

Date: February 16, 2016  
Subject: Request for Confidential Treatment  
File Number: 0095-EX-PL-2016

To Whom It May Concern:

Google Inc. (Google), pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 and Sections 0.457 and 0.459 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.457, 0.459, hereby requests that certain information complementary to its above-referenced application for an Experimental Radio Service License (Experimental License) be treated as confidential and not subject to public inspection. The designated information constitutes confidential and proprietary information that, if subject to public disclosure, would cause significant commercial, economic, and competitive harm. As described below, Google's request satisfies the standards for grant of such requests set forth in Sections 0.457 and 0.459 of the Commission's Rules.

In accordance with Section 0.459(b) and in support of this request, Google provides the following information:

**1. Identification of the Information for Which Confidential Treatment is Sought:**

Google's request for confidential treatment is limited to information that has been redacted from the Experimental License and Exhibits A and B. Google does not seek to withhold from public inspection information in the Experimental License and associated exhibits necessary for interference mitigation, including applicant name, contact information, test location, frequency, output power, effective radiated power, emission characteristics, and modulation.

**Exhibit A - Special Temporary Authority Justification:**

Google requests confidential treatment of the following underlined text from Exhibit A that contain confidential and proprietary information regarding the proposed tests/experiments:

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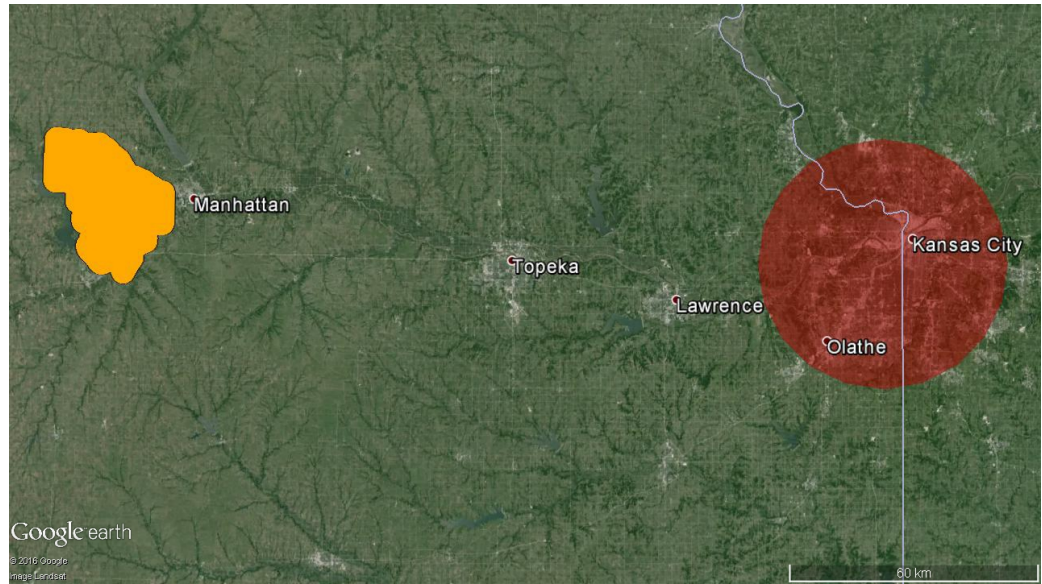
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#### *Protection of Federal Operations Below 3500 MHz*

Below 3500 MHz, the U.S. military operates radar systems on ships and at several land-based military installations around the country. The Kansas City test area is more than 1000 km from the nearest coastline, so interference to shipborne radars is exceedingly unlikely. The nearest land-based facility is the Fort Riley Military Reservation, which is approximately 140 km to the west of the proposed test area (see Figure 1).



*Figure 1: Fort Riley exclusion zone (left, in gold) and the Kansas City test area (right, in red)*

Interference to Fort Riley due to the operation of broadband wireless equipment in the Kansas City test area should not exceed the ambient thermal noise level. The propagation loss between the westernmost point in the proposed test area and the easternmost point in the Fort Riley exclusion zone is 169.3 dB based on the Longley-Rice propagation model. The received power spectral density from a single transmitter operating at maximum power spectral density of 49 dBm per 10 MHz would be -190.3 dBm/Hz ( $49 \text{ dBm} - 10\log(10 \text{ MHz}) - 169.3 \text{ dB}$ ), which is 16.3 dB below nominal ambient thermal noise level of -174 dBm/Hz. It is very unlikely that this low signal level will cause harmful interference. In addition, most operations will be a considerable distance inside the western edge of the proposed test area. The propagation loss to Fort Riley from the center of the proposed test area is 193 dB, so the received interference levels at the eastern edge of the Fort Riley exclusion zone from a single transmitter would be approximately -214 dBm, corresponding to 40 dB (1/10,000) below ambient thermal noise. Furthermore, significant Google operations may take place indoors, where building loss will contribute to additional attenuation.

#### *Protection of Amateur Radio Operations in the 3300-3500 MHz Band*

The amateur radio service has a secondary allocation in the 3300-3500 MHz band (3.4 GHz band). Based on Google's spectrum monitoring elsewhere in the United States, amateur operation in this band appears to be infrequent and generally point-to-point.<sup>8</sup> However, Google will coordinate with the amateur radio community to ensure that Google's operations do not interfere with any amateurs who may be utilizing the 3.4 GHz band. For example, Google will inform the

<sup>8</sup> No amateur activity has been detected over two years of continuous monitoring in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and intermittent monitoring in Arlington, Virginia, and Mountain View, California.

American Radio Relay League and local Kansas City amateur radio clubs prior to beginning operations, and furnish a point-of-contact for the reporting of any suspected interference.

*Protection of Federal Operations in the 3500-3700 MHz Band*

In the 3500-3700 MHz band, the primary federal incumbent operations are the U.S. Navy's air traffic control radar systems on ships and at three land-based R&D sites. The Kansas City test area is more than 1000 km from the nearest coastline, more than 930 km from the nearest coastal exclusion zone established by the Commission to protect co-channel radars<sup>9</sup>, and more than 1000 km from the nearest land-based R&D site (Pascagoula, Mississippi), so no interference to Navy radar systems is expected.

*Protection of Part 90 Incumbents in the 3650-3700 MHz Band*

To protect existing Part 90 operations in the 3650-3700 MHz band, Google will coordinate its proposed experimental transmissions in this band with all Part 90 licensees in the Commission's ULS database that are within 25 km of a Google transmitter location. Because there are many Part 90 systems operating in this band segment, and because Google plans to coordinate with adjacent-band FSS sites, Google will generally avoid using the 3650-3700 MHz band except when necessary to meet testing objectives, [REDACTED].

*Protection of FSS Operators in the 3600-3700 MHz Band*

The Commission has identified in-band FSS operations in the 3600-3700 MHz band that require protection under Part 96.<sup>10</sup> For the 3650-3700 MHz range, Part 90 currently requires coordination with any in-band FSS operators within a 150 km coordination contour.<sup>11</sup> Because Kansas City is more than 700 km from the nearest in-band FSS site (an earth station near Nashville, Tennessee, under call sign E960050), coordination with in-band FSS operators is not necessary.

*Protection of FSS Operators in the 3700-4200 MHz Band*

As noted above, Google does not plan to conduct significant operations above 3650 MHz. When Google does operate above 3650 MHz, however, it will coordinate such operations with adjacent-band FSS operators. Pending the Commission's adoption of detailed rules, Google will use the following, very conservative assumptions and parameters to determine when coordination is necessary:

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<sup>9</sup> See 47 C.F.R. §§ 96.15(a)(1), 96.15(a)(3), 96.15(b); see also Letter from Paige Atkins, Associate Administrator, Office of Spectrum Management, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, GN Docket No. 12-354, at Enclosure 2 (proposing exclusion zones to protect ground-based radars operating adjacent to the 3550-3700 MHz band).

<sup>10</sup> See *3.5 GHz Band - Protected Fixed Satellite Service (FSS) Earth Stations*, available at <http://www.fcc.gov/cbrs-protected-fss-sites>.

<sup>11</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 90.1331.

- Experimental Equipment OOBE: -13 dBm/MHz
- FSS system temperature: 142.8 K<sup>12</sup>
- Propagation Model: ITU-R P.452<sup>13</sup>
- FSS Interference Criterion: I/N = 1%<sup>14</sup>

Whenever these assumptions result in a predicted interference level of greater than 1% of the FSS noise level, Google will coordinate with the potentially affected adjacent-band FSS operators before beginning any operations in the 3650-3700 MHz band segment. For testing below 3650 MHz (i.e., more than 50 MHz away from the adjacent FSS band), spectral separation alone protects adjacent-band FSS operations. The extremely strict coordination criteria set forth above are for the limited purpose of conducting experiments under the requested experimental authorization, and it is Google's position that they would not be appropriate as a general coexistence framework for the band going forward.<sup>15</sup>

### Conclusion

The proposed experimental operations in Kansas City accordingly will be conducted without harmful interference to other authorized users. For the foregoing reasons, Google requests approval of this application.

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<sup>12</sup> See *In the Matter of Wireless Operations in the 3650-3700 MHz Band, et al.*, Report and Order and Memorandum Opinion and Order, 20 FCC Rcd. 6502 at Appendix D (A Methodology For Locating Fixed Stations Within The FSS Earth Station Protection Zone).

<sup>13</sup> See Reply Comments of the Satellite Industry Association, In the Matter of Amendment of the Commission's Rules with Regard to Commercial Operations in the 3550-3650 MHz Band, GN Docket No. 12-354, at 5 (Aug. 18, 2014) (SIA Reply Comments).

<sup>14</sup> See ITU-R Recommendation S.1432 (Apportionment of the allowable error performance degradations to fixed-satellite service (FSS) hypothetical reference digital paths arising from time invariant interference for systems operating below 30 GHz); SIA Reply Comments at 5.

<sup>15</sup> See, e.g., Reply Comments of Google Inc., GN Docket No. 12-354, at 20-28 (filed July 15, 2015); Reply Comments of Google Inc., GN Docket No. 12-354, at 6-18 (filed Aug. 14, 2015); Response of Google Inc. to Petitions for Reconsideration, GN Docket No. 12-354, at 2-7 (filed Oct. 19, 2015).

**Exhibit B - Technical Information:**

Google requests confidential treatment of the following underlined text from Exhibit B that contain confidential and proprietary information regarding the proposed tests/experiments:

Applicant Name: Google Inc.  
Applicant FRN: 0016069502

**Legal Contact Details**

<b>Name of Contact</b>	Stephanie Selmer
<b>Contact Details</b>	Associate Corporate Counsel 25 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Ninth Floor Washington, DC 20001

**Technical Contact Details**

<b>Name of Contact</b>	Dr. Andrew Clegg
<b>Contact Details</b>	1875 Explorer Street, Tenth Floor Reston, VA 20190 Phone: (202) 370-5644 Email: aclegg@google.com

**Kansas City: Transmitter Equipment and Station Details***Radio Information*

<b>Equipment</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Quantity</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Area of Operation</b>	Operation not to exceed 30 km from the following geographic centerpoint: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 39° 02' 45" N, 94° 39' 37" W</li> </ul>

<b>Frequency</b>	<b>High (MHz)</b>	<b>Low (MHz)</b>
[REDACTED]	3700	3400



*Amplifier Information*

<b>Equipment</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Quantity</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Area of Operation</b>	Operation not to exceed 30 km from the following geographic centerpoint: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 39° 02' 45" N, 94° 39' 37" W</li> </ul>

*Antenna Details*

<b>Antennas</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Type</b>	Both directional and omnidirectional antennas will be used
<b>Quantity</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Gain</b>	30 dBi max; -4 dBi min
<b>Beam Width at Half-Power Point</b>	Various (5° to 360° Horizontal; 5° to 180° Vertical)
<b>Orientation in Horizontal Plane</b>	Various (0° to 360°)
<b>Orientation in Vertical Plane</b>	10° to -30°

Radio	Modulation	Emission Designator	Bandwidth	Maximum Power Out	Maximum EIRP/ERP
[REDACTED]	Continuous waveform	10H0N0N	10 Hz	50 W <sup>16</sup>	EIRP = 47 dBW (50 kW) <sup>16</sup>  ERP = 44.9 dBW (31 kW) <sup>16</sup>  (with 30 dBi antenna)
[REDACTED]	Digital	10M0W7D 20M0W7D 40M0W7D 60M0W7D	10 MHz 20 MHz	10 W 20 W 40 W	<b>For 10 W conducted:</b> EIRP =

<sup>16</sup> High power operation limited to propagation testing in the 3550-3575 MHz band segment.

		80M0W7D	40 MHz 60 MHz 80 MHz	60 W 80 W	19 dBW (80 W); ERP = 16.9 dBW (49 W)
[REDACTED]	Digital	10M0F9W 20M0F9W 40M0F9W 60M0F9W 80M0F9W	10 MHz 20 MHz 40 MHz 60 MHz 80 MHz	10 W 20 W 40 W 60 W 80 W	<b>For 20 W conducted:</b> EIRP = 22 dBW (160 W); ERP = 19.9 dBW (98 W)
[REDACTED]	Digital	10M0G7D 20M0G7D 40M0G7D 60M0G7D 80M0G7D	10 MHz 20 MHz 40 MHz 60 MHz 80 MHz	10 W 20 W 40 W 60 W 80 W	<b>For 40 W conducted:</b> EIRP = 25 dBW (320 W); ERP = 22.9 dBW (196 W)
[REDACTED]	Digital	10M0GXW 20M0GXW 40M0GXW 60M0GXW 80M0GXW	10 MHz 20 MHz 40 MHz 60 MHz 80 MHz	10 W 20 W 40 W 60 W 80 W	<b>For 60 W conducted:</b> EIRP = 26.8 dBW (480 W); ERP = 24.6 dBW (294 W)
[REDACTED]	Digital	2M00P0N	2 MHz	4 W	<b>For 80 W conducted:</b> EIRP = 28 dBW (640 W); ERP = 25.9 dBW (392 W)
[REDACTED]	Digital	5M00Q7N 10M0Q7N 20M0Q7N	5 MHz 10 MHz 20 MHz	4 W	(all with 9 dBi antenna)
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**2. Identification of the Commission proceeding in which the information was submitted or a description of the circumstances giving rise to the submission.**

Exhibits A and B were submitted to the Commission in support of the Experimental License. The Exhibits were filed with the Office of Engineering and Technology on February 16, 2016. For additional information, please see File No. 0095-EX-PL-2016.

**3. Explanation of the degree to which the information is commercial or financial or contains a trade secret or is privileged.**

The information requested to be kept confidential has significant commercial value. The exhibits supporting the Experimental License discuss tests/experiments that include trade secret information. The Commission has clarified that confidential treatment should be afforded to trade secrets.<sup>17</sup> Google's tests/experiments and proprietary wireless applications using particular radio frequency equipment represent a "secret commercially valuable plan" within the meaning of a trade secret as recognized by the Commission.

**4. Explanation of the degree to which the information concerns a service that is competitive.**

The services and technologies that are the subject of this Experimental License have not yet been fully developed but are expected to lead to material developments in markets subject to competition from multiple U.S. and non-U.S. third parties.

**5. Explanation of how disclosure of the information could result in substantial competitive harm.**

The technology under development is highly sensitive and confidential in nature. The release of such information would provide valuable insight into Google's technology innovations and potential business plans and strategies. Public disclosure would jeopardize the value of the technology under examination by enabling others to utilize Google's information to develop similar products in a similar time frame.

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<sup>17</sup> *Examination of Current Policy Concerning the Treatment of Confidential Information Submitted to the Commission*, Report and Order, GC Docket No. 96-55, at para. 3, (released Aug. 4, 1998) (defining "trade secrets" for purpose of Commission rules on confidential treatment).

**6. Identification of any measures taken by the requesting party to prevent unauthorized disclosure.**

Google has taken steps to keep confidential the information set forth in the confidential exhibits by limiting the number of people involved in the tests/experiments to only those on a "need to know" basis, and by requiring any third parties involved in the testing process execute robust nondisclosure agreements.

**7. Identification of whether the information is available to the public and the extent of any previous disclosures of the information to any third parties.**

The information contained in the confidential exhibits is not available to the public, and will only be disclosed to third parties pursuant to the restrictive safeguards described above.

Google voluntarily provides the information to the Commission at this time with the expectation that it will be treated confidentially in accordance with the Commission's rules. See *Critical Mass Energy Project v. Nuclear Regulatory Comm'n*, 975 F.2d 871, 879 (D.C. Cir. 1992) (commercial information provided on a voluntary basis "is 'confidential' for the purpose of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Exemption 4 if it is of a kind that would customarily not be released to the public by the person from whom it was obtained.")

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Google expects that confidential treatment will be necessary for the length of the proposed experiment and thereafter in order to protect its evolving business and technology strategies.

**9. Any other information that would be useful in assessing whether this request should be submitted.**

The information subject to this request for confidentiality should not be made available for public disclosure at any time. There is nothing material that public review of this information would add to the Commission's analysis of Google's request for an experimental authorization.

Moreover, public disclosure of the sensitive information in the confidential exhibits to the Experimental License after the Commission has ruled on the Request for Confidentiality is not necessary for the Commission to fulfill its regulatory responsibilities.

Consistent with 47 C.F.R. § 0.459(d)(l), Google requests notification if release of the information subject to this request is requested pursuant to the FOIA or otherwise, so that Google may have an opportunity to oppose grant of any such request.

Sincerely yours,



Stephanie Selmer

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3600-3700 MHz	Grandfathered FSS operators
Above 3700 MHz	FSS operators

*Protection of Federal Operations Below 3500 MHz*

Below 3500 MHz, the U.S. military operates radar systems on ships and at several land-based military installations around the country. The Kansas City test area is more than 1000 km from the nearest coastline, so interference to shipborne radars is exceedingly unlikely. The nearest land-based facility is the Fort Riley Military Reservation, which is approximately 140 km to the west of the proposed test area (see Figure 1).



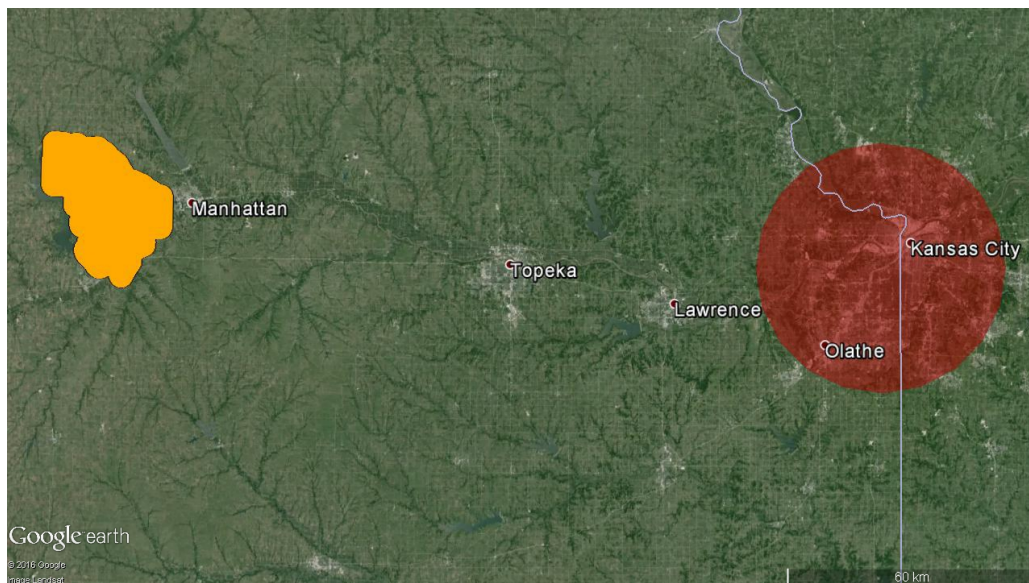


Figure 1: Fort Riley exclusion zone (left, in gold) and the Kansas City test area (right, in red)

Interference to Fort Riley due to the operation of broadband wireless equipment in the Kansas City test area should not exceed the ambient thermal noise level. The propagation loss between the westernmost point in the proposed test area and the easternmost point in the Fort Riley exclusion zone is 169.3 dB based on the Longley-Rice propagation model. The received power spectral density from a single transmitter operating at maximum power spectral density of 49 dBm per 10 MHz would be -190.3 dBm/Hz ( $49 \text{ dBm} - 10\log(10 \text{ MHz}) - 169.3 \text{ dB}$ ), which is 16.3 dB below nominal ambient thermal noise level of -174 dBm/Hz. It is very unlikely that this low signal level will cause harmful interference. In addition, most operations will be a considerable distance inside the western edge of the proposed test area. The propagation loss to Fort Riley from the center of the proposed test area is 193 dB, so the received interference levels at the eastern edge of the Fort Riley exclusion zone from a single transmitter would be approximately -214 dBm, corresponding to 40 dB (1/10,000) below ambient thermal noise. Furthermore, significant Google operations may take place indoors, where building loss will contribute to additional attenuation.

#### *Protection of Amateur Radio Operations in the 3300-3500 MHz Band*

The amateur radio service has a secondary allocation in the 3300-3500 MHz band (3.4 GHz band). Based on Google's spectrum monitoring elsewhere in the United States, amateur operation in this band appears to be infrequent and generally point-to-point.<sup>8</sup> However, Google will coordinate with the amateur radio community to ensure that Google's operations do not interfere with any amateurs who may be utilizing the 3.4 GHz band. For example, Google will inform the American Radio Relay League and local Kansas City amateur radio clubs prior to

<sup>8</sup> No amateur activity has been detected over two years of continuous monitoring in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and intermittent monitoring in Arlington, Virginia, and Mountain View, California.

beginning operations, and furnish a point-of-contact for the reporting of any suspected interference.

*Protection of Federal Operations in the 3500-3700 MHz Band*

In the 3500-3700 MHz band, the primary federal incumbent operations are the U.S. Navy's air traffic control radar systems on ships and at three land-based R&D sites. The Kansas City test area is more than 1000 km from the nearest coastline, more than 930 km from the nearest coastal exclusion zone established by the Commission to protect co-channel radars<sup>9</sup>, and more than 1000 km from the nearest land-based R&D site (Pascagoula, Mississippi), so no interference to Navy radar systems is expected.

*Protection of Part 90 Incumbents in the 3650-3700 MHz Band*

To protect existing Part 90 operations in the 3650-3700 MHz band, Google will coordinate its proposed experimental transmissions in this band with all Part 90 licensees in the Commission's ULS database that are within 25 km of a Google transmitter location. Because there are many Part 90 systems operating in this band segment, and because Google plans to coordinate with adjacent-band FSS sites, Google will generally avoid using the 3650-3700 MHz band except when necessary to meet testing objectives, [REDACTED].

*Protection of FSS Operators in the 3600-3700 MHz Band*

The Commission has identified in-band FSS operations in the 3600-3700 MHz band that require protection under Part 96.<sup>10</sup> For the 3650-3700 MHz range, Part 90 currently requires coordination with any in-band FSS operators within a 150 km coordination contour.<sup>11</sup> Because Kansas City is more than 700 km from the nearest in-band FSS site (an earth station near Nashville, Tennessee, under call sign E960050), coordination with in-band FSS operators is not necessary.

*Protection of FSS Operators in the 3700-4200 MHz Band*

As noted above, Google does not plan to conduct significant operations above 3650 MHz. When Google does operate above 3650 MHz, however, it will coordinate such operations with adjacent-band FSS operators. Pending the Commission's adoption of detailed rules, Google will use the following, very conservative assumptions and parameters to determine when coordination is necessary:

- Experimental Equipment OOBE: -13 dBm/MHz

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<sup>9</sup> See 47 C.F.R. §§ 96.15(a)(1), 96.15(a)(3), 96.15(b); see also Letter from Paige Atkins, Associate Administrator, Office of Spectrum Management, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, GN Docket No. 12-354, at Enclosure 2 (proposing exclusion zones to protect ground-based radars operating adjacent to the 3550-3700 MHz band).

<sup>10</sup> See *3.5 GHz Band - Protected Fixed Satellite Service (FSS) Earth Stations*, available at <http://www.fcc.gov/cbrs-protected-fss-sites>.

<sup>11</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 90.1331.

- FSS system temperature: 142.8 K<sup>12</sup>
- Propagation Model: ITU-R P.452<sup>13</sup>
- FSS Interference Criterion: I/N = 1%<sup>14</sup>

Whenever these assumptions result in a predicted interference level of greater than 1% of the FSS noise level, Google will coordinate with the potentially affected adjacent-band FSS operators before beginning any operations in the 3650-3700 MHz band segment. For testing below 3650 MHz (i.e., more than 50 MHz away from the adjacent FSS band), spectral separation alone protects adjacent-band FSS operations. The extremely strict coordination criteria set forth above are for the limited purpose of conducting experiments under the requested experimental authorization, and it is Google's position that they would not be appropriate as a general coexistence framework for the band going forward.<sup>15</sup>

### Conclusion

The proposed experimental operations in Kansas City accordingly will be conducted without harmful interference to other authorized users. For the foregoing reasons, Google requests approval of this application.

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<sup>12</sup> See *In the Matter of Wireless Operations in the 3650-3700 MHz Band, et al.*, Report and Order and Memorandum Opinion and Order, 20 FCC Rcd. 6502 at Appendix D (A Methodology For Locating Fixed Stations Within The FSS Earth Station Protection Zone).

<sup>13</sup> See Reply Comments of the Satellite Industry Association, In the Matter of Amendment of the Commission's Rules with Regard to Commercial Operations in the 3550-3650 MHz Band, GN Docket No. 12-354, at 5 (Aug. 18, 2014) (SIA Reply Comments).

<sup>14</sup> See ITU-R Recommendation S.1432 (Apportionment of the allowable error performance degradations to fixed-satellite service (FSS) hypothetical reference digital paths arising from time invariant inference for systems operating below 30 GHz); SIA Reply Comments at 5.

<sup>15</sup> See, e.g., Reply Comments of Google Inc., GN Docket No. 12-354, at 20-28 (filed July 15, 2015); Reply Comments of Google Inc., GN Docket No. 12-354, at 6-18 (filed Aug. 14, 2015); Response of Google Inc. to Petitions for Reconsideration, GN Docket No. 12-354, at 2-7 (filed Oct. 19, 2015).

**EXHIBIT B - TECHNICAL INFORMATION**

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**Kansas City: Transmitter Equipment and Station Details***Radio Information*

<b>Equipment</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Quantity</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Area of Operation</b>	Operation not to exceed 30 km from the following geographic centerpoint: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 39° 02' 45" N, 94° 39' 37" W</li> </ul>

<b>Frequency</b>	<b>High (MHz)</b>	<b>Low (MHz)</b>
[REDACTED]	3700	3400

*Amplifier Information*

<b>Equipment</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Quantity</b>	[REDACTED]

<b>Area of Operation</b>	Operation not to exceed 30 km from the following geographic centerpoint: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 39° 02' 45" N, 94° 39' 37" W</li> </ul>
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Antenna Details

<b>Antennas</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Type</b>	Both directional and omnidirectional antennas will be used
<b>Quantity</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Gain</b>	30 dBi max; -4 dBi min
<b>Beam Width at Half-Power Point</b>	Various (5° to 360° Horizontal; 5° to 180° Vertical)
<b>Orientation in Horizontal Plane</b>	Various (0° to 360°)
<b>Orientation in Vertical Plane</b>	10° to -30°

Radio	Modulation	Emission Designator	Bandwidth	Maximum Power Out	Maximum EIRP/ERP
[REDACTED]	Continuous waveform	10H0N0N	10 Hz	50 W <sup>1</sup>	EIRP = 47 dBW (50 kW) <sup>1</sup>  ERP = 44.9 dBW (31 kW) <sup>1</sup>  (with 30 dBi antenna)
[REDACTED]	Digital	10M0W7D 20M0W7D 40M0W7D 60M0W7D 80M0W7D	10 MHz 20 MHz 40 MHz 60 MHz 80 MHz	10 W 20 W 40 W 60 W 80 W	<b>For 10 W conducted:</b> EIRP = 19 dBW (80 W); ERP = 16.9 dBW (49 W)  <b>For 20 W conducted:</b>
[REDACTED]	Digital	10M0F9W 20M0F9W 40M0F9W 60M0F9W 80M0F9W	10 MHz 20 MHz 40 MHz 60 MHz 80 MHz	10 W 20 W 40 W 60 W 80 W	

<sup>1</sup> High power operation limited to propagation testing in the 3550-3575 MHz band segment.

[REDACTED]	Digital	10M0G7D 20M0G7D 40M0G7D 60M0G7D 80M0G7D	10 MHz 20 MHz 40 MHz 60 MHz 80 MHz	10 W 20 W 40 W 60 W 80 W	EIRP = 22 dBW (160 W); ERP = 19.9 dBW (98 W)
[REDACTED]	Digital	10M0GXW 20M0GXW 40M0GXW 60M0GXW 80M0GXW	10 MHz 20 MHz 40 MHz 60 MHz 80 MHz	10 W 20 W 40 W 60 W 80 W	<p><b>For 40 W conducted:</b> EIRP = 25 dBW (320 W); ERP = 22.9 dBW (196 W)</p> <p><b>For 60 W conducted:</b> EIRP = 26.8 dBW (480 W); ERP = 24.6 dBW (294 W)</p> <p><b>For 80 W conducted:</b> EIRP = 28 dBW (640 W); ERP = 25.9 dBW (392 W)</p> <p>(all with 9 dBi antenna)</p>
[REDACTED]	Digital	2M00P0N	2 MHz	4 W	EIRP = 22 dBW (160 W)
[REDACTED]	Digital	5M00Q7N 10M0Q7N 20M0Q7N	5 MHz 10 MHz 20 MHz	4 W	ERP = 19.9 dBW (98 W)

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