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AREA REPEATER COORDINATION COUNCIL of EPA/SNJ

ARCC TO PROVIDE FREQUENCY COORDINATION SERVICES IN SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY June 1, 2002

At the ARCC Executive Board meeting held in Ft. Washington, PA on Saturday April 20, 2002, petitions and applications for coordination submitted by trustees of ten repeaters and auxiliary links operating in Sussex County, NJ were presented. The petitioners requested that ARCC provide amateur radio frequency coordination services for Sussex County, NJ. Sussex County, being in northern New Jersey, is a county which was previously served by the defunct Tri-State Amateur Repeater Council (TSARC), and as such, is currently not served by any recognized coordination council.

Based on the data available, ARCC believes that these ten petitions represent a majority of those individual amateurs and amateur radio organizations in Sussex County, NJ whose operations are eligible for frequency coordination. Frequency coordinators derive their authority to coordinate from the amateur community; the choice as to who provides frequency coordination for a particular area is at the discretion of the amateurs in that area. Neither ARCC nor any other frequency coordination council has the authority to claim any region as theirs to coordinate at will. In the instant case, the amateurs of Sussex County, NJ have voluntarily requested that ARCC provide coordination services to them. As Sussex County, NJ adjoins ARCC's existing service area of eastern Pennsylvania, having ARCC serve as Sussex County's frequency coordinator is a logical choice.

At the Executive Board meeting, a motion was made and passed unanimously to include Sussex County, NJ into ARCC's service territory pending receipt of concurrence from ARCC's neighboring coordination councils. Approval has since been received from those councils. As such, from this date forward, ARCC will provide frequency coordination services to Sussex County, NJ.

It is important to note that the motion made and passed is only to formalize ARCC's inclusion of Sussex County, NJ into its service area. It does not imply instant coordination to those who have submitted petitions or applications to ARCC. ARCC is distributing this notice to all known repeater and auxiliary link operators/trustees in Sussex County, NJ, inviting all to apply for coordination. Upon receipt of coordination applications, ARCC's usual coordination process will ensue.

If you are the owner or trustee of a repeater or auxiliary link operating in Sussex County, NJ, you are asked to submit an ARCC coordination application if you have not already done so. On

July 1, 2002, ARCC will begin processing all applications that have been received to date. The applications will be processed in the following order:

1. Repeaters and auxiliary links which were previously coordinated by TSARC and have operated continuously in compliance with their coordinated parameters (location, elevation, ERP, antenna pattern, etc.).
2. Repeaters and auxiliary links which were previously coordinated by TSARC which are currently not operating with the parameters specified in their TSARC coordination.
3. Repeaters and auxiliary links which have never been coordinated but are currently active.
4. Applications for new repeaters or auxiliary links not currently on the air.

At present, ARCC is unaware of any outstanding interference complaints with regard to any repeater or auxiliary link operating in Sussex County, NJ. ARCC does not anticipate that the coordination of the repeaters and auxiliary links currently operating in Sussex County, NJ will be problematic provided that they are operating in compliance with ARCC's bandplans and all applicable Part 97 regulations. Nonetheless, all applications received will be processed using the same policies, procedures, and analyses as are all coordination applications.

For further details regarding ARCC's organization and coordination practices, including application forms, answers to frequently-asked questions (FAQ), bandplans, and contact information, please visit our web site at <http://www.arcc-inc.org>. You may also contact ARCC at the address above. Please note that all coordination applications must be submitted on paper to ARCC's corporate mailing address; fax and email submissions are not accepted at this time.

This notice is being sent to all known repeater and auxiliary link operators in Sussex County, NJ, as well as the adjacent frequency coordination councils, the Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL), the National Frequency Coordination Council (NFCC), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and to the amateur radio community in general. You are asked to forward this notice in total to any and all interested parties, and publicize this information in any applicable publications such as newsletters and over-the-air news bulletins. This notice is also available electronically on ARCC's web site at <http://www.arcc-inc.org/sussex.pdf>.

ARCC looks forward to providing frequency coordination services to the amateur radio operators in Sussex County, New Jersey. We sincerely thank you for your past and future support of ARCC.

The ARCC Executive Board
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