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The request from Verizon Wireless for Emergency Authorization for standard Section 106 review to proceed, dated September 11, 2020 and posted September 14, 2020, for TCNS#s 209197, 200154, 200345, 200348, 207767, 207767, 200347, 207767, 200351, 204995 are granted via this email.

On June 25, 2020, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau issued a Public Notice announcing an electronic process for FCC licensees to apply for emergency authorization to resume standard historic preservation review for qualifying critical infrastructure projects during this COVID-19 crisis. *See Section 106 Emergency Authorizations During Covid-19*, Public Notice, 35 FCC Rcd 6517 (WTB 2020). Verizon Wireless requested an emergency authorization [click here to view request] under this process based upon one of the criteria set forth in the Public Notice – "network congestion due to COVID-19 effects."

Standard Section 106 review will proceed for these projects in accordance with the procedures established in the Second Report and Order, notwithstanding State or Tribal Historic Preservation Office closures. See *Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment*, Second Report and Order, 33 FCC Rcd 3102, 3151, para. 111 (2018) (Second Report and Order), remanded in part sub nom., *United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians v. FCC*, 933 F.3d 728 (D.C. Cir. 2019). This authorization only applies to the extent that the Tribal offices cited in the request remain closed. Where a Tribal office was closed as a result of the pandemic, but now has reopened (as is the case with Eastern Shoshone offices), the standard Section 106 timeframes for review will apply for that office.

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