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David Furth, Deputy Bureau Chief
Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Status Report on 800 MHz Band Reconfiguration
WT Docket 02-55

Dear Mr. Furth:

T-Mobile USA, Inc. hereby files this update regarding 800 MHz band reconfiguration progress with the Federal Communications Commission (“Commission”) and the 800 MHz Transition Administrator, LLC (“TA”).¹

T-Mobile is pleased to report that the City of El Paso, Texas, which had been the last public safety licensee remaining that was required to retune its facilities, successfully completed its retune last week. ***With the City of El Paso’s retune, all public safety retunes across the entire country have now been completed.*** A process that began in 2005 to retune over 2000 public safety and commercial licensees to separate incompatible operations to reduce the ongoing risk of interference to public safety in the 800 MHz band is now virtually complete.²

¹ In its September 12, 2007 *Third Memorandum Opinion and Order* in the above-captioned proceeding, the Commission required Sprint to submit monthly reports regarding 800 MHz band reconfiguration. See *Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band*, Third Memorandum Opinion and Order, WT Docket No. 02-55, at ¶¶ 29-30 (rel. Sep. 12, 2007) (“*Third Memorandum Opinion and Order*”).

² The City of El Paso still must complete post-retune testing of its newly retuned facilities, submit internal and vendor invoices to T-Mobile for payment, perform FCC licensing to remove its old 800 Mhz frequencies from its licenses and work with T-Mobile to close its Frequency Reconfiguration Agreement. From a retuning perspective, however, the City has completed its retune.



Forty-eight NPSPAC Regions are fully complete in all respects.³ In the seven remaining NPSPAC Regions,⁴ all retunes are complete with the minor exception that a single 800 MHz licensee without operational facilities may still be entitled to perform a “paper retune” of its currently dormant licenses at an unknown future date. The ultimate disposition of these licenses is dependent upon matters which are pending before the Commission.⁵ The 800 MHz Transition Administrator has certified completion of six of these seven NPSPAC Regions,⁶ and the final

³ The forty-eight NPSPAC Regions that are completed are: New Mexico (Region 29), Southern California (Region 5), Nevada (Region 27), Arizona (Region 3), Northern California (Region 6), Washington (Region 43), Puerto Rico (Region 47), U.S. Virgin Islands (Region 48), Florida (Region 9), Washington, DC/Baltimore (Region 20), Virginia (Region 42), Eastern Pennsylvania (Region 28), Western Pennsylvania (Region 36), Ohio (Region 33), Kentucky (Region 17), West Virginia (Region 44), North Carolina (Region 31), Mississippi (Region 23), Oregon (Region 35), New York – Buffalo (Region 55), Michigan (Region 21), New York – Albany (Region 30), New York (Region 8), Chicago – Great Lakes (Region 54), Louisiana (Region 18), Tennessee (Region 39), Illinois (Region 13), Alabama (Region 1), South Carolina (Region 37), Indiana (Region 14), New England (Region 19), Texas – Houston (Region 51), Montana (Region 25), Georgia (Region 10), Idaho (Region 12), Missouri (Region 24), Kansas (Region 16), Nebraska (Region 26), Wisconsin (Region 45), Iowa (Region 15), Alaska (Region 2), Minnesota (Region 22), North Dakota (Region 32), Utah (Region 41), Colorado (Region 7), Hawaii (Region 11), Wyoming (Region 46) and South Dakota (Region 38). In addition Sprint was required to reconfigure all of the U.S. Territory’s (collectively Guam/Northern Mariana Islands (BEA 173), and American Samoa (BEA175)) and those areas are also complete.

⁴ Texas – El Paso (Region 50), Texas – Dallas (Region 40), Texas – Austin (Region 49), Texas – San Antonio (Region 53), Texas – Lubbock (Region 52), Oklahoma (Region 29), and Arkansas (Region 4).

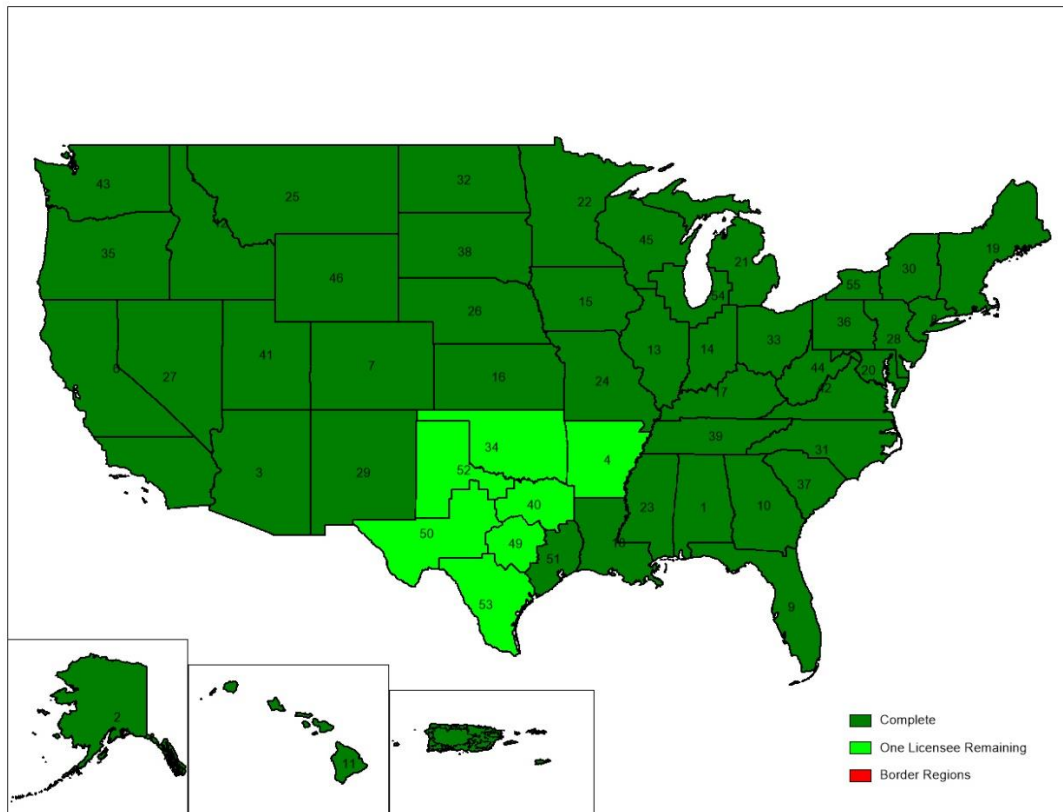
⁵ License Acquisitions is a non-operational “non-ESMR” Economic Area (“EA”) licensee whose predecessor in interest in 2006 requested a voluntary relocation to the 800 MHz ESMR band. License Acquisitions acquired these licenses in 2010. In 2011, License Acquisitions requested renewal of its newly obtained licenses and a waiver of the Commission’s 800 MHz band reconfiguration requirements. Sprint opposed these requests. The Commission has not ruled on these matters.

⁶ See Letters dated August 5, 2020 from Brett S. Hann, 800 MHz Transition Administrator to David Furth, Deputy Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau in Wt Docket 02-55 certifying completion of Region 40 (Dallas), Region 53 (San Antonio), Region 49 (Austin), Region 52 (Lubbock). See Letters dated June 22, 2020 from Brett S. Hann, 800 MHz Transition Administrator to David Furth, Deputy Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau in Wt Docket 02-55 certifying completion of Region 4 (Arkansas) and Region 34 (Oklahoma). In each TA Letter, the TA notes “the PSHSB has provided guidance that in declaring a NPSPAC region



Region, Texas – El Paso (Region 50). will be certified once the City of El Paso completes its 800 MHz licensing to remove its pre-rebanding frequencies from its 800 MHz licenses.

The following is a map showing the status of each NPSPAC Region:



In light of the completion of the City of El Paso retune, on February 26, 2021, T-Mobile filed a Petition for Waiver requesting that the Commission take steps to formally declare the conclusion of the 800 MHz band reconfiguration initiative.⁷ The 800 Mhz Transition Administrator is expected to make its own filing requesting a declaration of Program completion in March.

complete, the TA need not take notice of dormant licenses held by License Acquisitions in the non-ESMR portion of the band.”

⁷ See T-Mobile Petition for Waiver filed February 26, 2021 in WT Docket 02-55.



Should you have any further questions in this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted

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