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## ISSI Talkgroup/Radio Authorization Policy

### I. PURPOSE

This document sets forth the policies governing the request to provision an ISSI talkgroup, and/or the use of subscriber radios on an ISSI talkgroup on the (SLATER) St. Louis Area Trunked Emergency Radio System as provided by the St. Louis County Emergency Communications Commission (ECC) throughout the coverage area of St. Louis County.

### II. GENERAL

The ECC owns and operates the SLATER radio system, an 800 MHz P-25 Digital Trunked Simulcast Radio System, licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) which provided county-wide and regional interoperable radio coverage for public safety agencies within St. Louis County. The ECC will make every effort to keep up with changes as the technology advances and adjust policy requirements as needed.

### III. DEFINITIONS

**Foreign** – refers to a subscriber unit, talkgroup and/or radio system that is not inherently the home radio system.

**Home** – refers to a subscriber unit, talkgroup, or other related system (RF or otherwise) that is native/inherent to a particular radio system in its creation and implementation for use.

**ISSI** – stands for Inter-RF Subsystem Interface. This interface allows for P-25 Compliant radio systems to have interoperable talkgroups provisioned to allow radio coverage on “Foreign” radio systems via connectivity through an ISSI Gateway and radio system links between the differing P25 radio systems. These links could be T1, T3, fiber, microwave or other connection methods.

#### IV. POLICY

- A. All requests for a “Foreign” talkgroup(s) and/or for “Foreign subscriber(s)” must submit the ISSI TALKGROUP AUTHORIZATION form to the Director of the ECC for initial acceptance prior to final acceptance by the ECC Commission. The ECC will only accept requests that will enhance Public Safety, and must be detailed within the ISSI Talkgroup/Radio Authorization form (ECN Form #21-20).
- B. The outside user agency and the ECC must execute an “Outside User Agreement” prior to any acceptance or consideration of acceptance. The ISSI TALKGROUP AUTHORIZATION form must also be completed.
- C. A list of all subscriber radios requested to use the ISSI talkgroup must be submitted to the ECC Radio System Manager by make, model, serial number, Radio System ID and radio alias.
- D. The “Foreign” subscriber(s) and/or “Foreign” radio system manager shall ensure that non-authorized subscriber radios are not provisioned with an agreed upon ISSI TALKGROUP.
- E. The “Foreign” radio system manager must provide a means of swift removal of a subscriber radio in the event of loss, theft or misuse by the subscriber unit.

#### V. LIMITATIONS

The ECC makes no guarantee of radio system coverage or quality of service. The ECC reserves the right to terminate a “Foreign” talkgroup that has been provisioned due to any identified misuse or failure of the “Foreign system owner/radio system manager” to remove lost, stolen or rogue subscriber units. Furthermore, if it is determined that non-authorized subscriber units or agencies have radios programmed with the ISSI talkgroup the ECC reserves the right to terminate the agreement with the “Foreign” agency. All

costs associated with the "Foreign" radio system and "Foreign" subscriber(s) programming will be the responsibility of the "Foreign" agency and/or "Foreign" radio system owner(s).

VI. MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING

This policy is covered under the MOU signed previously by each public safety user and outside agency user on the SLATER system.

Approved by the Emergency Communications Commission on 3/11/2021

  
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