

Service Modernization Act that supports this recommendation.

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Assistant Administrator for Weather Services.

Attachments

September 14, 1995.

Memorandum For: Thomas D. Potter,
Director, Western Region

From: Todd Morris, AM/MIC NWSFO Los Angeles

Subject: Recommendation for Consolidation Certification

A change of operations occurred at the Los Angeles Weather Service Forecast Office (WSFO) in October 1993 when most personnel were transferred to the facility of the future Los Angeles Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in Oxnard, California to operate the WSR-88D and assume forecast and warning responsibility for the Los Angeles service area. At the same time this office has been designated a Residual Weather Service Office (RWSO) at the original WSFO location to continue operating the existing WSR-74C radar.

After reviewing the attached documentation, I have determined, in my professional judgement, consolidation of the Los Angeles Residual Weather Service Office (RWSO) with the future Los Angeles/Oxnard Weather Forecast Office (WFO) will not result in any degradation in weather services to the Los Angeles service area. This proposed certification is in accordance with the advance notification provided in the National Implementation Plan. Accordingly, I am recommending that you approve this action in accordance with section 706 of Public Law 102-567. If you concur, please endorse this recommendation and forward this package to the Assistant Administrator for Weather Services for final certification. If Dr. Friday approves, he will forward the certification to the Secretary for approval and transmittal to Congress.

My recommendation is based on my review of the pertinent evidence and application of the modernization criteria for consolidation of a field office. In summary:

1. A description of local weather characteristics and weather-related concerns affecting the weather services provided in the pre-modernized Los Angeles service area is included as attachment A. As discussed below, I find that providing the services which address these characteristics and concerns from the Los Angeles/Oxnard WFO will not degrade these services.

2. A detailed list of the services currently provided from the Los Angeles RWSO location and comparable services to be provided from the Los Angeles/Oxnard WFO location after consolidation is included as attachment B. Comparison of these services shows that all services currently provided will continue to be provided after the proposed consolidation. I find that there will be no degradation in the quality of these services as a result of the consolidation.

3. A description of the recent or expected modernization of National Weather Service (NWS) operations which will enhance services in the pre-modernized Los Angeles service area is included as attachment C. The new technology (i.e. ASOS, WSR-88D, and

AWIPS) has or will be installed and will enhance services.

4. A map showing planned NEXRAD coverage at an elevation of 10,000 feet for California is included as attachment D. NWS operational radar coverage for the Los Angeles service area will be vastly increased and will not degrade services.

It should be noted that neither the old radar network nor the NEXRAD include coverage of a small mountainous area in the northeast corner of the service area. Therefore this does not represent a degradation of radar coverage or services.

5. The following evidence, based upon operational demonstration of modernized NWS operations, played a key role in concluding there will be no degradation of service.

A. the WSR-88D RADAR Commissioning Report, attachment E, validates that the WSR-88D meets technical specifications (acceptance test); is fully operational (satisfactory operation of system interfaces and satisfactory support of associated NWS forecasting and warning services); service backup capabilities are functioning properly; a full set of operations and maintenance documentation is available; and spare parts and test equipment and trained operations and maintenance personnel are available on site. Training was completed. There were two national work-arounds. One of these has been satisfied while the other one remains in effect.

B. The User Confirmation of Services, attachment F, documents that only two negative comments were received. Both of the negative comments have been answered to the satisfaction of the commentors as stated in the service Confirmation Report.

C. The Decommissioning Readiness Report, attachment G, verifies that the existing Los Angeles WSR-74C radar is no longer needed to support services or products for local office operations.

6. A memorandum assigning the liaison officer for the Los Angeles service area is included as attachment H.

I have considered recommendations of the Modernization Transition Committee (attachment I) and the one public comment received during the comment period (attachment J). On September 14, 1995, the Committee voted to endorse the proposed consolidation (attachment K). I believe all negative comments have been addressed to the satisfaction of our customers and I continue to recommend this certification.

Endorsement

I, Thomas D. Potter, Director, Western Region, endorse this consolidation certification.

Dated: September 15, 1995.

James L. Campbell for Thomas D. Potter.
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National Technical Information Service

Notice of Prospective Grant of Exclusive Patent License

This is notice in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(c)(1) and 37 C.F.R. 404.7(a)(1)(i) that the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), U.S. Department of Commerce, is contemplating the grant of an exclusive license in Australia to practice the invention embodied in Australian Patent No. 609689 to Shelljet Pty Ltd, Trading as Anderson Drilling, having a place of business in Orange NSW, Australia. The counterpart U.S. patent is No. 5,196,401. The patent rights in this invention have been assigned to the United States of America.

The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 C.F.R. 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within 3 months from the date of this published notice, NTIS receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 C.F.R. 404.7.

While the primary purpose of this notice is to announce NTIS' intent to grant an exclusive license to practice the noted foreign patent, it also serves to publish said patent's availability for licensing in accordance with law.

The invention expressed in the cited patent describes a method of enhancing the fragmentation and excavation of hard, solid materials such as rock formations which comprises adding to the rock surface an aqueous solution including a high molecular weight nonionic polymer such as polyethylene oxide which is capable of hydrogen bonding with water the produce charge-neutralizing positive charge dipoles. The nonionic polymeric solution is thus capable of neutralizing the rock surface charge and obtaining a condition of zero surface charge (ZSC) so that the drilling, tunneling, cutting or other similar operation can be conducted with the substantial increases in drilling performance and penetration rate. The method is also extremely effective in extending the lives of drill bits, cutting tools, grinding media, or other polishing or drilling tools such that an enormous savings in terms of replacing equipment can be achieved. The method of the present invention is particularly advantageous in that the nonionic polymer solutions of the invention are effective over a wide range of concentrations in neutralizing the rock surface charge, which has not been the

case with previously used methods involving cationic compounds which were only effective at very specific concentrations. The method of the present invention provides a means for enhancing performance and achieving substantial cost savings in a wide variety of drilling, tunneling, cutting and other similar operations.

Copies of the instant Australian patent are available from the Australian Patent Office or the Office of Federal Patent Licensing (Ph: 703/487-4738). The U.S. patent may be ordered from Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Box 9, Washington, D.C. 20231 at a cost of \$3.00.

Any inquiries and comments relating to the contemplated license must be submitted to Neil L. Mark, Office of Federal Patent Licensing, NTIS, Box 1423, Springfield, Virginia 22151. Properly filed competing license applications received by the NTIS in response to this notice will be considered as objections to the grant of the contemplated license.

Douglas J. Campion,

Director, Office of Federal Patent Licensing.
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National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Meeting

AGENCY: The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), Larry Irving, Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Reed E. Hundt, Chairman.

ACTION: Notice of the next meeting of the Spectrum Requirements, Interoperability, Technology, Operational Requirements, and Transition Subcommittees and the Steering Committee of the Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, this notice advises interested persons of the next meetings of the five Subcommittees and Steering Committee of the Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee. The NTIA and the FCC established a Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee, Subcommittees, and Steering Committee to prepare a final report to advise the NTIA and the FCC on operational, technical and spectrum requirements of Federal, state and local Public Safety entities through the year 2010. All interested parties are invited to attend

and to participate in the next round of meetings of the Subcommittees and the Steering Committee.

DATES: December 13, 14 and 15, 1995.

ADDRESSES: December 13 and 14, 1995 in The Commodity Futures Trading Commission First Floor Hearing Room 1000 at 1155 21st Street (Lafayette Centre), Washington, D.C. 20036. On December 15, 1995 in the U.S.

Department of Transportation Nassif Building Room 2230 (See Note below for additional details) at 7th and E Streets, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The five Subcommittees of the Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee will hold consecutive meetings over a three day period, Wednesday through Friday, December 13, 14 and 15, 1995. The expected arrangement of the meetings, which is subject to change at the time of the meetings, is as follows:

December 13, 1995 the Operational Requirements and Technology Subcommittees will meet consecutively starting at 9 a.m. A separate Public Notice providing additional details about the Technology Subcommittee meeting and associated technology briefings has been released (reference Report No. WT 95-31). On December 14, 1995 the Interoperability and Spectrum Requirements Subcommittees will meet consecutively starting at 9 a.m. On December 15, 1995 the Transition Subcommittee will meet starting at 9 a.m. Note this meeting will be held in room 2230 of the U.S. Department of Transportation Nassif Building at 7th and E Streets, S.W. (See Note below for additional details). The agenda for each meeting is as follows:

1. Welcoming Remarks
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Administrative Matters
4. Work Program/Organization of Work
5. Meeting Schedule
6. Agenda for Next Meeting
7. Other Business
8. Closing Remarks

The Steering Committee of the Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee will meet starting at 1:30 p.m. on December 15, 1995. This meeting will also be held in room 2230 of the U.S. Department of Transportation Nassif Building at 7th and E Streets, S.W. (See Note below for additional details). The agenda for the Steering Committee meeting is as follows:

1. Introduction/welcoming remarks
2. Presentation of definitions of Public Safety and Interoperability from the Interoperability Subcommittee
3. Presentation of draft report from Operational Requirements Subcommittee

4. Subcommittee progress reports
5. Other business
6. Closing remarks

Note: For meetings held at the Nassif Building, participants should go to the southeast building entrance and tell the guard that they are attending a meeting in room 2230. The Metro stop is L'Enfant Plaza, using the exit market "US Department of Transportation, 7th and D Streets S.W."

The tentative schedule and general location of future meetings of the Subcommittees of Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee is as follows:

January 8, 9 and 10, 1996, at the University of California (Berkeley Campus)
February 28, 29 and March 1, 1996, in Orlando, Florida
April, 1996, in San Diego, CA
May, 1996 at Scott AFB, St Louis, MO
June, 1996 in Washington, D.C.

The tentative schedule and general location of the next full meeting of the Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee is: June 1996, in Washington, D.C.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding the Subcommittees, contact: Interoperability Subcommittee: James E. Downes (202-622-1582); Operational Requirements Subcommittee: Paul H. Wieck (515-281-5261); Spectrum Requirements Subcommittee: Richard N. Allen (703-630-6617); Technology Subcommittee: Alfred Mello (401-738-2220); Transition Subcommittee: Ronnie Rand (904-322-2500 or 800-949-2726 ext. 600). The Co-Designated Federal Officers of the Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee are William Donald Speights, NTIA (202-482-1652), and John J. Borkowski, FCC (202-418-0680). Information is also available from the Internet at the Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee homepage (<http://pswax.ntia.doc.gov>).

Dated: November 3, 1995.

William Donald Speights,
PSWAC Co-Designated Federal Official,
National Telecommunications and
Information Administration.

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Proposed Changes in Procedures Relating to an Application Filing Date

AGENCY: Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.