

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D. C. 20554

In the Matter of)
)
Improving Public Safety)
Communications in the 800 MHz Band) WT Docket No. 02-55
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Consolidating the 900 MHz)
Industrial/Land Transportation and)
Business Pool Channels)

REPLY COMMENTS OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

1. The City of College Station, Texas, operates a single-site, 9 channel trunked radio system and a single frequency mobile data system using a mix of 821 MHz NPSPAC frequencies and several interleaved 806 MHz frequencies to serve the public safety and local government communications needs for a city of 68,000 residents. As Nextel increases its presence in our city, we believe that it is only a matter of time until we experience harmful interference. After reviewing the comments filed in this proceeding, there are several thoughts to which we would like to direct the Commission's attention.

2. We are most concerned that all the rebanding proposals which leave both interference limited cellular architecture systems and noise limited traditional systems in the 800 MHz band also state that additional "complementary" measures may be needed to further minimize or eliminate the interference problem. We strongly believe that the effort required and the costs incurred in realigning the band are too great to risk on an uncertain outcome.

3. We are also concerned that the proposals to solve all interference problems on a case-by-case basis, either under existing or new "enhanced" rules, require potentially life-threatening harmful interference to occur, and be recognized as such, before mitigation can even begin. This is simply a continuation of the status quo, and is unacceptable for the long term. However, as an interim measure while a long term solution is being implemented, we do believe that specific rules requiring interfering licensees to resolve their

interference or cease operation within a reasonable and definite time frame is a necessary and immediate step for the Commission to make.

Respectfully submitted,

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