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To: All Interested Parties

Subject: FirstNet – Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the East Region

On May 6, 2016, the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) released the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN) in the East region of the United States (Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia).

FirstNet's mission is to build, operate and maintain the first high-speed, nationwide wireless broadband network dedicated to public safety. The NPSBN is intended to improve citizen and responder safety and increase the efficiency and effectiveness of emergency response through cutting edge broadband communications. The Draft PEIS analyzes potential impacts of the deployment and operation of the NPSBN on the natural and human environment, in accordance with FirstNet's responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The Draft PEIS is available for download from www.regulations.gov (FIRSTNET-2016-0002). A CD of this document is also available for viewing at public libraries (see Chapter 22 of the Draft PEIS for the complete distribution list).

FirstNet formally released the Draft PEIS via a Notice of Availability (NOA) in the Federal Register on May 6, 2016, which initiated a 60-day comment period that will end on July 6. As part of this process, members of the public, public agencies, and other interested parties are encouraged to submit comments, questions, and concerns about the project through www.regulations.gov (FIRSTNET-2016-0002) or mailed to:

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FirstNet will also hold public meetings in each of the 13 states and the District of Columbia. Attendees can obtain information regarding the project and/or submit a comment in person.



The public meeting details are as follows:

City	Location	Date	Time
Washington, DC	200 I St SE, 1st Floor, Washington, DC 20003	May 16, 2016	4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Annapolis, MD	Children's Theater of Annapolis, 1661 Bay Head Rd, Annapolis, MD 21409, http://childrenstheatreofannapolis.com/	May 19, 2016	4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Bangor, ME	Bangor Public Library, 145 Harlow St, Bangor, ME 04401, http://www.bangorpubliclibrary.org/	May 24, 2016	4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
New York City, NY	New York Marriott Marquis, 160 Central Park South, New York, NY 10019, http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/nycmq-new-york-marriott-marquis/	May 24, 2016	4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Boston, MA	Boston Offices, Exchange Place Boston, 53 State St, Boston, MA 02109, http://www.bostonoffices.com/	May 25, 2016	4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
New Haven, CT	New Haven Public Library, Ives Main Branch, 133 Elm St, New Haven, CT 06510, http://nhfpl.org/locations-hours/ives-main-library/	May 25, 2016	4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Providence, RI	Rhode Island Convention Center, 1 Sabin St, Providence, RI 02903, http://www.riconvention.com/	May 26, 2016	4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Albany, NY	Albany Public Library, Arbor Hill/West Hill Branch, 148 Henry Johnson Blvd, Albany, NY 12210, http://www.albanypubliclibrary.org/locations/arborhill-westhill/	May 26, 2016	4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Richmond, VA	T. Edward Temple Building, 901 W Main St, Richmond, VA 23219, http://www.maps.vcu.edu/monroe-park/templebldg/	May 31, 2016	4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Burlington, VT	Fletcher Free Library, 235 College St, Burlington, VT 05401, http://www.fletcherfree.org/	May 31, 2016	4 p.m. to 8 p.m.



Manchester, NH	Manchester Historic Association, Millyard Museum, 200 Bedford St, Manchester, NH 03101, http://www.manchesterhistoric.org/index.php/millyard-museum/rentals	June 1, 2016	4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Charleston, WV	Charleston Civic Center, 200 Civic Center Dr, Charleston, WV 25301, http://www.charlestonwvciviccenter.com/	June 2, 2016	4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Harrisburg, PA	Madeline L. Olewine Memorial Library, 2410 N Third St, Harrisburg, PA 17110, http://www.dcls.org/mom/	June 14, 2016	4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Trenton, NJ	New Jersey State Museum, 205 W State St, Trenton, NJ, 08608, http://www.state.nj.us/state/museum/dos_museum_facility_rental.html	June 15, 2016	4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Dover, DE	Dover Public Library, 35 E Loockerman St, Dover, DE 19901, http://www.cityofdover.com/Home-Library/	June 16, 2016	4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Information and public comments received during the 60-day period will be reviewed for consideration in the development of the Final PEIS for the East region; all comments received will be compiled in an appendix to the Final PEIS. After the Final PEIS, FirstNet will publish a Record of Decision identifying the potential impacts associated with the project and the selection of an alternative; this information will be made available on the FirstNet website.

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