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THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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

[Submitted via FCC Electronic Comments Filing System]

Re: NOTICE OF EX PARTE WP Docket No. 07-100, Sixth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

Dear Secretary Dortch:

On June 11, 2019, representatives of the New York City Police Department ("NYPD"), New York City Transit ("NYCT"), and the New York City Mayor's Office of Federal Affairs (collectively "The City" or "NYC") participated in an *Ex Parte* meeting on the above captioned matters with representatives of the Federal Communication Commission's ("FCC") Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau ("Commission").¹ During the meeting, the City provided the FCC with an overview of NYC's utilization of the 4.9 GHz spectrum for public safety.

The City expressed concerns about efforts to repack or reallocate 4.9, citing the extensive use by the City. In particular, NYC noted the critical role the spectrum plays in NYPD's counterterrorism efforts and camera system. NYCT explained how they utilize the spectrum below ground in the subway system to ensure safety and above ground with camera equipped NYCT buses. NYC explained how it uses the entirety of the spectrum allocated and that any reduction or interference in the 4.9 GHz could have devastating effects on public safety operations.

The City sincerely appreciates the Commission taking the time to discuss these issues.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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Chief Counsel, NYC Intergovernmental Affairs

¹ **NYPD Participants** – Assistant Commissioner Steve Harte; Detective James Tobin; Sergeant Brian Sperzel; Police Office Jose Torres; Detective Robert Sirignano; **Mayor's Office of Federal Affairs Participant** – Rebecca Kagan Sternhell, Deputy Director and General Counsel; **NYCT Participant** – Joseph Yurman, Delegated Deputy Vice President & Chief Communications Engineer / New York City Transit Authority Department of Capital Program Management - Engineering Services Division; **FCC Participants** – Lisa Fowlkes, Esq., Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Renee Roland, Esq., Special Counsel to the Bureau Chief