



Transition
Administrator

The Official Reconfiguration Manager

Special Temporary Authorizations (STAs)

Due to the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) license application freezes related to 800 MHz band reconfiguration, a number of requests have been received by the 800 MHz Transition Administrator, LLC (TA) for guidance on ways to maintain or expand essential facilities that allow for continued communication service. The *800 MHz Report and Order* and the FCC's May 11, 2005 Public Notice, described the application freeze process and noted that in general, it would not accept applications for new facilities, changes in the frequency of existing facilities, or coverage increases during the freeze. Additionally, in a December 20, 2006 Public Notice and a February 12, 2007 letter to Sprint Nextel, the FCC released guidance regarding applications for and the use of STAs during reconfiguration.

Process for Submitting STA Requests Related to Reconfiguration

For certain licensees, an STA may be needed to successfully complete reconfiguration. If a licensee determines that an STA is required, the licensee must submit an STA application to the FCC. Once a licensee files an application with the FCC for a new STA or the renewal of an existing STA, the FCC may send the licensee a "Notice of Return" letter. This letter requires that the licensee obtain concurrence from the TA and Sprint Nextel regarding the STA in question. The TA however, does not receive a copy of the Notice of Return letter. As a result, if you receive such a letter from the FCC please follow the process described below to obtain TA concurrence:

1. Scan and email the letter with a cover note to comments@800TA.org or fax with a cover sheet to 888.701.4380. It is important that the licensee provide its contact information in the form of email addresses, telephone, and fax numbers.
2. Upon receipt, the TA will review the request and contact the licensee if there are any questions regarding the application.
3. Upon completion of its review, the TA will email and send the licensee via certified mail a letter concurring with the application. If the TA is unable to concur with the application in whole or in part, it will contact the licensee and provide a written response explaining the TA's concerns regarding the application. In such cases, the licensee may work with the TA to address concerns and resolve any issues.
4. Upon notification of the TA's concurrence with the STA, the licensee can amend its original STA application by submitting the TA's letter to the FCC via its Universal Licensing System (ULS) and it will become part of the application file.

Instructions for filing license applications are available on the FCC's ULS webpage at <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls>. FCC-certified frequency coordinators, as well as qualified industry consultants and law firms, may assist licensees in preparing and filing STA applications.

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

On December 20, 2006, the FCC released a Public Notice stating that Sprint Nextel 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 before or during the freeze, that subsequently expires and/or is cancelled before a regular authorization or replacement STA can be granted the licensee may need to file a waiver. The waiver should request that Sprint Nextel pay for reconfiguration expenses if the licensee seeks to reconfigure such STA at Sprint Nextel's expense.

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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://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/13nov20061500/edocket.access.gpo.gov/cfr_2006/octqtr/47cfr1.931.htm
- For further information or questions regarding reconfiguration of STAs, refer to the FCC's December 20, 2006 Public Notice (http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-06-2555A1.pdf) and the FCC's February 12, 2007 letter (available at http://www.800TA.org/content/PDF/fcc_notices/02_12_07.pdf).
- For information on filing a waiver request, review Section 1.925 of the FCC's rules, which can be viewed at http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/13nov20061500/edocket.access.gpo.gov/cfr_2006/octqtr/47cfr1.925.htm
- For further information or questions regarding the application freeze process, refer to the FCC's May 11, 2005 Public Notice (<http://www.fcc.gov/pshs/spectrum/800mhz/bandreconfiguration/downloads/DA-05-1340A1.pdf>).
- For information on key 800 MHz band reconfiguration dates, including the dates for FCC license application freezes, visit http://www.800TA.org/content/PDF/reconfiguration_materials/NegotiationPeriods_FS.pdf
- For FCC Public Notices providing additional details on application freezes, visit the FCC's 800 MHz band reconfiguration page at <http://www.fcc.gov/pshs/spectrum/800mhz/bandreconfiguration/releases.html>.
- For further guidance on 800 MHz band reconfiguration, visit the TA's website at www.800TA.org.



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About the 800 MHz Transition Administrator

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 alternative 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.