



FIRST RESPONDER NETWORK AUTHORITY  
**BOARD RESOLUTION 51**  
AUTHORIZATION TO FURTHER EXTEND THE PERIOD FOR NEGOTIATIONS OF A  
SPECTRUM LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF TEXAS  
December 17, 2013

WHEREAS, Congress enacted the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Act), which mandates the creation of a nationwide interoperable wireless broadband network that will enable police, firefighters, emergency medical service professionals, and other public safety officials to more effectively communicate and perform their missions;

WHEREAS, the Act creates the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet), an independent authority within the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), charged to take "all actions necessary" to build, deploy, and operate the network, in consultation with State, local, tribal, and territorial entities;

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2013, the Board adopted a Resolution (Resolution # 25) to authorize its member, Sue Swenson, to negotiate on FirstNet's behalf on a spectrum lease agreement (Agreement) with the State of Texas for its operations within Harris County, for a period no longer than 90 days following the adoption of the Resolution;

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2013, the Board a Resolution (Resolution # 36) to extend the period of negotiations with the State of Texas through August 29, 2013, and authorized Sue Swenson to continue such negotiations on FirstNet's behalf;

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2013, the Board adopted a Resolution (Resolution # 43) to extend the period of negotiations with the State of Texas through November 26, 2013, and authorized FirstNet's Deputy General Manager, TJ Kennedy, to continue such negotiations on FirstNet's behalf;

WHEREAS, there continues to be substantial progress in such negotiations with the State of Texas, but TJ Kennedy, has advised the Board that he and the State of Texas have concluded

that an additional extension of the negotiations period is required for such negotiations to be completed;

WHEREAS, the State of Texas has notified TJ Kennedy by electronic mail that it agrees to an additional extension in its negotiations process with FirstNet;

WHEREAS, the Harris County project has been operating on the spectrum licensed to FirstNet under the terms and conditions of a Special Temporary Authority (STA) granted to the State of Texas by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC);

WHEREAS, on November 25, 2013, the FCC renewed this STA through February 24, 2014;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the FirstNet Board hereby agrees to extend its period for negotiations on an Agreement with the State of Texas through February 24, 2014, and authorizes TJ Kennedy to continue such negotiations on FirstNet's behalf;

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the First Responder Network Authority, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Board of the First Responder Network Authority on December 17, 2013, at which a quorum was present and voted.

  
Uzoma Onyeije, Secretary