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RE: WT DOCKET NO. 02-55

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Consensus Parties and the WTB:

As a member of APCO and Administrator of a Public Safety Radio System, I am appalled that these "Supplemental Comments" do not readdress the migration of Public Safety licensees. As you all know, Public Safety communications are vital to the health and welfare of citizens to which they serve. With the war on terrorism being a major concern of public welfare, I am concerned that a publicly planned disruption in Public Safety communications would open the door to those that wish to inflict terror in our communities. Please revise the "Consensus Plan" to include provisions that will not include a migration of Public Safety licensees.

I would suggest Public Safety maintain their current channel allocation and extend the allocation to include the lower portion of the 800 MHz band (806-824 / 851-869) for "Public Safety Only" and with 3MHz of "Guard Band" on each end of the block of channels. Nextel, private wireless, H-SMR, B/ILT and other LMR's systems interleaved in that block of channels should be required to move above or below the guard band or move to 700 or 900 MHz. I'm sure Public Safety would not mind giving up the proposed 700 MHz allocation. This may not be the best solution to the interference problem but at least it does not require the migration of Public Safety licensees.

I agree with the "Supplemental Comment" on stronger interference standards but I would like it to include the reinstatement of mandatory FCC certification for LMR radio technicians and engineers. This would ensure that transmitters and receivers are correctly maintained and designed to meet the new standards.

Don't get me wrong, I extend my gratitude to the organizations of the "Consensus Parties" for all their hard work on the plan and in the resolution of the 800 MHz interference issue but I strongly feel that a "Migration Reconsideration" should be included in the plan for Public Safety.

Respectfully submitted,

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