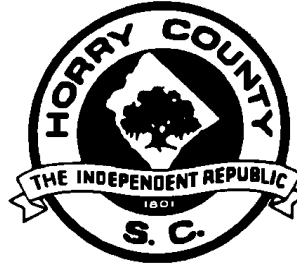


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Subject: Request for Special Temporary Authorization, 800 MHz site addition for the attached application.

The purpose of the application is to add a location to an existing license, effectively allowing the City of Myrtle Beach, SC to join the Horry County 800 MHz system, (WNQK719). This addition will unite all major public safety agencies in our county on one system and provide enhanced in-building coverage within the Myrtle Beach area, which is wholly within the existing footprint of the system.

We have a modification of our license in process, but in order to bring this site on line and optimize its benefit to us before the onset of our tourist season, we request this STA. We submit that a denial of our request will prevent greater interoperability between the City of Myrtle Beach and all of the users of the Horry County 800 MHz system and fail to provide an increase in penetration into the growing number of hi-rise buildings within the greater Grand Strand Resort area.

A number of local, state, and federal agencies are a part of the Horry County 800 MHz system. Several small municipalities, Coastal Carolina University and all of the emergency ambulances in our county depend on this system as their primary mode of communications. Many more agencies are available for mutual aid for events such as bike festivals and hurricanes. As the number of large and multiple story buildings increases, it is incumbent upon us to provide better coverage.

Preparation for the addition of Myrtle Beach to our system has been lengthy and costly. The inability to realize the benefits of this collaboration and augment our coverage would unduly penalize public safety officers in their delivery of service to our citizens and visitors. Our location on the hurricane susceptible coast of South Carolina requires that

we continue to broaden our ability to communicate within our boundaries. The recent addition of three towers to our system demonstrates our commitment to continually improving our ability to protect responders and serve the public.

We desire to complete these additions to our system during the first week in April. Our need to add to the interoperable Public Safety communications system before the upcoming motorcycle festivals and the beginning of the beach season will provide for greater protection of life and property.

We believe that the benefits greatly outweigh any negative impact from granting this request.

Sincerely,

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