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Land Mobile Communications Council (LMCC)
Confronts FCC Over Warnings of T-Band “Repurposing”

(Mclean, VA) In a July 6 letter to FCC Chairman Genachowski, the LMCC expressed concern over repeated statements in recent Commission Orders regarding future access to public safety entities operating in the 470-512 MHz band (T-Band). In the letter, the LMCC reminded the Commission that while they support the implementation of the National Broadband Plan and is working cooperatively with the FCC towards that end, it is imperative that it be accomplished without “disrupting or hampering the operations of incumbent public safety, business/industrial and commercial licensees that are providing economic and mission critical benefits to the communities they serve and that rely on wireless communications to do so.”

The LMCC noted that it “strongly disagrees that there should be any disruption of the public safety and other systems that operate on T-band spectrum so that it can be repurposed for broadband use.” The LMCC stated further that “[A]ny suggestion that it (T-Band spectrum) might be repurposed as part of the National Broadband Plan raises serious questions about the Commission’s priorities and its commitment to ensuring that public safety, critical infrastructure and business enterprise entities have adequate spectrum resources to conduct their operations, operations that are at least as essential to the public as is enhanced wireless broadband access.”

The Land Mobile Communications Council (LMCC) is a nonprofit association of nineteen 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.