LMCC FILES COMMENTS ON INNOVATION IN THE BROADCAST TELEVISION BANDS

(Mclean, VA) On March 18, 2011, the Land Mobile Communications Council (LMCC) filed comments with the FCC in response to the agency’s Notice of Inquiry in ET Docket No. 10-235, entitled “Innovation in the Broadcast Television Bands: Allocations, Channel Sharing and Improvements to VHF”.

The Council advised the Commission that it “must not lose sight of very significant investments that have been made in non-broadband communications equipment and applications that are being used in the effective operation of public safety, critical infrastructure and other business activities, including in bands under consideration in this proceeding. The 470-512 MHz band is essential to organizations that serve the public interest directly through public safety and service activities, as well as those whose operations are fundamental to the economic well-being of the nation.”

In their comments, the LMCC urges the FCC “to recognize the vital role played by this band and not to include it whatever decisions it reaches with regard to the repurposing of other television broadcast spectrum”.

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.