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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Submitted electronically via FCC ECFS

Re: Amendment of Part 90 of the Commission's Rules,
(WP Docket No. 07-100)

Secretary Dortch,

The Oregon Statewide Interoperability (SWI) Program submits this letter on the topic of the 4.9 GHz Band.

SWI is aware that the Public Safety Spectrum Alliance (PSSA) suggested that the nationwide Band Manager evaluate integration of the 4.9 GHz band with the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network. The PSSA later communicated its support for the FirstNet Authority to be awarded a nationwide license in the 4.9 GHz band. SWI appreciates the PSSA's efforts to preserve the 4.9 GHz band for public safety use but does not support the award of a nationwide license to the FirstNet Authority.

SWI understands the Commission's goal for the 4.9 GHz band to be retention of local control, greater use of the band, and the preservation of its public safety nature. SWI supports this goal and emphasis that this spectrum is critical for local and state public safety.

SWI emphasizes the need to retain the 4.9 GHz spectrum for direct public safety use and to protect existing licensees' operations. SWI believes this need and the Commission's goals can be met by appointing a band manager that is already certified to coordinate the Public Safety Pool of frequencies. The FirstNet Authority is not currently a band manager in the Public Safety pool.

Formal coordination that works in conjunction with the state and local level will preserve the band's public safety use and foster greater investment from the public safety community. SWI appreciates your consideration and will provide further comment on the matter in the appropriate forum.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Chapman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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