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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-B204  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket No. 10-208  
WC Docket No. 10-90

Madam Secretary:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, we hereby provide you with notice of an oral ex parte presentation in connection with the above-captioned proceedings. On May 26, 2016, Grant Spellmeyer, undersigned counsel, and James Stegeman of CostQuest Associates, on behalf of United States Cellular Corporation ("U.S. Cellular"), met with James Schlichting, Margaret Wiener, Sue McNeil, Audra Hale-Maddox, Chris Helzer, Gary Michaels, Paroma Sanyal, Thuy Tran, and Kelly Quinn.

U.S. Cellular discussed its experience building facilities in remote areas using Mobility Fund I support and the high cost of constructing towers in more mountainous regions of the nation. We have enclosed a chart illustrating the geographic variance in the state-by-state average cost of Auction 901 greenfield sites constructed by U.S. Cellular. Higher costs have been largely driven by leasehold improvements, principally the need to construct roads and extend utility service to sites located in steep and challenging terrain. At a more granular level, these costs include obtaining construction permits, zoning approvals, site preparation, road construction, NEPA review, installation of power, storm water control, trenching, and landscaping.

For example, enclosed are ten photographs of U.S. Cellular's recent cell site construction project near Johns Creek, in Craig County Virginia, located within the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests. These pictures illustrate the substantial work needed to, among other things, extend a road and power trench for utilities over 5700 feet into mountainous terrain, provide for proper drainage, and excavate a level space to construct a tower.

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Commission staff requested more granular information on U.S. Cellular's costs for radio and antenna equipment costs, which U.S. Cellular committed to research and provide.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures

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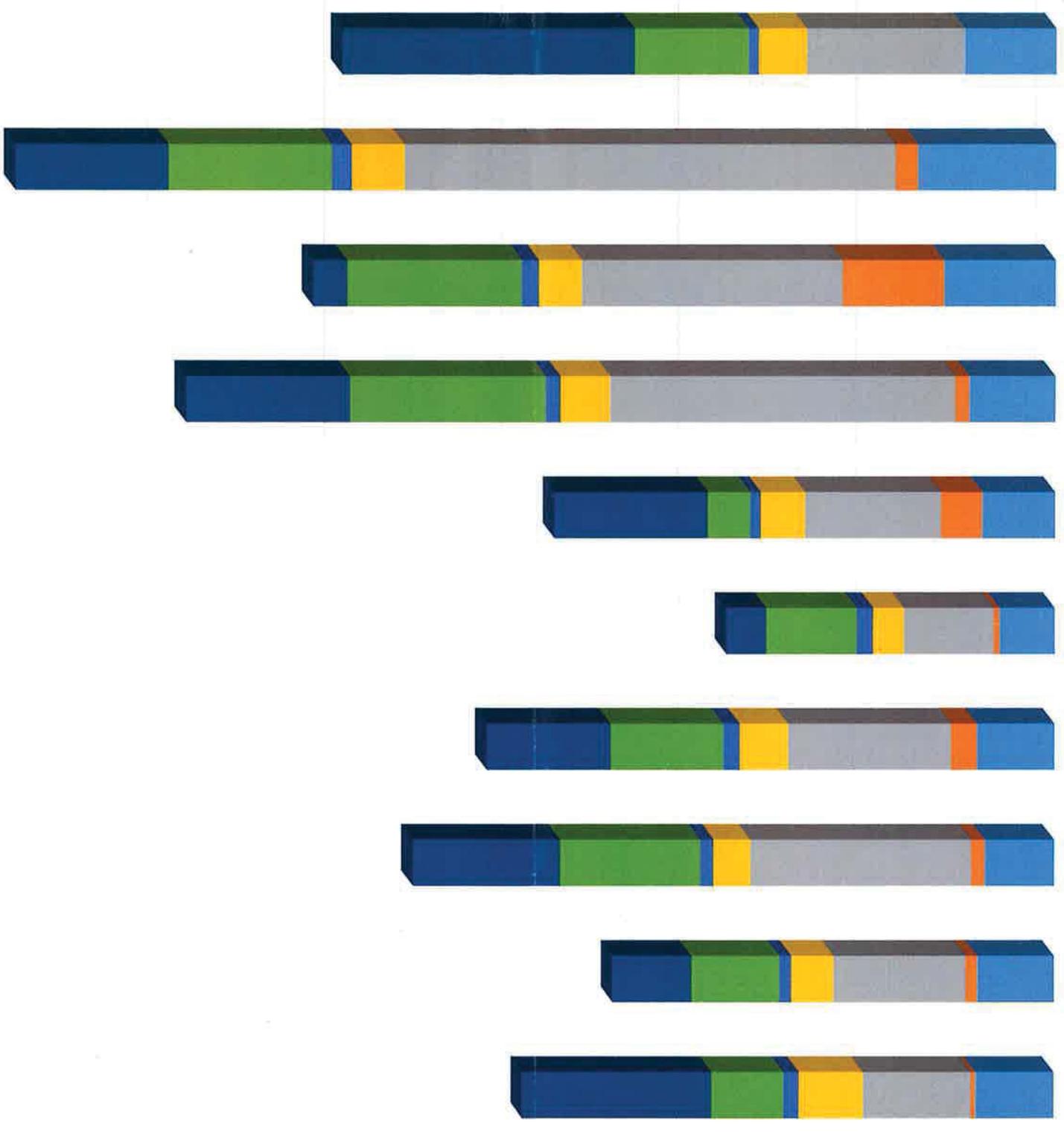
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Antenna Building Leasehold Improvements Microwave Power Equipment Radio Equipment Tower



















