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The TA Releases Special Temporary Authorization (STA) Guidance

March 26, 2007, Washington, D.C. – In response to numerous inquiries about the impact of 800MHz band reconfiguration on the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC's) Special Temporary Authorization (STA) process, the 800 MHz Transition Administrator, LLC (TA) today released guidance outlining the process for seeking TA concurrence on reconfiguration-related STA requests.

For certain licensees, an STA may be necessary 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 the licensee receives such a letter from the FCC they should take the following steps 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. Additional guidance, including the Special Temporary Authorizations (STAs) Fact Sheet, is available on the TA's website at http://www.800ta.org/content/PDF/reconfiguration_materials/STA_FS.pdf.

For questions regarding Special Temporary Authorizations, please contact the TA by phone at (888) 800-8220, by fax at (888) 701-4380, or via email at comments@800TA.org.

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 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.

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