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OFFICE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY SEEKS COMMENT ON ROBERT BOSCH, LLC REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF CERTAIN PART 15 ULTRA-WIDEBAND (UWB) RULES

ET Docket No. 20-268

Comment Date: September 21, 2020
Reply Comment Date: October 19, 2020

On April 13, 2020, Robert Bosch, LLC (Bosch) filed a request for waiver of the Commission's Part 15 ultra-wideband (UWB) rules to allow the marketing and operations of its frequency hopped UWB wall imaging system, known as the Wallscanner D-Tect 200 Professional (D-Tect 200).¹ Bosch states that the D-Tect 200 is a tool for skilled professional deployment in the construction trade, used for detection and inspection of ferrous and non-ferrous metals, electric cables, wooden beams, plastic pipes, and for identification of structural flaws within construction materials. According to the request the device operates between 1.8 GHz -5.7 GHz² and hops continuously over the complete operating frequency range from lowest to highest frequency. Each single hop step has a bandwidth less than 1 kHz and a maximum dwell time of 65 microseconds. The step width is between 106 megahertz and 160 megahertz and the maximum time for each hop sequence is 2.3ms.

Bosch seeks a rule waiver to permit it to use a frequency hopping configuration for its device. Specifically, Bosch seeks a waiver of section 15.503(d), which requires that a UWB transmitter at any point in time have a fractional bandwidth equal to or greater than 0.20 or an UWB bandwidth equal to or greater than 500 megahertz, regardless of the fractional bandwidth.³ Bosch also requests a related waiver of section 15.503(h), which lays out the definition for a wall imaging system, and section 15.521(d), which requires that if pulse gating is employed where the transmitter is quiescent for intervals that are long compared to the nominal pulse repetition interval, measurements shall be made with the pulse train gated on.⁴ A waiver of Sections 15.503(d), 15.503(h), and 15.521(d) of the rules is needed so that Bosch

¹ Robert Bosch, LLC Request for Waiver (Request), filed April 13, 2020.

² Robert Bosch LLC Notice of Ex Parte Presentation, non-docketed filing, filed June 23, 2020.

³ 47 CFR § 15.503(d).

⁴ 47 CFR §§ 15.503(h), 15.521(d).

can perform measurements to demonstrate compliance with the rules, while the system is operating in its normal transmission mode.

The FCC's Office of Engineering and Technology (OET) is reviewing the waiver request and has concluded that to develop a complete record on the issues presented by this request, this proceeding will be treated, for *ex parte* purposes, as "permit-but-disclose" in accordance with Section 1.1200(a) of the Commission's rules, subject to the requirements under Section 1.1206(b).

Interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs/>.
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⁵ See *FCC Announces Closure of FCC Headquarters Open Window and Change in Hand-Delivery Policy*, Public Notice, DA 20-304 (March 19, 2020), <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-closes-headquarters-open-window-and-changes-hand-delivery-policy>.

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