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#### VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

January 22, 2021

G. Scott Shepherd Site Development Specialist II SBA Communications Corporation 134 Flanders Road, Suite 125 Westborough, MA 01581

RE: **EM-T-MOBILE-104-201218** – T-Mobile notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 39 Maennerchor Avenue, Norwich, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Shepherd:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence of January 20, 2021 submitted in response to the Council's January 20, 2021 notification of an incomplete request for exempt modification with regard to the above-referenced matter.

The submission renders the request for exempt modification complete and the Council will process the request in accordance with the Federal Communications Commission 60-day timeframe.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

s/Melanie A. Bachman

Melanie A. Bachman Executive Director

MAB/IN/emr

From: Glenn Shepherd <GShepherd@sbasite.com>Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 2:31 PMTo: Robidoux, Evan <Evan.Robidoux@ct.gov>Cc: CSC-DL Siting Council <Siting.Council@ct.gov>

Subject: RE: [External] Council Incomplete Letter for EM-T-MOBILE-104-201218 (39

Maennerchor Avenue, Norwich)

Evan, et al,

Please see the attached RF Report dated 11/25/20, which includes the Ericsson AIR 6449 B41 antennas, in accordance with the Notice of Incomplete (also attached for your reference).

This will complete the original CSC filing of 12/18/20 and satisfy the requirement of the Notice of Incomplete.

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## RADIO FREQUENCY EMISSIONS ANALYSIS REPORT EVALUATION OF HUMAN EXPOSURE POTENTIAL TO NON-IONIZING EMISSIONS

T-Mobile Existing Facility

Site ID: CTNL100G

NL100G\_OptaMaennerchor\_FT 39 Maennerchor Avenue Norwich, Connecticut 06380

**November 25, 2020** 

EBI Project Number: 6220006016

| Site Compliance Summary                                    |           |  |  |
|--|-----------|--|--|
| Compliance Status:   | COMPLIANT |  |  |
| Site total MPE% of FCC general population allowable limit: | 25.04%    |  |  |



November 25, 2020

T-Mobile Attn: Jason Overbey, RF Manager 35 Griffin Road South Bloomfield, Connecticut 06002

Emissions Analysis for Site: CTNL100G - NL100G OptaMaennerchor FT

EBI Consulting was directed to analyze the proposed T-Mobile facility located at **39 Maennerchor Avenue** in **Norwich, Connecticut** for the purpose of determining whether the emissions from the Proposed T-Mobile Antenna Installation located on this property are within specified federal limits.

All information used in this report was analyzed as a percentage of current Maximum Permissible Exposure (% MPE) as listed in the FCC OET Bulletin 65 Edition 97-01 and ANSI/IEEE Std C95.1. The FCC regulates Maximum Permissible Exposure in units of microwatts per square centimeter ( $\mu$ W/cm²). The number of  $\mu$ W/cm² calculated at each sample point is called the power density. The exposure limit for power density varies depending upon the frequencies being utilized. Wireless Carriers and Paging Services use different frequency bands each with different exposure limits; therefore, it is necessary to report results and limits in terms of percent MPE rather than power density.

All results were compared to the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) radio frequency exposure rules, 47 CFR 1.1307(b)(1) - (b)(3), to determine compliance with the Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE) limits for General Population/Uncontrolled environments as defined below.

General population/uncontrolled exposure limits apply to situations in which the general population may be exposed or in which persons who are exposed as a consequence of their employment may not be made fully aware of the potential for exposure or cannot exercise control over their exposure. Therefore, members of the general population would always be considered under this category when exposure is not employment related, for example, in the case of a telecommunications tower that exposes persons in a nearby residential area.

Public exposure to radio frequencies is regulated and enforced in units of microwatts per square centimeter ( $\mu$ W/cm²). The general population exposure limits for the 600 MHz and 700 MHz frequency bands are approximately 400  $\mu$ W/cm² and 467  $\mu$ W/cm², respectively. The general population exposure limit for the 1900 MHz (PCS), 2100 MHz (AWS) and 11 GHz frequency bands is 1000  $\mu$ W/cm². Because each carrier will be using different frequency bands, and each frequency band has different exposure limits, it is necessary to report percent of MPE rather than power density.



Occupational/controlled exposure limits apply to situations in which persons are exposed as a consequence of their employment and in which those persons who are exposed have been made fully aware of the potential for exposure and can exercise control over their exposure. Occupational/controlled exposure limits also apply where exposure is of a transient nature as a result of incidental passage through a location where exposure levels may be above general population/uncontrolled limits (see below), as long as the exposed person has been made fully aware of the potential for exposure and can exercise control over his or her exposure by leaving the area or by some other appropriate means.

Additional details can be found in FCC OET 65.

#### **CALCULATIONS**

Calculations were done for the proposed T-Mobile Wireless antenna facility located at 39 Maennerchor Avenue in Norwich, Connecticut using the equipment information listed below. All calculations were performed per the specifications under FCC OET 65. Since T-Mobile is proposing highly focused directional panel antennas, which project most of the emitted energy out toward the horizon, all calculations were performed assuming a lobe representing the maximum gain of the antenna per the antenna manufacturer's supplied specifications, minus 10 dB for directional panel antennas and 20 dB for highly focused parabolic microwave dishes, was focused at the base of the tower. For this report, the sample point is the top of a 6-foot person standing at the base of the tower.

For all calculations, all equipment was calculated using the following assumptions:

- 1) 2 LTE channels (600 MHz Band) were considered for each sector of the proposed installation. These Channels have a transmit power of 30 Watts per Channel.
- 2) I NR channel (600 MHz Band) was considered for each sector of the proposed installation. This Channel has a transmit power of 80 Watts.
- 3) 2 LTE channels (700 MHz Band) were considered for each sector of the proposed installation. These Channels have a transmit power of 30 Watts per Channel.
- 4) 4 GSM channels (PCS Band 1900 MHz) were considered for each sector of the proposed installation. These Channels have a transmit power of 30 Watts per Channel.
- 5) 4 LTE channels (PCS Band 1900 MHz) were considered for each sector of the proposed installation. These Channels have a transmit power of 60 Watts per Channel.



- 6) 2 LTE channels (AWS Band 2100 MHz) were considered for each sector of the proposed installation. These Channels have a transmit power of 60 Watts per Channel.
- 7) I LTE channel (BRS Band 2500 MHz) was considered for each sector of the proposed installation. This Channel has a transmit power of I20 Watts.
- 8) I NR channel (BRS Band 2500 MHz) was considered for each sector of the proposed installation. This Channel has a transmit power of I20 Watts.
- 9) All radios at the proposed installation were considered to be running at full power and were uncombined in their RF transmissions paths per carrier prescribed configuration. Per FCC OET Bulletin No. 65 Edition 97-01 recommendations to achieve the maximum anticipated value at each sample point, all power levels emitting from the proposed antenna installation are increased by a factor of 2.56 to account for possible in-phase reflections from the surrounding environment. This is rarely the case, and if so, is never continuous.
- 10) For the following calculations, the sample point was the top of a 6-foot person standing at the base of the tower. The maximum gain of the antenna per the antenna manufacturer's supplied specifications, minus 10 dB for directional panel antennas and 20 dB for highly focused parabolic microwave dishes, was used in this direction. This value is a very conservative estimate as gain reductions for these particular antennas are typically much higher in this direction.
- 11) The antennas used in this modeling are the Ericsson AIR 32 for the 1900 MHz / 1900 MHz / 2100 MHz channel(s), the RFS APXVAALL24 43-U-NA20 for the 600 MHz / 600 MHz / 700 MHz / 1900 MHz channel(s), the Ericsson AIR 6449 for the 2500 MHz / 2500 MHz channel(s) in Sector A, the Ericsson AIR 32 for the 1900 MHz / 1900 MHz / 2100 MHz channel(s), the RFS APXVAALL24 43-U-NA20 for the 600 MHz / 600 MHz / 700 MHz / 1900 MHz channel(s), the Ericsson AIR 6449 for the 2500 MHz / 2500 MHz channel(s) in Sector B, the Ericsson AIR 32 for the 1900 MHz / 1900 MHz / 2100 MHz channel(s), the RFS APXVAALL24 43-U-NA20 for the 600 MHz / 600 MHz / 700 MHz / 1900 MHz channel(s), the Ericsson AIR 6449 for the 2500 MHz / 2500 MHz channel(s) in Sector C. This is based on feedback from the carrier with regard to anticipated antenna selection. All Antenna gain values and associated transmit power levels are shown in the Site Inventory and Power Data table below. The maximum gain of the antenna per the antenna manufacturer's supplied specifications, minus 10 dB for directional panel antennas and 20 dB for highly focused parabolic microwave dishes, was used for all calculations. This value is a very conservative estimate as gain reductions for these particular antennas are typically much higher in this direction.



- 12) The antenna mounting height centerline of the proposed antennas is 117 feet above ground level (AGL).
- 13) Emissions values for additional carriers were taken from the Connecticut Siting Council active database. Values in this database are provided by the individual carriers themselves.
- 14) All calculations were done with respect to uncontrolled / general population threshold limits.



## **T-Mobile Site Inventory and Power Data**

| Sector:             | A  | Sector:             | В  | Sector:             | C  |
|---------------------|--|---------------------|--|---------------------|--|
| 555511              | . A  | 333311              | _  |                     |  |
| Antenna #:          | <u> </u>   | Antenna #:          | l  | Antenna #:          | <u> </u>   |
| Make / Model:       | Ericsson AIR 32                                  | Make / Model:       | Ericsson AIR 32                                  | Make / Model:       | Ericsson AIR 32                                  |
| Frequency Bands:    | 1900 MHz / 1900 MHz /<br>2100 MHz                | Frequency Bands:    | 1900 MHz / 1900 MHz /<br>2100 MHz                | Frequency Bands:    | 1900 MHz / 1900 MHz /<br>2100 MHz                |
|                     | 15.35 dBd / 15.35 dBd /                          |                     | 15.35 dBd / 15.35 dBd /                          |                     | 15.35 dBd / 15.35 dBd /                          |
| Gain:               | 15.85 dBd  | Gain:               | 15.85 dBd  | Gain:               | 15.85 dBd  |
| Height (AGL):       | II7 feet   | Height (AGL):       | II7 feet   | Height (AGL):       | II7 feet   |
| Channel Count:      | 8  | Channel Count:      | 8  | Channel Count:      | 8  |
| Total TX Power (W): | 360 Watts  | Total TX Power (W): | 360 Watts  | Total TX Power (W): | 360 Watts  |
| ERP (W):            | 12,841.53  | ERP (W):            | 12,841.53  | ERP (W):            | 12,841.53  |
| Antenna A1 MPE %:   | 3.37%  | Antenna B1 MPE %:   | 3.37%  | Antenna C1 MPE %:   | 3.37%  |
| Antenna #:          | 2  | Antenna #:          | 2  | Antenna #:          | 2  |
| Make / Model:       | RFS APXVAALL24_43-U-<br>NA20                     | Make / Model:       | RFS APXVAALL24_43-U-<br>NA20                     | Make / Model:       | RFS APXVAALL24_43-U-<br>NA20                     |
| Frequency Bands:    | 600 MHz / 600 MHz / 700<br>MHz / 1900 MHz        | Frequency Bands:    | 600 MHz / 600 MHz / 700<br>MHz / 1900 MHz        | Frequency Bands:    | 600 MHz / 600 MHz / 700<br>MHz / 1900 MHz        |
| Gain:               | 12.95 dBd / 12.95 dBd /<br>13.65 dBd / 15.45 dBd | Gain:               | 12.95 dBd / 12.95 dBd /<br>13.65 dBd / 15.45 dBd | Gain:               | 12.95 dBd / 12.95 dBd /<br>13.65 dBd / 15.45 dBd |
| Height (AGL):       | II7 feet   | Height (AGL):       | I I 7 feet                                       | Height (AGL):       | II7 feet   |
| Channel Count:      | 7  | Channel Count:      | 7  | Channel Count:      | 7  |
| Total TX Power (W): | 320 Watts  | Total TX Power (W): | 320 Watts  | Total TX Power (W): | 320 Watts  |
| ERP (W):            | 8,360.85   | ERP (W):            | 8,360.85   | ERP (W):            | 8,360.85   |
| Antenna A2 MPE %:   | 3.70%  | Antenna B2 MPE %:   | 3.70%  | Antenna C2 MPE %:   | 3.70%  |
| Antenna #:          | 3  | Antenna #:          | 3  | Antenna #:          | 3  |
| Make / Model:       | Ericsson AIR 6449                                | Make / Model:       | Ericsson AIR 6449                                | Make / Model:       | Ericsson AIR 6449                                |
| Frequency Bands:    | 2500 MHz / 2500 MHz                              | Frequency Bands:    | 2500 MHz / 2500 MHz                              | Frequency Bands:    | 2500 MHz / 2500 MHz                              |
| Gain:               | 22.05 dBd / 22.05 dBd                            | Gain:               | 22.05 dBd / 22.05 dBd                            | Gain:               | 22.05 dBd / 22.05 dBd                            |
| Height (AGL):       | II7 feet   | Height (AGL):       | II7 feet   | Height (AGL):       | II7 feet   |
| Channel Count:      | 2  | Channel Count:      | 2  | Channel Count:      | 2  |
| Total TX Power (W): | 240 Watts  | Total TX Power (W): | 240 Watts  | Total TX Power (W): | 240 Watts  |
| ERP (W):            | 38,477.89  | ERP (W):            | 38,477.89  | ERP (W):            | 38,477.89  |
| Antenna A3 MPE %:   | 10.11%   | Antenna B3 MPE %:   | 10.11%   | Antenna C3 MPE %:   | 10.11%   |

| Site Composite MPE %        |        |  |  |
|-----------------------------|--------|--|--|
| Carrier                     | MPE %  |  |  |
| T-Mobile (Max at Sector A): | 17.18% |  |  |
| Metro PCS                   | 0.44%  |  |  |
| AT&T                        | 5.79%  |  |  |
| Verizon                     | 1.63%  |  |  |
| Site Total MPE % :          | 25.04% |  |  |

| T-Mobile MPE % Per Sector |        |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------|--------|--|--|--|--|
| T-Mobile Sector A Total:  | 17.18% |  |  |  |  |
| T-Mobile Sector B Total:  | 17.18% |  |  |  |  |
| T-Mobile Sector C Total:  | 17.18% |  |  |  |  |
|                           |        |  |  |  |  |
| Site Total MPE % :        | 25.04% |  |  |  |  |

| T-Mobile Maximum MPE Power Values (Sector A)          |               |                               |               |                              |                    |                        |                  |
|---|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| T-Mobile Frequency Band /<br>Technology<br>(Sector A) | #<br>Channels | Watts ERP<br>(Per<br>Channel) | Height (feet) | Total Power Density (µW/cm²) | Frequency<br>(MHz) | Allowable MPE (μW/cm²) | Calculated % MPE |
| T-Mobile 1900 MHz GSM                                 | 4             | 1028.30                       | 117.0         | 10.80                        | 1900 MHz GSM       | 1000                   | 1.08%            |
| T-Mobile 1900 MHz LTE                                 | 2             | 2056.61                       | 117.0         | 10.80                        | 1900 MHz LTE       | 1000                   | 1.08%            |
| T-Mobile 2100 MHz LTE                                 | 2             | 2307.55                       | 117.0         | 12.12                        | 2100 MHz LTE       | 1000                   | 1.21%            |
| T-Mobile 600 MHz LTE                                  | 2             | 591.73                        | 117.0         | 3.11                         | 600 MHz LTE        | 400                    | 0.78%            |
| T-Mobile 600 MHz NR                                   | I             | 1577.94                       | 117.0         | 4.14                         | 600 MHz NR         | 400                    | 1.04%            |
| T-Mobile 700 MHz LTE                                  | 2             | 695.22                        | 117.0         | 3.65                         | 700 MHz LTE        | 467                    | 0.78%            |
| T-Mobile 1900 MHz LTE                                 | 2             | 2104.51                       | 117.0         | 11.05                        | 1900 MHz LTE       | 1000                   | 1.11%            |
| T-Mobile 2500 MHz LTE                                 | I             | 19238.94                      | 117.0         | 50.53                        | 2500 MHz LTE       | 1000                   | 5.05%            |
| T-Mobile 2500 MHz NR                                  | I             | 19238.94                      | 117.0         | 50.53                        | 2500 MHz NR        | 1000                   | 5.05%            |
|   |               |                               |               |                              | Total:             | 17.18%                 |                  |

<sup>•</sup> NOTE: Totals may vary by approximately 0.01% due to summation of remainders in calculations.



### **Summary**

All calculations performed for this analysis yielded results that were **within** the allowable limits for general population exposure to RF Emissions.

The anticipated maximum composite contributions from the T-Mobile facility as well as the site composite emissions value with regards to compliance with FCC's allowable limits for general population exposure to RF Emissions are shown here:

| T-Mobile Sector         | Power Density Value (%) |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sector A:               | 17.18%                  |
| Sector B:               | 17.18%                  |
| Sector C:               | 17.18%                  |
| T-Mobile Maximum        | 17.18%                  |
| MPE % (Sector A):       | 17.10%                  |
|                         |                         |
| Site Total:             | 25.04%                  |
|                         |                         |
| Site Compliance Status: | COMPLIANT               |

The anticipated composite MPE value for this site assuming all carriers present is **25.04**% of the allowable FCC established general population limit sampled at the ground level. This is based upon values listed in the Connecticut Siting Council database for existing carrier emissions.

FCC guidelines state that if a site is found to be out of compliance (over allowable thresholds), that carriers over a 5% contribution to the composite value will require measures to bring the site into compliance. For this facility, the composite values calculated were well within the allowable 100% threshold standard per the federal government.