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To: Gary.McKelvey@loudoun.gov
Subject: Regional 36 Support Letter

Mr. McKelvey,

Attached, please find a copy of a letter from Director Matason that was sent out today to Ms. Shaffer at the Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau.

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Ms. Dana Shaffer
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RE: Region 36 support for the NCR plans to deploy a Regional Wireless Broadband Network in parts of Region 20
REF: DA 07-454

Dear Ms. Shaffer,

I am writing you in my capacity as the Convener for Regional Planning Committee 36.

Representatives of the National Capital Region, who are also members of Region 20's 700 MHz technical committee, have spent some time briefing me on both the immediate and the future plans for the Regional Wireless Broadband Network (RWBK).

From our review of their plans for the first phase of the RWBN, it is readily apparent that their signal will not impact Region 36 jurisdictions and therefore we concur with this use of the public safety spectrum and are supportive of their licensing these broadband channels for use in the City of Alexandria, VA, the County of Arlington, VA, and the District of Columbia.

As licensing of subsequent phases of the RWBN will be done on an individual municipality basis, we would want to review use of these channels in the counties closest to our region (e.g. for Loudoun County, VA and Montgomery County, MD) for potential conflict with our plans, but as neither of these areas are physically adjacent to our region, it is unlikely to be a problem and I do not anticipate any difficulty in coordinating this amicably.

As the RWBN is an exciting public safety communications project from and because these licenses do not impact any portion of Region 36, we support this use of the spectrum as being in the best interest of public safety and encourage the Commission to expeditiously grant the NCR the licenses to facilitate deploy of this network.

Sincerely,

Richard Matason
Regional Convener (Region 36 - Western Pennsylvania)

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Cc: Gary McKelvey, Communications System Supervisor, Loudoun County VA