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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., on behalf of its wholly-owned subsidiary Sprint Corporation (“Sprint”) 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

Sprint and incumbent 800 MHz licensees continue to work towards close-out of the 800 Mhz band reconfiguration initiative. In conjunction with the Commission’s Streamlining Order, Sprint has greatly intensified efforts to close Frequency Configuration Agreements (FRAs) with incumbent licensees.² As of March 31st, Sprint has only 29 FRAs left to close nationwide.

As detailed further below, with the cancellation of an incumbent licensee’s 800 MHz license in New Mexico, forty-eight NPSPAC Regions are fully complete.³ As previously reported,

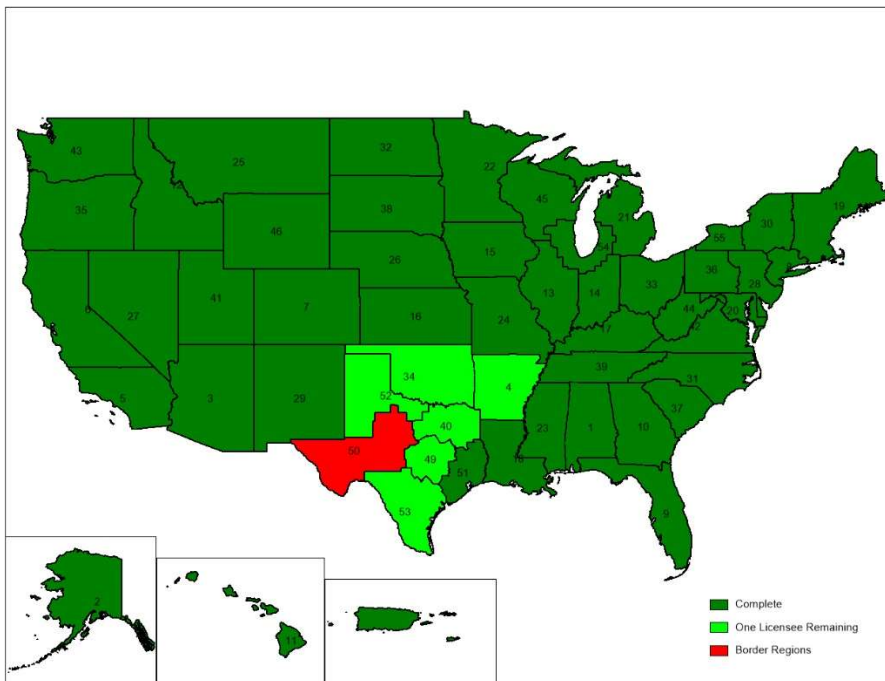
¹ In its September 12, 2007 *Third Memorandum Opinion and Order* in the above-captioned proceeding, the Commission required Sprint to submit monthly reports regarding 800 MHz band reconfiguration. *See Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band*, Third Memorandum Opinion and Order, WT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

² *See Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band, Order & 6th Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, 34 FCC Rcd. 10208 (2019) (“Streamlining Order”).

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

there are now only two 800 MHz licensees remaining nationwide and only one of those two remaining is classified as public safety. The last remaining public safety licensee is located in the Texas – El Paso NPSPAC Region 50, while one non-public safety licensee remains in the Oklahoma, Arkansas, Dallas, Austin, San Antonio, Texas – El Paso and Lubbock NPSPAC Regions.⁴

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



(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 License Acquisitions is a “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. The License Acquisitions retune has been pending subject to a series of past and recent regulatory proceedings at the FCC some of which remaining pending. While this delay impacts ultimate completion of 800 MHz band reconfiguration in seven NPSPAC Regions (Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas – Dallas, Texas – Austin, Texas – El Paso, Texas – Lubbock and Texas – San Antonio), performance of the retune has no impact on the pre- or post-NPSPAC spectrum or any public safety retunes.

Next Sprint provides a NPSPAC Region-by-NPSPAC Region list of the licensees that remain, with an indication of whether the licensee is a NPSPAC (public safety) licensee or a non-NPSPAC licensee (public safety and non-public safety). Sprint will also list in each Region whether any licensees completed their retune during the previous month.

Arkansas (Region 4)

License Acquisitions⁵ Non-NPSPAC

New Mexico (Region 29)

By a Letter Order dated February 7, 2020, an 800 MHz license issued to License Acquisiitons (WPLM230) in the Amarillo, TX EA which contained counties in New Mexico, was denied a waiver and renewal by the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau. This confirmed the cancellation of WPLM230 in April 2018. Cancellation of this license removed the last outstanding license impacting New Mexico, allowing Sprint to declare this Region complete.

Oklahoma (Region 34)

License Acquisitions⁶ Non-NPSPAC

Texas – Dallas (Region 40)

License Acquisitions⁷ Non-NPSPAC

Texas - Austin (Region 49)

License Acquisitions⁸ Non-NPSPAC

Texas – El Paso (Region 50)

License Acquisitions⁹ Non-NPSPAC
City of El Paso Non-NPSPAC remaining; NPSPAC previously completed

⁵ See footnote 4 for an explanation of this licensee’s status.

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Texas - Lubbock (Region 52)

License Acquisitions¹⁰ Non-NPSPAC

Texas – San Antonio (Region 53)

License Acquisitions¹¹ Non-NPSPAC

The following is a summary of what remains to be returned in each Region:

Total Licensees Remaining: 2

Region #	Region Name	Non-ESMR Licensees Remaining to Clear or Retune (Public Safety and Non-Public Safety)	Economic Area Licensee (Unconstructed) Waiting to Retune
4	Arkansas		1
34	Oklahoma		1
40	Texas - Dallas		1
49	Texas - Austin		1
50	Texas - El Paso	1	1
52	Texas Lubbock		1
53	Texas - San Antonio		1
Total Licensees Remaining		1	1

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Category breakdown of 2 remaining licensees by public safety and non-public safety:

Region #	Region Name	Public Safety	Non-Public Safety
4	Arkansas		1*
34	Oklahoma		1*
40	Texas - Dallas		1*
49	Texas - Austin		1*
50	Texas - El Paso	1	1*
52	Texas Lubbock		1*
53	Texas - San Antonio		1*
Total Individual Licensees		1	1

* Counting License Acquisitions (Non-public safety) as one licensee across multiple Regions.

Breakdown of Region Location for 1 remaining public safety licensee:

Region #	Region Name	NPSPAC	Non-NPSPAC Public Safety (Interleaved)
50	Texas - El Paso		1
Total Licensees		0	1

Sprint appreciates the continuing opportunity to update the Commission on the substantial progress being made in 800 MHz band reconfiguration. We remain available to discuss this Report at the Bureau's convenience. Sprint remains committed to completing this important initiative; however, as the information contained herein demonstrates, Sprint cannot complete 800 MHz band reconfiguration until all affected incumbent licensees complete their individual retuning activities.

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

Respectfully submitted

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