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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street S. W.  
Washington, DC 20554



Re: WT Docket No. 17-200  
Ex Parte Letter

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

Evergy Inc., through its operating subsidiaries Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCPL), KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company (GMO), and Westar Energy, Inc. (Westar) provides clean, safe, and reliable energy to 1.6 million customers in Kansas and Missouri. It is classified as a Critical Infrastructure Industry ("CII") entity under the FCC rules and holds numerous FCC licenses for various CII-related activities. Like most utilities, Evergy has always maintained a significant portion of its own communications networks. These networks are typically built to withstand adverse weather and other naturally occurring events so the grid can provide safe, secure, and reliable power to its customers.

Westar currently operates a 900 MHz Land Mobile Radio (LMR) system and is in the process of replacing and expanding this 900 MHz system. Evergy is working with pdvWireless on its spectrum needs for its operations in the KCPL, GMO, and Westar service areas to ensure seamless and reliable communications across the new combined service area.

While Evergy does not have an immediate need for a broadband solution in the 900 MHz band, Evergy does realize that optimizing the spectrum for its highest use is beneficial to the CII as a whole. Evergy has no objection to pdvWireless's proposal for 900 MHz broadband under the following conditions.

- Evergy is able to obtain adequate 900 MHz narrowband frequencies for the planned LMR buildout
- Adequate "frequency reuse separation" is maintained.
- Freedom from self-interference and interference from any future 900 MHz broadband deployment is assured
- Evergy's new LMR system deployment is not delayed or inhibited

Based upon the above conditions, Evergy is NOT in opposition to pdvWireless's proposal.

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