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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU AND OFFICE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY ANNOUNCE THE APPROVAL AND REGISTRATION OF ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SENSING CAPABILITY SENSORS OF ESC OPERATORS FOR THE 3.5 GHZ BAND

GN Docket No. 15-319

With this *Public Notice*, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) and the Office of Engineering and Technology (OET) (collectively, WTB/OET) of the Federal Communications Commission (Commission or FCC) approve the additional or updated Environmental Sensing Capability (ESC) sensor deployment and coverage plans (ESC Sensor Registrations) of two ESC operators, CommScope¹ and Google.² WTB/OET, in close consultation with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and the Department of Defense (DoD), reviewed and approved the updated ESC Sensor Registrations, which sufficiently describe the proposed coverage for the dynamic protection areas (DPAs)³ listed below.

CommScope and Google are authorized to operate their ESC sensors consistent with the information—including sensor locations, configuration, and DPA coverage—submitted to, and approved

¹ CommScope announced in October 2018 that Google and CommScope entered into a joint partnership to operate an ESC. Press Release, CommScope, CommScope and Google Team Up to Drive CBRS Forward (Oct. 18, 2018), <https://www.commscope.com/NewsCenter/PressReleases/CommScope-and-Google-Team-Up-to-Drive-CBRS-Forward/>.

² CommScope and Google are approved ESC operators. *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and Office of Engineering and Technology Announce the Approval of Environmental Sensing Capabilities for the 3.5 GHz Band*, Public Notice, DA 19-352, 34 FCC Rcd 2792 (WTB/OET Apr. 29, 2019) (*ESC Operator Approval Public Notice*). Both ESC operators submitted ESC Sensor Registrations to WTB/OET consistent with the process described in the *ESC Sensor Registration Public Notice*. *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and Office of Engineering and Technology Establish Procedure for Registering Environmental Sensing Capability Sensors*, GN Docket No. 15-319, Public Notice, 33 FCC Rcd 10016 (WTB/OET 2018) (*ESC Sensor Registration Public Notice*). Both ESC operators requested confidentiality when they submitted their ESC Sensor Registrations and filed a list of dynamic protection areas covered by their ESC sensors consistent with the filing instructions in the *ESC Sensor Registration Public Notice*. Pursuant to their joint partnership, CommScope and Google submitted a joint filing. See Letter from H. Mark Gibson, Director, Regulatory Policy, CommScope, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, GN Docket No. 15-319 (filed Nov. 15, 2019), <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filing/1115953919304> and Letter from H. Mark Gibson, Director, Regulatory Policy, CommScope, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, GN Docket No. 15-319 (filed Nov. 18, 2019), <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filing/111913382998> (collectively, CommScope and Google Updated Joint DPA List).

³ DPAs are pre-defined protection areas that extend beyond the coastline or that enclose a protected terrestrial radar facility, which may be activated or deactivated as necessary to protect DoD radar systems. *Promoting Investment in the 3550-3700 MHz Band*, GN Docket No. 17-258, Order, 33 FCC Rcd 4987 (WTB/OET 2018). NTIA depicts the
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by, WTB/OET.⁴ In addition, each certified ESC must operate in conjunction with at least one Spectrum Access System (SAS) that has been approved for commercial deployment by the Commission.⁵ Before providing commercial service for any given DPA, each ESC operator must file a notification in GN Docket No. 15-319. This notification must affirm that the approved sensors covering the DPA are constructed and operational and must list the approved SASs with which the ESC is communicating.

ESC Operator CommScope⁶ has satisfied the sensor coverage requirements for the following DPAs:

- East DPAs 2, 3, and 12 through 26;
- East Mayport;
- East Pascagoula Port; and
- West Alameda.⁷

ESC Operator Google has satisfied the sensor coverage requirements for the following DPAs:

- East DPAs 2, 3, and 12 through 26;
- East Mayport;
- East Pascagoula Port; and
- West Alameda.⁸

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DPAs in Attachment A of a letter sent by Paige R. Atkins, NTIA, to Julius P. Knapp and Donald K. Stockdale Jr. of the FCC on May 17, 2018. This letter and the specific coordinates for the DPAs are available at <https://www.ntia.doc.gov/fcc-filing/2015/ntia-letter-fcc-commercial-operations-3550-3650-mhz-band>.

⁴ *ESC Operator Approval Public Notice*, 34 FCC Rcd at 2794 (citing *ESC Sensor Registration Public Notice*, 33 FCC Rcd at 10016). See also *Amendment of the Commission's Rules with Regard to Commercial Operations in the 3550-3650 MHz Band*, GN Docket No. 12-354, Report and Order and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 30 FCC Rcd 3959 at 4070-71, para. 386 (2015 Report and Order and 2015 FNPRM, respectively).

⁵ *ESC Operator Approval Public Notice*, 34 FCC Rcd at 2794 (citing *ESC Sensor Registration Public Notice*, 33 FCC Rcd at 10016). See also *2015 Report and Order*, 30 FCC Rcd at 4070-71, para. 386.

⁶ CommScope and Google jointly submitted their ESC sensor registrations with the Commission pursuant to their joint partnership. In the event they cease their joint partnership, they must submit a filing with the Commission in GN Docket 15-319 detailing how the approved DPA sites and their management responsibilities will be assigned.

⁷ CommScope and Google Updated Joint DPA List.

⁸ *Id.*

Parties are permitted to update their ESC Sensor Registrations at any time in accordance with the process established in the *ESC Sensor Registration Public Notice*, and they must provide updates on an ongoing basis if any changes are made to the parameters of their approved ESC sensor deployments. WTB/OET will continue to approve ESC Sensor Registrations on a rolling basis as described in the *ESC Sensor Registration Public Notice*.⁹ We remind ESC Operators that, going forward, they must file ESC Sensor Registrations and any supplements with the Commission using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System.¹⁰ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998). ESC Operators may request confidential treatment of information contained in their filings consistent with Section 0.459 of the Commission's rules.¹¹ All such filings should refer to **GN Docket 15-319**. These modified procedural requirements supersede those set forth in the *ESC Sensor Registration Public Notice*.¹²

By the Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, and the Acting Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology.

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⁹ *ESC Sensor Registration Public Notice*, 33 FCC Rcd at 10017.

¹⁰ *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and Office of Engineering and Technology Announce the Approval and Registration Of Additional Environmental Sensing Capability Sensors of ESC Operators for the 3.5 GHz Band*, GN Docket No. 15-319, Public Notice, DA 19-1210 (WTB/OET Nov. 26, 2019). CommScope and Google's filings, which are the subject of this Public Notice, were submitted prior the November 2019 modified filing requirements.

¹¹ See 47 CFR § 0.459.

¹² *ESC Sensor Registration Public Notice*, 33 FCC Rcd at 10018.