

Region 44 – West Virginia

700 MHz Regional Planning Committee

1300 Harrison Avenue
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Ms. Dana Shaffer
Deputy Chief
Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau
445 12th St., SW
Room 7-C745
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Region 44 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 Chairman of Regional Planning Committee 44.

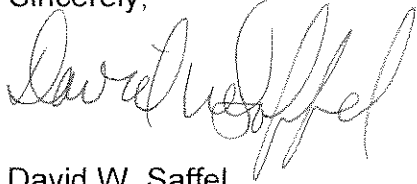
Representatives of the National Capital Region who are also members of Region 20's 700 MHz technical committee have spent some time briefing me on both the immediate and future plans for the Regional Wireless Broadband Network (RWBN).

From our review of their plans for the first phase of the RWBN, it does not appear to touch any portion of Region 44 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 will want to review use of these channels in areas immediately adjacent to our state (e.g. for Loudoun County, VA) for potential conflict with our plans, but I do not anticipate a problem working this out between our regions.

As the RWBN is an exciting public safety communications project, and because these licenses do not impact any portion of Region 44, we support this use of the spectrum as being in the best interest of public safety and encourage the Commission to grant the NCR the licenses to allow them to deploy this network.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David W. Saffel".

David W. Saffel
RPC Chairman (Region 44) &
Chief Engineer, West Virginia State Police

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