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Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Request for Special Temporary Authority (STA) for City of McAllen, TX

To Whom It May Concern,

The City of McAllen, TX requests a Special Temporary Authority (STA) for a period of 180 days to begin installation and operation of a 700 MHz trunked system on the narrowband general use frequencies. These frequencies will be utilized for the operation and implementation of an interoperable public safety system utilizing federal and state grants including Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC), Border Interoperability Demonstration Project (BIDP) and state Homeland Security grants. This project will tie together state, federal, local and tribal agencies in the first-ever public safety system to provide valley-wide coverage in south Texas.

The City of McAllen is installing a two (2) site, P25 700 MHz system utilizing the requested 700 MHz frequencies. These frequencies are pre-allotted for Hidalgo County in the CAPRAD allotment.

While Region 53 is actively working on finalizing its 700 MHz Regional Plan and has made significant progress in the last four months, it does not yet have a completed and FCC-approved Plan. Until Region 53's Plan has been approved by the FCC, our only licensing option is to request an STA. Once the 700 MHz Plan has been approved, we will convert this STA into a permanent authorization.

Region 53 and the Texas Department of Public Safety fully support the implementation of this system. Your prompt review and approval of this STA request is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy Ashley", is written over a faint circular stamp.

Randy Ashley
Communications Technology Manager
City of McAllen, TX