 2 will not be receiving Frequency Proposal Reports (FPRs), which contain proposed replacement frequencies for those call signs that must change operating frequencies as part of reconfiguration, from the TA until the revised border area frequency plans are in place. Prior to receiving an FPR, these licensees may commence negotiations and planning to the extent that such activities are not dependent on receipt of their proposed replacement frequencies and would not result in unnecessary duplication of costs.

Non-Border Area but Affected by Border Area licensees will generally not receive FPRs from the TA until the revised border area frequency plans are finalized. Similar to Border Area licensees, these licensees may commence negotiations and planning to the extent that such activities are not dependent on receipt of their proposed replacement frequencies and would not result in unnecessary duplication of costs.

Not Impacted licensees who are located well outside of the border areas and have received FPRs for their reconfiguring NPSPAC call signs should proceed with planning and negotiation activities as previously scheduled (see table on following page). Note: Licensees outside the border area that receive FPRs may interoperate with licensees that are located in, or affected by, the border area. Licensees should therefore take reasonable steps to determine whether they can proceed with their planning and negotiations without being delayed by any agency located in, or affected by, the border area with which they interoperate.

Non-Frequency Dependent Activities

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Examples of non-frequency dependent activities may include subscriber inventory, infrastructure inventory, non-frequency-specific engineering and implementation planning, and defining interoperability environment. Pursuant to the FCC's 800 MHz Report and Order, all costs related to reconfiguration, including those related to planning, must be agreed to by Sprint Nextel. More detail about these tasks is available in the TA's Online Reference Guide available at <http://www.800TA.org/org/default2.asp>. Individuals at the TA will also be available to assist licensees in determining appropriate activities.

Important Dates

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	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	July 1, 2008	August 13, 2008
NPSPAC	December 29, 2006	February 1, 2007*	February 1, 2007	April 30, 2007	May 1, 2007	July 31, 2007	September 12, 2007
NPSPAC Border Areas	December 29, 2006	February 1, 2007*	February 1, 2007	April 30, 2007	May 1, 2007	July 1, 2008	August 13, 2008

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

NOTES:

- Any Wave 4, Stage 1 licensee receiving an FPR on or after August 1, 2006 or any Wave 4, Stage 2 licensee receiving an FPR on or after December 18, 2006 will have 45 calendar days from the date of the earliest NPSPAC FPR cover letter received to submit the RFPF.

If you would like to clarify the applicable schedule for your organization, or confirm whether an FPR has been mailed for one of your Wave 4 call signs, contact the TA via email at comments@800TA.org or by phone at 1-888-800-8220.

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