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Subject: FW: Emergency STA Request - US Cellular
Attachments: US Cellular STA Donald Stockdale letter(73642359.1) Final 2 as filed.pdf

Good afternoon

United States Cellular Corporation's (US Cellular) request for an emergency Special Temporary Authorization (STA) to operate on the spectrum; and within the market areas that are associated with Advantage Spectrum L.P.'s AT radio service (AWS-3) licenses that are identified in the attached document is granted via this email for a period of 60 days. US Cellular must cease its operations on the frequencies associated with the identified AT licenses if Advantage withdraws its approval for US Cellular to use its AT radio service spectrum at any time. US Cellular will be using this spectrum in Washington, California, Oregon, and Wisconsin to increase its services to customers during the national emergency caused by the spread of the coronavirus throughout the United States. This STA is authorized on a secondary non-interference basis. US Cellular must cease operating on these frequencies if it causes harmful interference to any primary users. Any structure utilized to operate pursuant to this STA must comply with the height limitations specified in Section 17.7 of the Commission's rules or must be registered with the FAA. US Cellular must file an application for Special Temporary Authorization (STA) to continue its operations within 10 days of today's date (March 17, 2020).

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See attached emergency STA request. Please let me know what else you need to get this processed as soon as possible.

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U.S. Cellular
202-290-0233



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Mr. Donald Stockdale
Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC, 20554

Re: Emergency Request for Special Temporary Authority

Dear Mr. Stockdale:

United States Cellular Corporation (“U.S. Cellular”), pursuant to Section 1.931 of the FCC’s Rules, hereby requests emergency Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) to use certain spectrum in the AWS-3 Band (G, H, and I Blocks) for a period of sixty (60) days from Commission action to assist in wireless industry efforts to keep Americans connected during the coronavirus pandemic. This STA is limited to certain markets in the states of Washington, California, Oregon and Wisconsin in which U.S. Cellular is concerned that its existing spectrum may be insufficient to handle increasing demand for internet access and in which they can deploy the requested spectrum quickly.

The Requested STA Will Serve The Public Interest

It is undisputed that the nation is in the midst of an unprecedented national emergency, which involves “social distancing,” i.e., deliberate separation of citizens from each other, as a means of combating spread of the virus. At such a time, wireless communication obviously becomes more important than ever, as Americans will have to conduct many work and education-related activities remotely, including “telework” and “distance learning.”

U.S. Cellular is concerned that potential increases in data consumption caused by more and more customers working at home during this crisis in certain of its markets in the northwest cannot be accommodated without access to additional spectrum. Accordingly, U.S. Cellular requests authority, for a period of sixty days from Commission action on this request, to use the spectrum authorizations listed in Exhibit A, which are currently licensed to Advantage Spectrum, L.P. (“Advantage”). This requested has been narrowly tailored to be limited to markets in which the requested spectrum can be expeditiously deployed. Advantage has consented to U.S. Cellular’s use of the spectrum at no cost and has agreed to support U.S. Cellular’s temporary use of the spectrum to help ameliorate the growing need for internet access during this national emergency as customers pay heed to the warnings by the CDC and other health organizations to practice “social distancing”.

Requested Rule Waiver

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U.S. Cellular recognizes that the FCC's Rules generally require that STA requests be submitted electronically on FCC Form 601. Accordingly, it requires a waiver of that rule. The Universal Licensing System is not configured to process STA requests involving spectrum licensed to other entities and approval would be delayed. U.S. Cellular will, however, submit a "paper" STA filing with all appropriate fees within the next ten days confirming this request.

We look forward to your prompt response. If you have questions concerning this request, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



Grant B. Spellmeyer

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Exhibit A

<u>Call Sign</u>	<u>Market Name</u>
WQXW457	Richland-Kennewick-Pasco, WA
WQXW455	Yakima, WA
WQXW539	Washington 5 - Kittitas
WQXW471	California 9 - Mendocino
WQXW526	Oregon 5 - Coos
WQXW462	Kenosha, WI
WQXW448	Richland-Kennewick-Pasco WA
WQXW446	Eugene-Springfield OR-CA
WQXW449	Richland-Kennewick-Pasco WA