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Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau and Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Announce Special Procedures to Assist Licensees in Areas Impacted by California Wildfires

The Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau and the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau announce procedures to help public safety, private and commercial wireless licensees maintain or resume operations in the event their facilities are threatened or compromised by the California wildfires. For additional information, licensees should contact the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau or Wireless Telecommunications Bureau staff listed below.

Special Temporary Authority: Emergency requests for special temporary authority (STA) prompted by the effects of the wildfires and filed pursuant to Section 1.931 of the Commission's rules¹ may be submitted by informal letter or email or, if necessary, by telephone. Licensees may file requests electronically through the Universal Licensing System (ULS). All requests should provide the technical parameters of the proposed operation and a contact point. Requests should include the following certification: "Neither the applicant nor any party to this application is subject to a denial of federal benefits that includes FCC benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 862." These requests will be handled as expeditiously as possible. To file STA requests via email or fax, or to receive an oral STA during regular business hours, licensees may contact the following personnel:

- Parts 22, 24, and 27 (excluding the Broadband Radio Service and Educational Broadband Service): Keith Harper (202) 418-2759; fax (202) 418-1412; Keith.Harper@fcc.gov.
- Parts 27 (Broadband Radio Service and Educational Broadband Service only), 74, and 101 (excluding Public Safety): Stephen Buenzow (717) 338-2647; fax (717) 338-2696; Stephen.Buenzow@fcc.gov.
- Parts 80, 87, 90 (excluding Public Safety), 95, and 97: Terry Fishel (717) 338-2602; fax (717) 339-5661 Terry.Fishel@fcc.gov.
- Parts 90 (Public Safety only) and 101 (Public Safety only): Tracy Simmons (717) 338-2657; fax (717) 338-2696; Tracy.Simmons@fcc.gov.

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 1.931.

Finally, licensees are reminded that Sections 22.307, 90.407, and 101.205 of the Commission's rules² address operation during periods of emergency for licensees authorized under these rule parts. These rules allow licensees to provide emergency communications during a period of emergency in a manner or configuration not specified in the station authorization or in the rules governing such stations.

In addition, during evening hours, weekends, and holidays, licensees needing FCC emergency assistance or STAs can call the FCC's Communications Center, which is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at (202) 418-1122.

Questions and information requests may be directed to the Commission main telephone numbers:

Voice (toll-free): 1-888-225-5322 (1-888-CALL FCC)

TTY (toll-free): 1-888-835-5322 (1-888-TELL FCC)

FAX (toll-free): 1-866-418-0232

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² 47 C.F.R. §§ 22.307, 90.407, 101.205.