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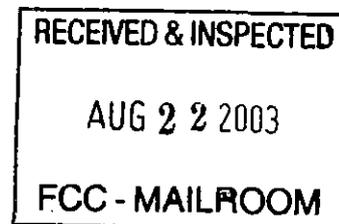
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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554



Re: Docket 02-55

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The St. Louis Airport Authority would like to express its support for the "Consensus Plan" filed by the various public safety organizations, in the above referenced proceeding, concerning interference to 800 MHz public safety systems.

As the owner-owner/operator of the Lambert-St. Louis International Airport, the authority is responsible for the public safety of approximately 30 million passengers per year, and 13,000 airport employees on a daily basis. We depend on our 800 MHz system to provide the communications needed to support our Police, Fire, and EMS responders, as well as Operations and Maintenance activities, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

Although we have not experienced interference problems to date, we advocate a proactive approach as opposed to a reactive one.

It is for this reason we support the Consensus Plan, as we believe that it takes a proactive approach to eliminate interference to critical public safety systems, and will address the root cause of interference. In addition, we believe that this approach will not place an undue economic burden on public safety, at a time when limited funding would be better directed toward other, equally critical, safety and security issues facing public transportation in the world of today.

Your consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Airport Administrator
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