

**Region 4 Arkansas
700 MHz Regional Planning Committee**

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Hello Ali,

As Acting Chair for the Region 4, Arkansas, 700 MHz Planning Committee, I am sending this Letter of Concurrence regarding the Region 34, Oklahoma, 700 MHz Plan.

Region 4 believes that use of encryption on nationally designated Interoperable Channels could prove detrimental during emergencies that require responses from adjacent states. We feel encryption should be prohibited not only on 700 MHz calling channels, but on 700 MHz interoperable tactical channels as well.

The area of the plan that concerns Region 4 is found on page 94 Appendix E of the Region 34 Plan, under the section Encryption Algorithm ID and Key ID. "Use of Encryption will be allowed on the other Interoperability Channels"...

Even though Oklahoma is an adjacent Region, we do not feel this issue is of sufficient magnitude to further delay the Region 34 700 MHz Plan approval process. Therefore, Region 4 approves the Region 34 700 MHz Plan.

Region 4 appreciates the consideration and patience of Region 34 in this matter.

Sincerely,



J.M. Rowe, Acting Chair
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