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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation
Wireless Emergency Alerts, PS Docket No. 15-91

Dear Ms. Dortch:

T-Mobile USA, Inc.¹ (“T-Mobile”) files this letter to reflect a recent communication Eric Hagerson of T-Mobile had with Messrs. Michael Wilhelm, Gregory Cooke and John Evanoff of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau’s Policy and Licensing Division regarding a letter filed by the Missouri State Highway Patrol (“MSHP”). The MSHP is seeking an FCC rule waiver to conduct a live test of the Wireless Emergency Alert (“WEA”) system and the Emergency Alert Service in select counties using the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System.²

In his communication, Mr. Hagerson informed FCC staff that the message length as currently proposed in the MSHP Waiver Request would exceed the current 90-character limit for a WEA message.³ Thus, the content of the proposed test WEA message would appear truncated to the end-user. T-Mobile fully supports the WEA system and was informing the FCC of this possible issue as the agency considers MSHP’s request so that appropriate action may be taken to ensure that WEA communications are as effective as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Steve Sharkey
Vice President, Technology and Engineering Policy

cc: Michael Wilhelm
Gregory Cooke
John Evanoff

¹ T-Mobile USA, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of T-Mobile US, Inc., a publicly traded company.

² See Letter from Col. Sandra K. Karsten, Superintendent, Missouri State Highway Patrol, to Michael J. Wilhelm, Chief, Policy and Licensing Division, PSHSB, FCC, PS Docket No. 15-91 (dated May 10, 2018).

³ See *id.* at 1 (According to the letter, the MSHP WEA Message would read as follows: “TEST. TEST. TEST. This is a test of the Missouri Wireless Emergency Alerts. No action is required.”).