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**800 MHz Transition Administrator Accepting Public Safety Expansion Band Elections***Filing Instructions and Supporting Information Provided*

**June 28, 2005, Washington, D.C.** – The 800 MHz Transition Administrator (“TA”) today provided guidance to incumbent Public Safety licensees in the 800 MHz band that wish to remain in the Expansion Band (812.5-813.5 MHz/857.5-858.5 MHz in certain areas of the Southeast U.S. and 815-816 MHz/860-861 MHz elsewhere) pursuant to the [Orders <http://wireless.fcc.gov/publicsafety/800MHz/bandreconfiguration/downloads/FCC-04-168A1.pdf>](http://wireless.fcc.gov/publicsafety/800MHz/bandreconfiguration/downloads/FCC-04-168A1.pdf) of the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) requiring the reconfiguration of the 800 MHz band.

The 800 MHz Order of the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) envisions that Public Safety entities currently operating in the Expansion Band will be relocated unless they affirmatively elect to remain in the Expansion Band. Potentially affected licensees in the Southeast U.S. should consult the FCC’s [Second Erratum <http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/DOC-252929A1.pdf>](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-252929A1.pdf) to the 800 MHz Order for additional information.

Relocation requests related to licenses covering the Canadian and Mexican border areas will be deferred pending additional guidance from the FCC. Petitions for reconsideration related to the Expansion Band are currently pending before the FCC and may affect Expansion Band elections.

Public Safety licensees electing to remain in the Expansion Band should notify the TA of their election by completing and returning an Expansion Band Election Form. This form may be found on the TA’s website at [www.800ta.org/forms.htm](http://www.800ta.org/forms.htm). Licensees who elect to remain in the Expansion Band are entitled to interference protection equal to that received by Licensees relocating out of the Expansion Band. Expansion Band frequencies from which Public Safety licensees relocate will be available for licensing by SMR operators after reconfiguration is completed.

Consistent with FCC rules, the TA will be proposing new frequencies to Public Safety licensees with Expansion Band frequencies unless they have elected to remain in the Expansion Band. Such licensees in Wave 1 as defined in the TA’s Regional Prioritization Plan will be receiving Frequency Proposal Reports containing proposed new frequencies in the next few weeks. If a licensee receives proposed frequencies from the TA prior to making their election, and they are electing NOT to relocate, they should attach a copy of the Frequency Proposal Report for the relevant call sign(s) to their election form and return it to the TA by the means identified below. The timing of when a licensee may actually negotiate with Nextel and reconfigure their system, if they so choose, to those frequencies will be dependent on other 800 MHz frequencies they may be licensed to use. If a licensee does not also have frequencies in the 806-809MHz/851-



854 MHz range that must be reconfigured in the first part of each Wave, they should negotiate with Nextel and reconfigure in the latter stage of each Wave, within the same timeframe as licensees with NPSPAC frequencies (821-824 MHz/866-869 MHz).

**Filing Timeframes and Instructions.** To facilitate frequency planning, the TA will accept licensee elections to remain in the Expansion Band immediately and is requesting all elections be submitted no later than September 27, 2005 for Wave 1 licensees, January 3, 2006 for Wave 2 licensees, April 3, 2006 for qualifying Wave 3 licensees, and July 3, 2006 for Wave 4 licensees.

Elections should be sent to the TA by e-mail at [elections@800TA.org](mailto:elections@800TA.org) or by fax at (866) 432-8317 (this is a voicemail service that automatically will accept faxes). The TA will provide electronic confirmation of elections. Parties should file a copy of their election with the FCC in WT Docket No. 02-55 and are advised that the TA intends to make elections public.

Parties that wish to submit a copy of their election in paper form should send their elections to:

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Questions should be directed to the TA at [elections@800TA.org](mailto:elections@800TA.org). Additional information regarding the 800 MHz reconfiguration process can be found at [www.800TA.org](http://www.800TA.org).

To facilitate the reconfiguration process and the TA's ability to contact licensees in a timely manner, the TA continues to encourage all 800 MHz licensees to ensure that their contact information for their FCC licenses is current and consistent in the FCC's Universal Licensing System (ULS).

### **About the 800 MHz Transition Administrator, LLC**

800 MHz Transition Administrator, LLC ("TA LLC") is the Transition Administrator ("TA") for the reconfiguration of the 800 MHz band mandated by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"). TA LLC has contracted with BearingPoint, Inc., Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P. and Baseline Telecom, Inc. to perform the duties of the TA. Among its duties, the TA establishes reconfiguration guidelines, specifies replacement channels, reviews reconfiguration cost estimates, monitors payment of reconfiguration costs, manages the relocation schedule, facilitates issue resolution and administers the alternate dispute resolution process. TA LLC uses information it receives solely for the purposes of administering the 800 MHz reconfiguration process and may disclose such information to the FCC or other authorized parties pursuant to the requirements of the 800 MHz Order or other applicable laws.

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