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#### § 90.655 Special licensing requirements for Specialized Mobile Radio systems.

End users of conventional or trunked Specialized Mobile Radio systems that have control stations that require FAA clearance, as specified in §§ 17.7 through 17.17 of this chapter, or that may have a significant environmental effect, as defined by §1.1307, or that are located in a "quiet zone", as defined by \$1.924 of this chapter must be individually licensed for such control stations prior to construction or operation. All other end users' operations will be within the scope of the base station licensee. All end users, however, continue to be responsible to comply with 47 CFR part 90 and other federal laws.

[57 FR 40850, Sept. 8, 1992, as amended at 63 FR 68970, Dec. 14, 1998]

## § 90.656 Responsibilities of base station licensees of Specialized Mobile Radio systems.

(a) The licensees of base stations that provide Specialized Mobile Radio service on a commercial basis of the use of individuals, Federal government agencies, or persons eligible for licensing under either subparts B or C of this part will be responsible for exercising effective operational control over all mobile and control stations that communicate with the base station. The base station licensee will be responsible for assuring that its system is operated in compliance with all applicable rules and regulations.

(b) Customers that operate mobile units on a particular Specialized Mobile Radio system will be licensed to that system. A customer that operates temporarily on more than one system will be deemed, when communicating with the other system, to be temporarily licensed to the other system and for that temporary period, the licensee of the other system will assume the same licensee responsibility for the customer's mobile station(s) as if the customer's stations were licensed to that other system.

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POLICIES GOVERNING THE LICENSING AND USE OF MTA-BASED SMR SYSTEMS IN THE 896-901/935-940 MHz BAND

#### § 90.661 MTA-based SMR service areas.

MTA licenses for SMR spectrum blocks in the 896–901/935–940 MHz band listed in table 4B of §90.617(d) are available in 51 Major Trading Areas (MTAs) as defined in §90.7. Within these MTAs, licenses will be authorized in ten channel blocks as specified in table 4B of §90.617(d) through the competitive bidding procedures described in subpart U of this part.

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# § 90.663 MTA-based SMR system operations.

- (a) MTA-based licensees authorized in the 896-901/935-940 MHz band pursuant to §90.661 may construct and operate base stations using any frequency identified in their spectrum block anywhere within their authorized MTA, provided that:
- (1) The MTA licensee affords protection, in accordance with §90.621(b), to all sites for which applications were filed on or prior to August 9, 1994.
- (2) The MTA licensee complies with any rules and international agreements that restrict use of frequencies identified in their spectrum block, including the provisions of §90.619 relating to U.S./Canadian and U.S./Mexican border areas.
- (3) The MTA licensee limits its field strength at any location on the border of the MTA service area in accordance with §90.671 and masks its emissions in accordance with §90.669.
- (b) In the event that the authorization for a previously authorized cochannel station within the MTA licensee's authorized spectrum block is terminated or revoked, the MTA licensee's co-channel obligations to such station will cease upon deletion of the facility from the Commission's licensing record. The MTA licensee then will be able to construct and operate base stations using such frequency.

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