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Special Temporary Authorizations (STAs)

Due to the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) license application freezes related to the 800 MHz band reconfiguration, certain licensees may require Special Temporary Authorizations (STAs) to operate on pre-rebanded channels, and maintain or expand essential facilities prior to completion of the reconfiguration. If a licensee determines that an STA is appropriate, the licensee should submit an STA application to the FCC. No TA prior review or concurrence letter is necessary.

On February 10, 2009, the FCC released a Public Notice (DA 09-213) providing guidance on the permanent licensing of 800 MHz facilities on post-rebanding channels that previously operated on pre-rebanding channels pursuant to an STA. A copy of the Public Notice is available at <http://www.800TA.org/content/fccguidance>. Details of the licensing procedures are also available in the TA's Application Review Guidance, which can be found at http://www.800ta.org/content/resources/Application_Review_Guidance.pdf.

Who Pays the Costs Associated with the Frequency Relocation of STAs on the Old Frequency Band?

The FCC in its December 20, 2006 Public Notice (DA 06-2555) indicated that Sprint will reimburse the cost of relocating facilities that are authorized on a licensee's old frequency band before the end of the freeze of the applicable NPSPAC region. This includes facilities authorized by STAs granted during the freeze.

NOTE: STAs have a six-month term, but are renewable. As such, licensees are advised to be sure to file promptly for renewal if applicable. Additionally, if a licensee has an STA granted after the freeze, the licensee may need to file a waiver. The waiver should request that Sprint pay for reconfiguration expenses if the licensee seeks to reconfigure such STA at Sprint's expense.

WHERE TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- For information on applying for an STA, review Section 1.931 of the FCC's rules, which can be viewed at http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/cfr_2008/octqtr/pdf/47cfr1.931.pdf
- For further information or questions regarding reconfiguration of STAs, refer to the FCC's December 20, 2006 Public Notice (DA 06-2555); the FCC's February 12, 2007 Public Notice (DA 07-641); and the FCC's February 10, 2009 Public Notice (DA 09-213). All are available at <http://www.800TA.org/content/fccguidance.asp>.
- For information on filing a waiver request, review Section 1.925 of the FCC's rules, which can be viewed at http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/cfr_2008/octqtr/pdf/47cfr1.925.pdf
- For further information or questions regarding the application freeze process, refer to the FCC's May 11, 2005 Public Notice (DA 05-1340), available at http://www.800TA.org/content/fccguidance/DA_05-1340_05.11.05.pdf.
- For information on key 800 MHz band reconfiguration dates, including the dates for FCC license application freezes, visit http://www.800TA.org/content/resources/Freeze_Date_Fact_Sheet_10.10.08.pdf.
- For FCC Public Notices providing additional details on application freezes, visit the FCC's 800 MHz band reconfiguration page at <http://transition.fcc.gov/pshs/public-safety-spectrum/800-MHz/reconfiguration.html>.
- For further guidance on 800 MHz band reconfiguration, visit the TA's website at www.800TA.org

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