

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20054

In the Matter of	)	
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The Request by National Capital Region for Waiver of	)	DA 06-1973
Part 90 Rules to Allow Establishment of a 700 MHz	)	
Interoperable Broadband Data Network	)	

COMMENTS OF 700 MHz REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE (RPC) FOR REGION 28

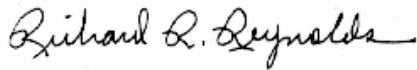
I am the Chairman of the 700 MHz RPC for Region 28 and am writing in support of the pending request to the Federal Communication Commission ("FCC") for a waiver from the present regulations of the FCC so that jurisdictions in the National Capital Region ("NCR") can proceed with planning and the deployment of a regional wireless broadband network for use by public safety agencies. Region 28 covers the State of Delaware and portions of Eastern Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey and is one of the four regions contiguous with the region within which the NCR resides (Region 20).

We understand that the NCR's Regional Wireless Broadband Network (RWBN) is designed to be a dedicated, reliable, interoperable data communications network offering important advantages to first responders, to the many citizens who live and work in the NCR, and to the nation. The network this waiver will authorize will enable public safety to share critical data and information during emergencies and will improve the efficiency of day-to-day operations. We are interested in seeing the benefits from such an implementation as we are evaluating the merits of broadband public safety networks within Region 28.

Region 28 requests the Commission expeditiously approve the NCR waiver upon the expiration of the comment and reply comment periods. At stake if the Commission does not act rapidly and positively in resolution of this waiver request is the collateral delay in public safety's ability to deploy communications tools to counter the omnipresent threat of new terrorist attacks and or natural disasters. The need for Broadband is significant and growing, and we also encourage the Commission to move forward with the 8th NPRM and related matters

In conclusion we believe this waiver request is in the best interest of the public throughout the nation and we would encourage the Commission to grant this waiver for the NCR in an expeditious manner.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Richard R. Reynolds". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard R. Reynolds, Chairman
Region 28, 700 MHz RPC