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LMCC SEEKS LICENSING OF NON-STANDARD FREQUENCY PAIRS IN 450-470 MHZ BAND

On February 14, 2011, the Land Mobile Communications Council (LMCC) submitted a letter to the FCC advising the agency that it had obtained a unanimous advocacy consensus position regarding the frequency coordination certification and FCC application submittal processes associated with the licensing of non-standard frequency pairs in the 450-470 MHz band that have been certified for exclusive use within centralized trunked systems.

The LMCC noted that a review of the FCC’s rules indicates that rule changes to initiate this technology initiative are not required, and that certified frequency advisory committees are prepared to immediately institute these procedures upon FCC endorsement of the industry consensus. Further, the LMCC seeks confirmation from the Commission that the ULS will be equipped to accommodate the reporting of both 12.5 kHz channel centers and the non-standard channel centers on licenses issued by the Commission.

The LMCC urged the FCC to formally endorse, recognize and approve the recommended procedures that would support technical innovation, contribute to narrowbanding objectives and promote spectrum efficiency in the 450-470 MHz bands.

The LMCC is a nonprofit association of organizations that represent the wireless communications interests of public safety, critical infrastructure, business, industrial, transportation, private and common carriers, and manufacturers of wireless communications equipment.