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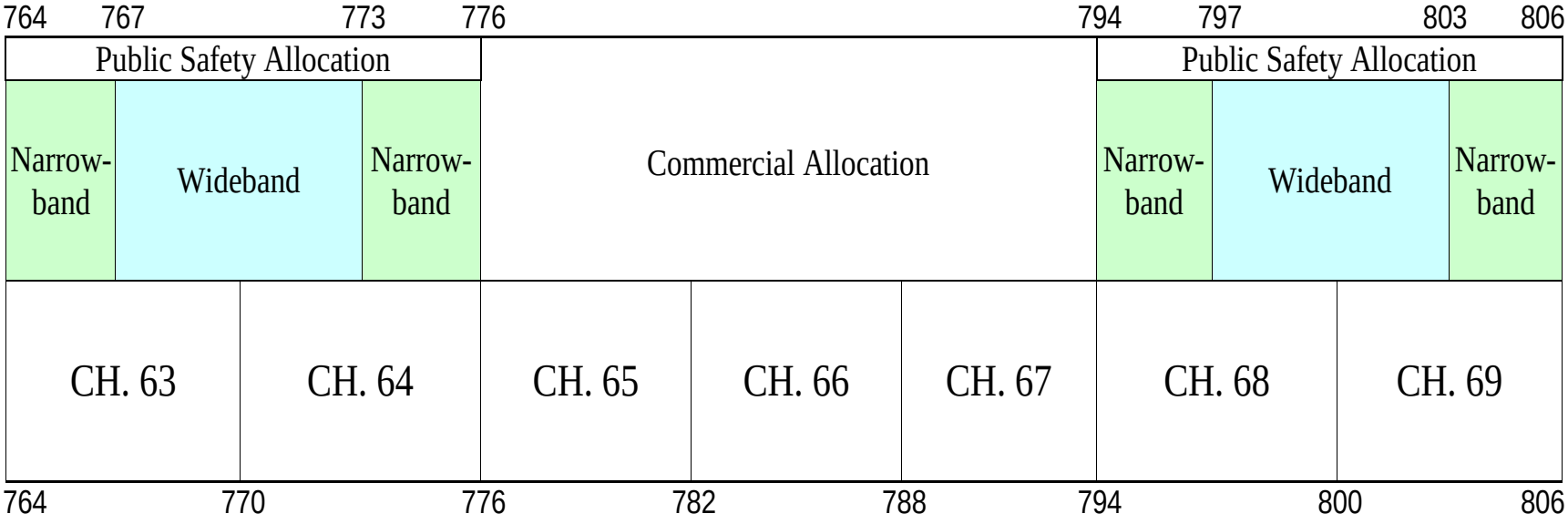
- 700 MHz spectrum: narrowband and broadband
- The D Block contingency
- Multiple funding sources

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700 MHz Narrowband segments

Before

FIGURE 6: 700 MHZ PUBLIC SAFETY BAND (PRIOR TO REVISIONS)

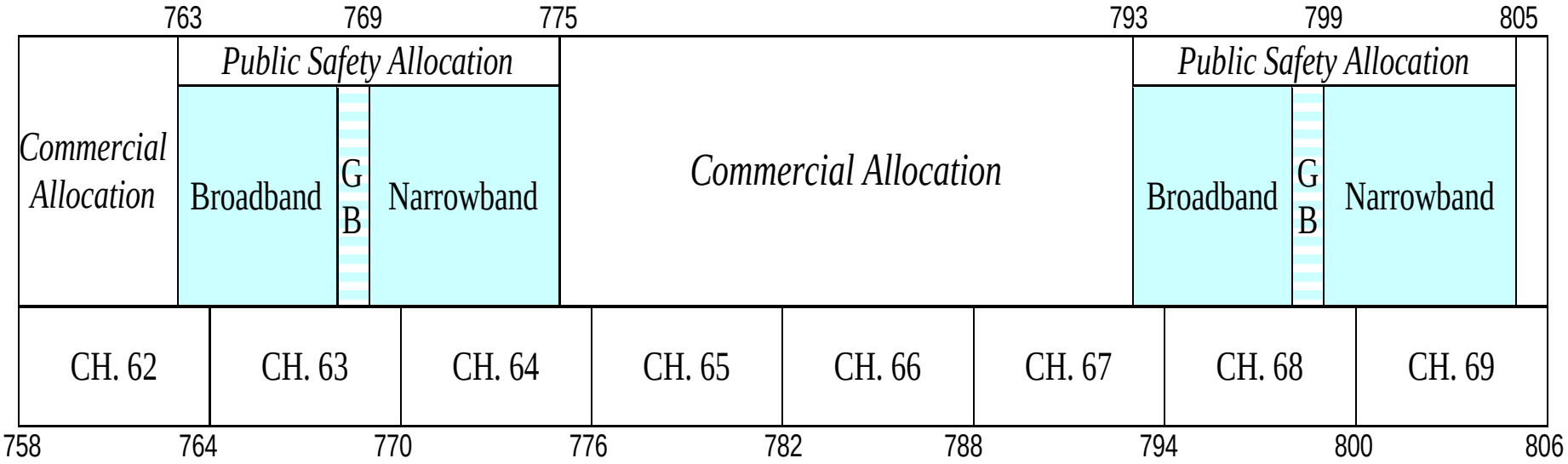


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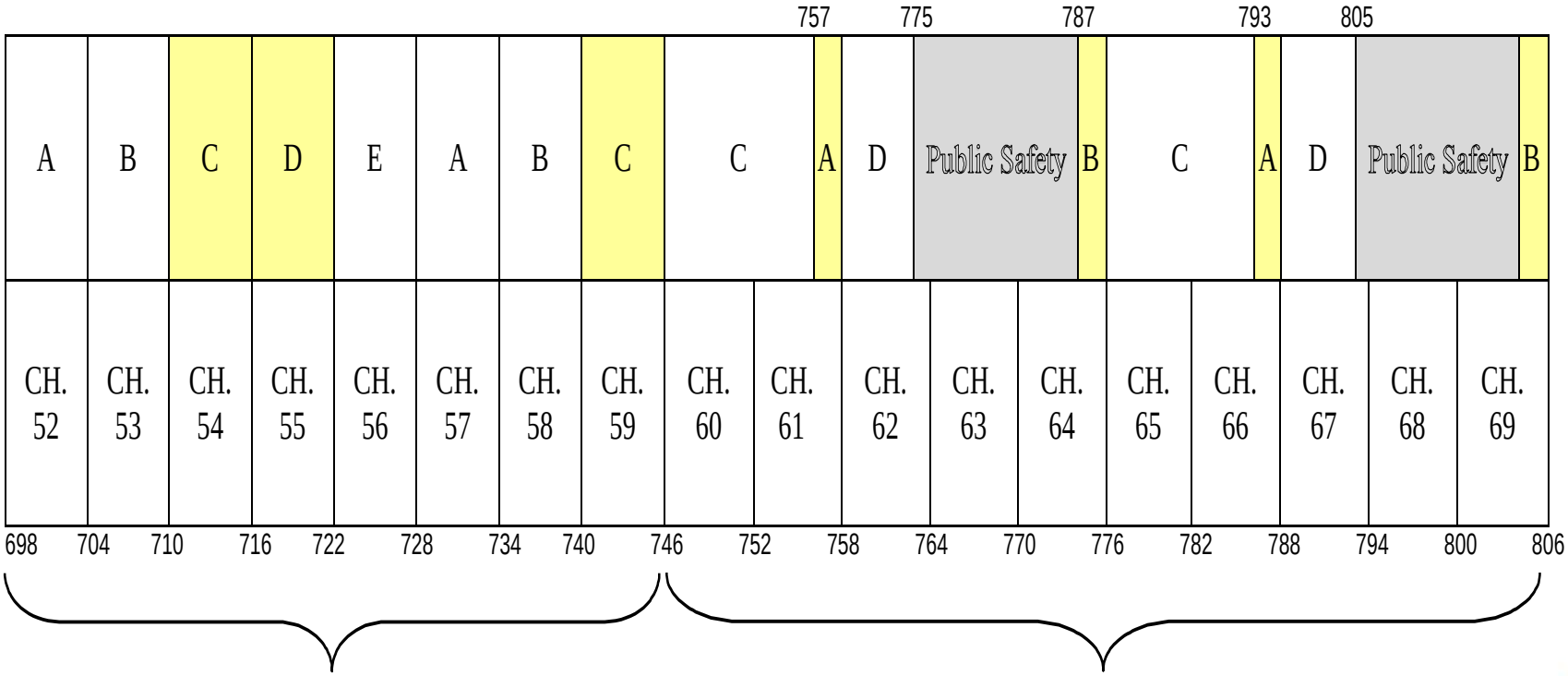
FIGURE 2: REVISED 700 MHZ BAND PLAN FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES



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The D Block Context

FIGURE 1: REVISED 700 MHZ BAND PLAN FOR COMMERCIAL SERVICES



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The 700 MHz Public Safety (PS) Shuffle

- Before 2007, 700 MHz systems had two choices for channel width: narrowband and wideband (Slide 3)
- In 2007, wideband yielded to broadband -- relative maximum sizes, 150 KHz vs 5 MHz (5000 KHz)
- And narrowband was moved to allow broadband PS to adjoin commercial D Block (Slides 4 and 5)

More Shuffles Still Possible

- 700 MHz narrowband deployments on both old and new allotments
- The old overlaps the new broadband
- The new broadband may absorb the D Block if Congress allocates to PS
- Congress split, White House for, 911 Commission for -- but OK on D Block auction, too

Some Prefer Waiver to Waiting

- More than 20 waiver grants last year to PS applicants who agreed to abide by broadband rules when final
- An equal or greater number of applications are pending
- A national licensee named in 2007, Public Safety Spectrum Trust (PSST), remains for now, partly funded by waiver grantee fees

PS Funding Results and Opportunities

- NTIA: ARRA/BTOP

  7 PS broadband deployment grants - 382 million

  http://www.ntia.doc.gov/report/2011/ninth-quarterly-status-report-congress-regarding-btop

- PSIC

  2007: Nearly $1 billion in 1-time grants for improved PS communications interoperability
  http://www.ntia.doc.gov/legacy/psic/index.html

Related Resources

- Department of Justice: Community-Oriented Policing Services (COPS) – FY 2011 applications closed

  http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=46
- Department of Homeland Security
  - FEMA
  - TSA
  - http://www.dhs.gov/xopnbiz/grants#2
  - Includes “Preparedness” (non-disaster) grants


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