



November 26, 2018

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Lisa M. Fowlkes, Chief
Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Response to Letter Regarding 2017/18 Hurricane Seasons, PS Docket No. 11-60

Dear Ms. Fowlkes:

T-Mobile USA, Inc.¹ (“T-Mobile”) hereby submits the attached response to your November 6, 2018 letter seeking an after-event summary for each event in which T-Mobile used the Wireless Resiliency Cooperative Framework in 2017 and 2018.² T-Mobile is committed to ensuring high network reliability and competes with other wireless carriers on a daily basis to deliver on this commitment. T-Mobile is proactive in its development of a resilient network that can withstand or recover quickly from numerous types of natural disasters, including wildfires, hurricanes, and other storms.

In many cases wireless networks suffer outages due to the limited availability of commercial power and/or failures in third-party backhaul networks, rather than a failure of the wireless networks. Cooperation among wireless carriers in responding to disasters has been largely successful through the Wireless Resiliency Cooperative Framework. As T-Mobile has stated in this proceeding, recovery efforts would be significantly enhanced by taking steps to increase coordination among all stakeholders – wireless providers, power companies, and backhaul providers – regarding ways to improve information exchanges in the wake of hurricanes and other disasters.³

If you have any questions regarding T-Mobile’s response to your letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Steve B. Sharkey

Steve B. Sharkey
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cc: Jeffery Goldthorp
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¹ T-Mobile USA, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of T-Mobile US, Inc., a publicly traded company.

² Letter from Lisa M. Fowlkes, Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, to Steve Sharkey, Vice President Government Affairs, Technology and Engineering Policy, T-Mobile USA, PS Docket No. 11-60 (Nov. 6, 2018).

³ See Comments of T-Mobile USA, Inc., PS Docket No. 11-60 at 4 (July 16, 2018); Comments of T-Mobile USA, Inc., PS Docket No. 17-344 at 12-13 (Jan. 22, 2018).