

The City of Greensboro, NC, is a licensee of an 800 MHz Trunked Public Safety Radio System. This system covers multiple jurisdictions, we have a 28 Channel System that provides essential service to municipal and county Emergency Service providers in two counties. This system was an expense investment by our local governments. We initiated this system in the mid 1990's to provide and promote interoperability for Public Safety responders. We have been successful in meeting this need, and providing the type of environment that the Federal Government has expressed interest in accomplishing through the Homeland Security initiatives. The issues presented by WT Docket No. 02-55; interference in our approved band by CMRS base stations; have a tremendous impact on our existing system and future plans for this system. We have experienced this interference and had to take corrective action to preclude impact on emergency operations. Our first request would be to move CMRS systems out of the 800 MHz spectrum; the scarcity of spectrum availability makes this unlikely; the second request would be to delay consideration of the "Consensus Plan" pending sufficient field-testing. We request your consideration for the protection of the investment we have made on the behalf of tax payers in our jurisdiction. As well as the extreme implications this "Plan" would have on the Public Safety community on a national level. Your favorable consideration would be most beneficial and appreciated. Thomas A. Murphy, Jr.