

FIRST RESPONDER NETWORK AUTHORITY BOARD RESOLUTION 43

AUTHORIZATION TO FURTHER EXTEND THE PERIOD FOR NEGOTIATIONS OF SPECTRUM LEASE AGREEMENTS WITH THE STATE OF TEXAS Circulated via Unanimous Written Consent process on August 30, 2013

WHEREAS, Congress enacted the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Act), which mandates the creation of a nationwide interoperable wireless broadband network that will enable police, firefighters, emergency medical service professionals, and other public safety officials to more effectively communicate and perform their missions;

WHEREAS, the Act creates the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet), an independent authority within the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), charged to take "all actions necessary" to build, deploy, and operate the network, in consultation with State, local, tribal, and territorial entities;

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2013, the Board adopted a Resolution (Resolution # 25) to authorize its member, Sue Swenson, to negotiate on FirstNet's behalf on a spectrum lease agreement (Agreement) with the State of Texas for its operations within Harris County, for a period no longer than 90 days following the adoption of the Resolution;

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2013, the Board adopted a Resolution (Resolution # 36) to extend the period for such negotiations through August 29, 2013;

WHEREAS, there continues to be substantial progress in such negotiations with the State of Texas, but FirstNet's Deputy General Manager, TJ Kennedy, has advised the Board that he and the State of Texas have concluded that an additional extension of the negotiations period is required for such negotiations to be completed;

WHEREAS, the State of Texas has notified TJ Kennedy by electronic mail that it agrees to an additional extension in its negotiations process with FirstNet;

WHEREAS, the Harris County project has been operating on the spectrum licensed to FirstNet under the terms and conditions of a Special Temporary Authority (STA) granted to the State of Texas by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC);

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2013, the FCC renewed this STA for a period of ninety days (through November 26, 2013), commencing August 28, 2013;

WHEREAS, Section 4.11 of the FirstNet Bylaws permits action by the Board through unanimous written consent, which may be executed in multiple counterparts, all of which shall be considered originals;

WHEREAS, the Board members signing this Resolution include all of the members entitled to vote at FirstNet's meetings;

WHEREAS, the undersigned desire to execute a written consent in lieu of formally holding a meeting and agree that this Resolution shall be valid on the date on the final signature and shall have the same force and effect as resolutions adopted at meetings of the FirstNet Board;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the FirstNet Board hereby agrees to extend its period for negotiations on a spectrum lease agreement with the State of Texas through November 26, 2013, and authorizes FirstNet's Deputy General Manager, TJ Kennedy, to continue such negotiations on FirstNet's behalf;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution may be executed in one or more counterparts each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. In addition to hand delivery, signed signature pages may be transmitted to the Board Secretary by U.S. mail, facsimile, or the Department of Commerce's secure file transfer system, and any such signature shall have the same legal effect as an original. This Resolution shall take effect once the Secretary to the FirstNet Board receives the signature of each Board member.

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