



Clearfield City

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Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

Attention: Chief, Public Communications & Outreach Division, Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau, & Chief Policy Division

RE: Travelers' Information Stations, Provision of localized Public Safety and Emergency information

As an elected official for the city of Clearfield, in the state of Utah, I request the FCC to consider the recommendations of AAIRO (the American Association of Information Radio Operators) as stated in the "Petition for Declaratory Ruling".

Clearfield City is a progressive community with a population of over 29,000 (the business day impact grows to 65,000); located 28 miles north of Salt Lake City, Utah; situated between the Great Salt Lake to the west, and Hill AFB, the state's largest employer, and the Wasatch Mountains (and forests) on the east. With Interstate-15 running the eastern end of the city, freight railroads, and the new Commuter Rail station, Clearfield is emerging as a centralized location of business and public and community development.

Located in Clearfield City, the Freeport Center is a manufacturing, warehousing, and distributing center to the entire West. It is home to 70 national and local companies; and 7,000,000 sq ft. in 78 buildings on 680 acres. Servicing the center and the greater Salt Lake City area, Union Pacific freight rail lines run parallel to I-15, within the city and very near residential areas.

The TIS is essential to our community and emergency operations procedures are in place for this service to provide citizens an emergency early warning. Our area could be impacted greatly without public access to information concerning road conditions, traffic hazards, travel advisories, the Amber Alert, 911 outage notices, natural disasters, public health warnings, terrorist threat levels, and other civil defense notices.

This is an important issue to Clearfield City's government, city employees, national and local businesses, and the Public Safety and Emergency Services departments. Access to the TIS for public safety messages would positively impact the quality of life for the general public who live in or visit our community.

Sincerely,

Don Wood
Clearfield City Mayor