WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU CERTIFIES AN ADDITIONAL FREQUENCY COORDINATOR FOR THE 800 MHz SMR POOL

WT Docket No. 02-55

On December 22, 2004, the Commission released a Supplemental Order and Order on Reconsideration in WT Docket No. 02-55.¹ The 800 MHz Supplemental Order noted, among other things, that in the former 800 MHz Specialized Mobile Radio (SMR) Pool there was no frequency coordination requirement and hence no recognized frequency coordinators. Because coordination will be required for certain stations operating on frequencies in the new SMR Pool², the Commission stated that it would need to certify frequency coordinators to coordinate spectrum in the new SMR Pool.³ The Commission concluded that current 800 MHz General Category coordinators are qualified to coordinate spectrum use in this pool. It stated that any of these coordinators interested in coordinating frequencies in the new SMR Pool must notify the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau of their intention to coordinate these frequencies within forty-five days of release of the 800 MHz Supplemental Order (February 7, 2005).⁴

On December 29, 2004, Forest Industries Communications (FIT), a current FCC-certified 800 MHz frequency coordinator,⁵ filed a request to serve as a frequency coordinator for frequencies in the new SMR Pool.⁶ We have reviewed its filing and hereby certify FIT to coordinate 800 MHz SMR Pool frequencies.⁷

Action by the Chief, Public Safety and Critical Infrastructure Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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² See id. at 25149 ¶ 68.
³ See Section 90.617(d) of the Commission’s Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 90.617(d).
⁴ The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau has delegated authority to select frequency coordinators in the services it administers. See 800 MHz Supplemental Order, 19 FCC Red at 25149 n.155.
⁵ See Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Announces that Forest Industries Telecommunications Is Certified as a Frequency Coordinator for 800/900 MHz Business and Industrial/Land Transportation Frequencies, Public Notice, 16 FCC Red 12666 (WTB PSPWD 2001).
⁶ See letter filed December 29, 2004 from Paul J. Feldman, Esq., Counsel to FIT, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.
⁷ See also Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Certifies Frequency Coordinators for the 800 MHz SMR Pool, Public Notice, 20 FCC Red 5134 (WTB PSCID 2005).