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Ms. Marlene Dortch, Esq
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: FCC Docket 00-32, and Region 5 and Region 6 Joint Request for Experimental 4.9 GHz License

Dear Ms. Dortch,

The County of Los Angeles, in coordination with FCC 700 MHz Regional Planning Committees from Region 5 and Region 6, is in the process of requesting an experimental license to commence short-term airborne operations at 4.9 GHz. NPSTC fully supports these Regions' pursuit of an airborne 4.9 GHz experimental license for the purposes of qualifying and quantifying effects of airborne 4.9 GHz mobile applications on both Public Safety and Radio Astronomy operations. We believe that these licenses will allow Public Safety to collect and analyze data critical to understanding operational coverage and interference phenomena at 4.9 GHz. We also believe that the Commission's grant of this temporary experimental would enhance the utilization and effective deployment of 4.9 GHz public safety technologies in full accordance with the Commission's goals.

Marilyn Ward
Chair - National Public Safety Telecommunications Council

cc: *Mr. John Muleta, Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau*
Mr. Michael Wilhelm, Chief, Public Safety & Critical Infrastructure Division