# NARRATIVE STATEMENT

Pursuant to Section 5.3 (d and j) and Section 5.61 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") regulations, Phoenix Air Unmanned, LLC (PAU) in collaboration with Harris Corporation (Harris) hereby respectfully requests a Special Temporary Authorization ("STA") from 1 May 2019 to 31 October 2019 to operate in the 24.45-24.65 GHz band to test the Echoguard radar developed by Echodyne Corporation. Operational and engineering data will be collected during field testing in relation to an ongoing unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) research project.

Echodyne Corporation's EchoGuard radar is a high performance ultra-low cost, size, weight, and power electronically scanning ground-based radar. This requested STA is to enable PAU and Harris to operate and validate performance of the radar in specific ground-based radionavigation scenarios, while flying UAS along ~2,500 miles of Xcel Energy transmission line infrastructure. This testing is a temporary, non-recurring service where a regular authorization is not appropriate as it is associated with a joint test initiative between Xcel Energy and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) under a limited FAA 14 CFR Part 107 waiver. The EchoGuard radar will be utilized on a temporary basis at each of the identified locations for a limited period-of-time.

In support of this request, the following summary is provided.

# A. <u>Purpose of Operation and Need for Special Temporary Authorization</u>:

Xcel Energy teamed with Harris and PAU submitted (4 Jan 2019) a FAA 14 CFR Part 107 waiver request to fly a small UAS at low altitude (below 250 ft) in remote/non-urban areas, in uncontrolled airspace (Class G) along ~2500 miles of transmission line (represents <1% of Xcel Energy's critical infrastructure). This is part of the ongoing testing being conducted between Xcel Energy and the FAA to facilitate use of UAS in the National Airspace System in support of safe and reliable operation of the national electrical grid (FAA Partnership for Safety Plan MOU #2016-PSP-0921). Initial shorter transmission line segment testing (e.g., 50 miles) was accomplished, and this next level of testing will provide real-world technical and operational data across multiple geographic locations. Each sub-area has geographic and operating environment differences providing a variety of UAS utility line inspection and radar performance testing opportunities.

The Echodyne EchoGuard radar will be installed as a transportable fixed station (FX) on a PAU operations vehicle that is planned to be parked at/near each submitted location that is also associated with a UAS take-off/landing zone (LZ). The radar and other equipment will be turned on and operated during the UAS flight operations at each LZ estimated for ~2 hours. The radar will be oriented down the transmission line to detect possible manned aircraft in vicinity. Based partially on this data, the UAS pilot may navigate the UAS to remain well clear of the manned aircraft. The radar will be shut-off while the operations vehicle drives to the next LZ to redeploy. The ~2500 miles are planned to be flown over a 6-month period (1 May-31 Oct 2019), with the radar typically being operated at each location one time for ~2 hours over the 6-month period. The point of contact within the FAA Spectrum Management Office is Don Nellis (donald.nellis@faa.gov), and he is aware of this multiple location STA for transmit authorization of the Echodyne Echoguard ground radar for the FAA-Xcel Energy project.

# B. <u>Location of Proposed Operations</u>:

PAU/Harris proposes to test the radars on the ground within a specified area of operation. By this application, Harris seeks authority to conduct tests at the following locations. Figure 1 is the overview of ~2500 miles of transmission line (in green) that the UAS will operate over. Figures 2-9 are a description by State of the latitude/longitude radar locations/LZs and corresponding image with the transmission line in green, a helicopter icon marking radar location/LZ, and 5-mile radius of operation red circle around each radar location/LZ.

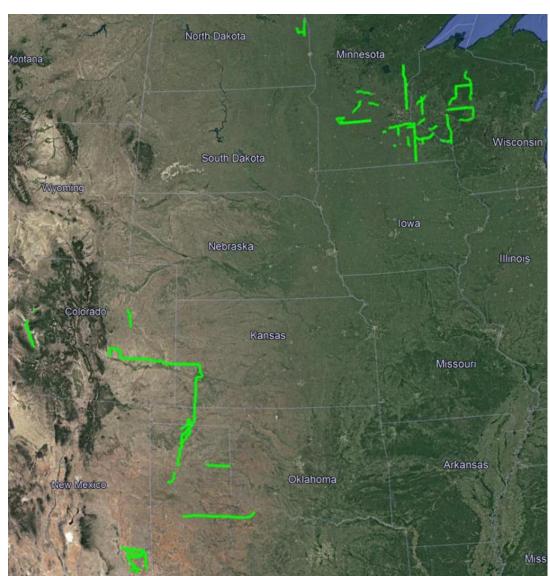


Figure 1 ~2500 miles Xcel Energy Transmission Line for UAS Operations under FAA 14 CFR Part 107 Waiver (Green = Transmission Line)

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**Figure 2 North Dakota Locations** 

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1	43.55753124				-92.21957444	91	45.62924188	
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**Figure 3 Minnesota Locations** 

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4	45.79474443	-90.53283625	39	44.75671659	-90.35826797	74	45.1209253	-92.29983821	
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6	45.93833448		41	44.91075943	-90.33544752	76		-92.30018978	
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16	45.55199375	-90.59754595	51		-91.35708981	86		-91.45714575	
17		-90.77165534	52		-91.35717774	87		-91.30575079	
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Figure 4 Wisconsin Locations





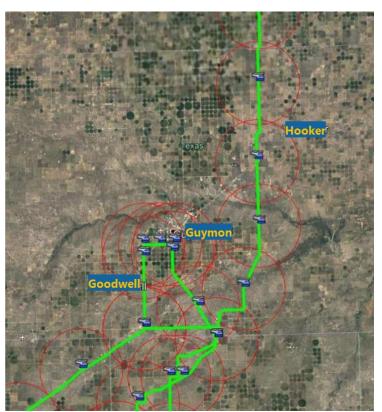
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	23	38.56024288	-104.6107055	54	38.5568889	-108.0802742
	24	38.56010434	-104.6501277	55	38.50797629	-108.0396367
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	29	38.32159625	-104.6901366	60	39.47391824	-108.0937345
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Figure 5 Colorado Locations



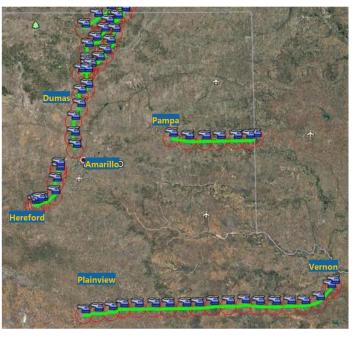
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6	37.69380162	-101.2352848
7	37.8283416	-101.2161661
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12	38.20662822	-101.0854245
13	38.20614768	-101.2684423
14	38.20584839	-101.4143223
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Figure 6 Kansas Locations

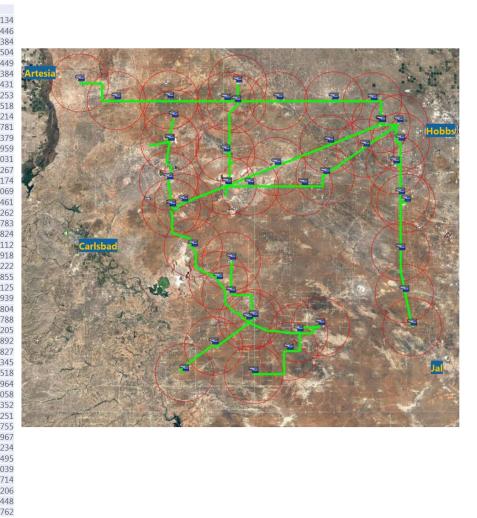


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4	36.80057511	-101.295932
5	36.93572713	-101.2895484
6	36.51534582	-101.5477286
7	36.55043796	-101.4306755
8	36.64570001	-101.4834218
9	36.66029403	-101.4782346
10	36.66011545	-101.5101861
11	36.66054764	-101.5465921
12	36.63875306	-101.5457813
13	36.51526191	-101.5482329

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2	33.9482509	-99.35784931	32	35.39986261	-100.8910251
3	34.0491744	-99.23907037	33	35.37155381	-100.0687463
4	33.91782769	-99.51598577	34	35.30778024	-101.9218138
5	33.92147426	-99.66497066	35	35.41490987	-101.9403211
6	33.91939988	-99.82612851	36	35.55011453	-101.9354287
7	33.92398207	-99.9966526	37	35.66220445	-101.8752292
8	33.93953343	-100.1478109	38	35.77989947	-101.8667105
9	33.93293937	-100.3121767	39	35.82995518	-101.7954482
10	33.93176434	-100.4783556	40	36.03455733	-101.7931093
11	33.92113955	-100.6394652	41	36.0031526	-101.7933015
12	33.9209793	-100.7721058	42	35.96574967	-101.7943092
13	33.92178056	-100.9466103	43	36.06169693	-101.7930647
14	33.92154018	-101.0966316	44	36.18308041	-101.787314
15	33.92098821	-101.2716833	45	36.24024763	-101.7014404
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23	34.8483124	-102.2764871	54	36.2121917	-101.5513978
24	34.90453829	-102.1491143	55	36.31385552	-101.4969812
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26	35.11201297	-102.0994631	57	36.49405335	-101.3923107
27	35.14780271	-102.0990357	58	35.96614657	-101.8619655
28	35.37488695	-100.716683	59	36.49400752	-101.3922311
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30	35.37216746	-100.3793861	61	36.35377244	-101.8242891



**Figure 8 Texas Locations** 



#	LAT	LONG
1	32.77082406	-104.13031
2	32.71438486	-103.3514
3	32.81465732	-104.23803
4	32.77312299	-103.9745
5	32.7692468	-103.80724
6	32.77096103	-103.65333
7	32.77064322	-103.49044
8	32.76832644	-103.37682
9	32.66811487	-103.29565
10	32.61187367	-103.3112
11	32.53487955	-103.29637
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29	32.51743389	-103.93187
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33	32.6632152	-103.50403
34	32.65325962	-103.39895
35	32.558773	-103.58049
36	32.55971557	-103.73790
37	32.56061316	-103.80393
38	32.71343675	-103.3002
39	32.58593175	-103.51647
40	32.64151209	-103.80849
41	32.76361518	-103.77682
42	32.81248771	-103.77344
43		-103.72530
44	32.29155973	-103.79147
45	32.37375123	-103.79112
46	32.09761431	-103.92794
47	32.16386027	-103.84217

Figure 9 New Mexico Locations

### C. <u>Technical Specifications:</u>

### 1. Frequencies Desired

PAU/Harris requests authorization to operate in the 24.45-24.65 GHz band.

### 2. Effective Radiated Power

The units to be deployed operate at a peak maximum transmitter power output of 4W, and a peak maximum effective radiated power of 486W.

PAU/Harris will reduce the actual powers to the minimum power needed for successful operation, based on set-up and testing. Operations will be conducted to comply with rules relating to human exposure to radiation.

#### **3.** Modulation and Emissions

The radar uses linear FM modulation. The primary emission designator is 190MFXN. Other emission modes may be utilized, but in no event will the emissions extend beyond the frequency bands requested.

# 4. Antenna Information

No antennas will be mounted in a fashion that will require approval under FAA and FCC rules and regulations. The radar will be mounted on top of a mobile operations vehicle at <6 meters above ground.

# 5. Equipment To Be Used

The tests will be conducted with two Echodyne EchoGuard (formerly MESA-SSR) ground radar units.

# D. <u>Protection Against Causing Interference:</u>

As noted above, PAU/Harris has requested authority to operate in the 24.45-24.65 GHz band. A search of the Commission's Universal Licensing System database was conducted and determined that there are no licensed operations in that spectrum.

In the event that it receives a complaint of harmful interference resulting from the proposed operation, PAU/Harris will take immediate action to address the interference, including if necessary discontinuing operations. PAU/Harris has designated William Wheeler, whose contact information is provided below, to act as the "Stop Buzzer" for this purpose.

Furthermore, the length of the test period is short, extending only from 1 May 2019 to 31 October 2019. During that period, the proposed operations are limited in scope. PAU/Harris will typically transmit at each location one time for ~2 hours over the 6-month period

In summary, the proposed operation should not interfere with any licensed operation.

#### E. <u>Restrictions on Operation</u>:

PAU/Harris recognizes that the operation of any equipment under experimental authority must not cause harmful interference to authorized facilities. Should interference occur, PAU/Harris will take immediate steps to resolve the interference, including if necessary discontinuance of operation.

In addition, PAU/Harris will advise entities using the equipment that permission to operate has been granted under experimental authority, that such operation is strictly temporary, and that the equipment may not cause harmful interference.

#### F. <u>Public Interest</u>:

Grant of an authorization will permit PAU/Harris in cooperation with Xcel Energy and the FAA to develop an innovative approach to conducting critical infrastructure inspections with UAS in the National Airspace System in support of safe and reliable operation of the national electrical grid.

#### G. <u>Contact Information</u>:

For questions, please contact:

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In the unlikely event interference concerns should arise during the period of authorization requested by this application, please contact the company's "Stop Buzzer" identified below:

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