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TO: Users of the 1435 - 1525 MHz and 2360 - 2390 MHz Bands

SUBJECT: AFTRCC COORDINATIONS REQUIRING SCHEDULING PRIOR TO OPERATION

AFTRCC appreciates your company's efforts to coordinate radio spectrum usage. I am sure you are aware that AFTRCC is a not for profit organization, labor is donated and fees are used to protect allocations used for flight evaluation. AFTRCC considers your company's use of the Aeronautical Telemetry Spectrum and the coordination process to be a success. However, the DOD Western Area Frequency Coordinator (WAFC) has advised AFTRCC that the special conditions typically shown on coordinations for the western areas of the United States are not always being followed. This special condition is currently shown on the coordination as follows:

AFTRCC recommendations:

SPECIAL CONDITION: Scheduling required for each usage with the Western Area Coordinator, Tel: 805-989-7983, prior to operation.

Future coordinations will contain the following AFTRCC recommendations:

AFTRCC recommends the FCC add the following restriction(s) to the grant of this authorization:

SPECIAL CONDITION: SCHEDULING REQUIRED FOR EACH USAGE WITH WESTERN AREA FREQUENCY COORDINATOR, TEL: 805-989-7983, PRIOR TO OPERATION. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE FCC RESTRICTIONS MAY SUBJECT THE USER TO FINES AND FORFEITURES.

The western area of the United States is the home of several large military test sites, all sharing valuable spectrum space for the transfer of data from air platforms in support of various testing programs. Frequency spectrum usage in this area is so great that a special scheduling system is in place to assure interference free operations. Failure to adhere to the special condition stated above could cause interference to military or aerospace contractor activities within this area.

Failing to comply with the coordinator's conditions of authorization may expose your company to FCC fines and forfeitures. Moreover, the military authorities may view your company's future requests for secondary use less favorably.

Another issue concerning coordination is the Point of Contact (POC). It has been reported that the supplied POC telephone number has been inaccessible at times during the hours of operation. During operations, it is vital that a POC be accessible by wired or cellular telephone should a coordinator need to contact an on-site user. This link is necessary to communicate interference concerns should they arise.

Your cooperation in the resolution of the issues stated above is a necessity in order to continue to maintain successful operations.

If you currently have AFTRCC Coordination for a future operation scheduled in this area, please email the site POC wire and cellular information to the undersigned. This information must be included for any future coordination in the state of California.

Sincerely,

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