Interoperability Order and FNPRM

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Order and Further Notice:
Achieving a Nationwide Interoperable Public Safety Broadband Wireless Network

- Advances a framework for nationwide interoperable public safety broadband deployment.

- Addresses the lack of interoperability cited by the 9/11 Commission as a major national problem.

- Builds upon the waivers granted for early deployment of public safety regional networks.

- Furthers the goal of developing a state-of-the-art interoperable broadband network for first responders.

Order:
Adopting a Common Technology

- Designates LTE as the broadband platform for the nationwide network.

- Recognizes a strong consensus in support of LTE.

- An action necessary in this unique case to ensure nationwide interoperability.

Order:
Enabling Public Safety Interoperability

- Stays certain rules premised on mandatory public-private partnership.

- Allows the Commission to fully consider its options for advancing public safety broadband interoperability going forward.

Further Notice:
Proposing an Initial Technical Framework

- The network must be nationwide.

- The network must be interoperable.

- The network must meet public safety communications requirements.

Further Notice:
Network Operability

- The interoperability of public safety broadband networks requires a baseline of operability.

- Comment sought on the architecture of the network, security, resiliency, robustness, and on other matters relevant to the operability of public safety broadband networks.

Further Notice:
Network Availability

- Public safety users must have network access, wherever an emergency may arise.

- Comment sought on coverage requirements, in-building public safety communications, and related matters.

Further Notice:
A Framework for Interoperability

- The interoperability of public safety broadband networks is the fundamental goal.

- Comment sought on network interconnectivity, public safety-to-public safety roaming, priority access and other components of interoperability.

- Comment also sought on mechanisms for testing and verification of interoperability for public safety equipment and devices.