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Statement from PSST Chairman Chief Harlin McEwen

The Public Safety Spectrum Trust (PSST) applauds the decision of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to move ahead with a public comment period on a Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking governing the Upper 700 MHz D Block, the public safety broadband spectrum and the 700 MHz Public/Private Partnership. Today's unanimous vote reflects the continuing support of FCC Chairman Kevin Martin and the other Commissioners for delivering a critically needed nationwide wireless broadband network for our nation's first responders. The PSST is hopeful that today's progress will result in rules bringing about the right partner or partners to build a shared public safety/commercial network.

In the last rulemaking the PSST proposed draft rules in an effort to increase understanding and create a more certain environment for potential D Block bidders. We're encouraged the FCC is presenting today's draft rules and seeking comment so that all involved can have input and bring an appropriate balance to the needs of public safety and what is economically feasible. We appreciate the urgency with which the Commission is moving so that this spectrum can be put to its proper use soon after it is available next February.

About the PSST

The PSST, a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the District of Columbia, is the Public Safety Broadband Licensee (PSBL), holding an FCC license for public safety spectrum in the upper 700 MHz band designated for nationwide wireless broadband use. The PSST's mission is to provide national public safety leadership an organizational structure through which decisions can be made to guide the construction and operation of an interoperable nationwide broadband network via a public safety-commercial partnership, ensuring the communications requirements of the public safety community are met. For additional information, visit www.psst.org.

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