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LA-RICS NOTICES OF EXEMPTION

On March 6, 2014, the LA-RICS Authority ("Authority") determined that approval of the LA-RICS Public Safety Broadband Network (PSBN), also known as the Long Term Evolution (LTE) Project and execution of the Agreement for the PSBN, covering design, construction, implementation, operation, and maintenance of the PSBN collectively and individually at all sites where PSBN infrastructure will be installed, is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.25, the statutory CEQA exemption adopted specifically for the LA-RICS project. The Authority also determined that any lease circuit work that may occur outside of a PSBN site, if needed to provide connectivity to the PSBN site, is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15301, 15303, and 15304.

The Authority filed Notices of Exemption (NOEs) for the PSBN sites with the County Clerk of each county in which the project will be located (Los Angeles, Orange County, and San Bernardino) on March 6, 2014.

On May 28, 2014, the LA-RICS Authority determined that approval of Site Access Agreements ("SAAs") with the County of Los Angeles, City of Diamond Bar and City of Industry, does not result in any change to the PSBN project, or to the circumstances under which the project is being undertaken, and that the determination made by the LA-RICS Authority on March 6, 2014 that these activities are exempt from CEQA remains unchanged. As the CEQA Lead Agency, the LA-RICS Authority has determined that all of the LTE sites, including those covered by the County of Los Angeles, City of Diamond Bar and City of Industry SAAs, are covered by the statutory exemptions.

The Authority filed Notices of Exemption as to this, with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on June 19, 2014.

On July 10, 2014, the LA-RICS Authority determined that approval of the Site Access Agreement ("SAA") with the City of Gardena, does not result in any change to the PSBN project, or to the circumstances under which the project is being undertaken, and that the determination made by the LA-RICS Authority on March 6, 2014 that these activities are exempt from CEQA, remains unchanged. As the CEQA Lead Agency, the LA-RICS

Authority has determined that all of the LTE sites, including those covered by the City of Gardena's SAA, is covered by the statutory exemptions.

The Authority filed a Notice of Exemption as to this, with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on July 11, 2014 and September 8, 2014.

On September 17, 2014, the LA-RICS Authority determined that approval of Site Access Agreements ("SAAs") with the City of Los Angeles, City of Baldwin Park and City of El Monte, does not result in any change to the PSBN project, or to the circumstances under which the project is being undertaken, and that the determination made by the LA-RICS Authority on March 6, 2014 that these activities are exempt from CEQA remains unchanged. As the CEQA Lead Agency, the LA-RICS Authority has determined that all of the LTE sites, including those covered by the City of Los Angeles, City of Baldwin Park, and City of El Monte SAAs, are covered by the statutory exemptions.

The Authority filed Notices of Exemption as to this, with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on September 17, 2014.

On October 2, 2014, the LA-RICS Authority determined that approval of Site Access Agreement ("SAA") with the City of Compton does not result in any change to the PSBN project, or to the circumstances under which the project is being undertaken, and that the determination made by the LA-RICS Authority on March 6, 2014 that these activities are exempt from CEQA remains unchanged. As the CEQA Lead Agency, the LA-RICS Authority has determined that all of the LTE sites, including those covered by the City of Compton SAA, are covered by the statutory exemptions.

The Authority filed a Notice of Exemption as to this, with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on October 2, 2014.

On November 13, 2014, the LA-RICS Authority determined that the Site Access Agreements (SAA) with the County of Los Angeles and the Cities of Arcadia, Azusa, Claremont, Covina, and Vernon do not result in any change to the PSBN project, or to the circumstances under which the project is being undertaken, and that the determination made by the LA-RICS Authority on March 6, 2014 that these activities are exempt from CEQA remains unchanged. As the CEQA Lead Agency, the LA-RICS Authority has determined that all of the LTE sites, including those covered by the County of Los Angeles, City of Arcadia, City of Azusa, City of Claremont, City of Covina, and City of Vernon SAAs, are covered by the statutory exemptions.

The Authority filed Notices of Exemption as to this, with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County and Orange County, both on November 14, 2014.

On November 13, 2014, the LA-RICS Authority determined that the authorization to exercise the Unilateral Options for Phase 2 (Site Construction and Site Modification), Phase 3 (Supply LMR Components), and Phase 4 (LMR System Implementation) at

26 LMR System Sites as set forth in Amendment No. 9 to Agreement No. LA-RICS 007 is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.25, the statutory CEQA exemption adopted specifically for the LA-RICS project. The Authority also determined that any lease circuit work that may occur outside of a LMR site, is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15301, 15303, and 15304.

The Authority filed Notices of Exemption as to this, with the County Clerk of San Bernardino County on November 13, 2014, and the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on November 14, 2014.

On January 8, 2015, the LA-RICS Authority determined that approval of Site Access Agreement ("SAA") with the City of Monterey Park does not result in any change to the PSBN project, or to the circumstances under which the project is being undertaken, and that the determination made by the LA-RICS Authority on March 6, 2014 that these activities are exempt from CEQA remains unchanged. As the CEQA Lead Agency, the LA-RICS Authority has determined that all of the LTE sites, including those covered by the City of Monterey Park SAA, are covered by the statutory exemptions.

The Authority filed a Notice of Exemption as to this, with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on January 13, 2015.

On January 8, 2015, the LA-RICS Authority determined that approval of Site Access Agreements ("SAAs") with the County of Los Angeles does not result in any change to the LMR project, or to the circumstances under which the project is being undertaken, and that the determination that these activities are exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.25, the statutory exemption adopted specifically for the LA-RICS project, remains unchanged. As the CEQA Lead Agency, the LA-RICS Authority has determined that all of the 17 LMR sites, including those covered by the County of Los Angeles SAA's are covered by the statutory exemptions.

The Authority filed Notices of Exemption as to this, with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on January 13, 2015.

On February 5, 2015, the LA-RICS Authority determined that approval of Site Access Agreements ("SAA") with the City of Bell Gardens, City of Beverly Hills, and the County of Los Angeles, and the work that will occur at those sites covered by the SAAs covering design, construction, implementation, operation, and maintenance of the PSBN collectively and individually at those sites where PSBN infrastructure will be installed, and the related Amendment No 8 to Agreement No. LA-RICS 008 authorizing that work, is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.25, the statutory CEQA exemption adopted specifically for the LA-RICS project. The Authority also determined that any lease circuit work that may occur outside of a PSBN site, if needed to provide connectivity to the PSBN site, is

categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15301, 15303, and 15304.

The Authority filed Notices of Exemption as to this, with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on February 6, 2015.

On February 5, 2015, the LA-RICS Authority determined that approval of Site Access Agreements ("SAAs") with the County of Los Angeles, and the work that will occur at those sites covered by the SAAs covering design, construction, implementation, operation, and maintenance of the LMR System collectively and individually at those sites where PSBN infrastructure will be installed, and the related Amendment No 10 to Agreement No. LA-RICS 007 authorizing that work, is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.25, the statutory CEQA exemption adopted specifically for the LA-RICS project. The Authority also determined that any lease circuit work that may occur outside of a PSBN site, if needed to provide connectivity to the PSBN site, is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15301, 15303, and 15304.

The Authority filed Notices of Exemption as to this, with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on February 6, 2015.

On February 5, 2015, the LA-RICS Authority determined that the authorization to exercise the Unilateral Options for Phase 1 (System Design), Phase 2 (Site Construction and Site Modification), Phase 3 (Supply LMR Components), and Phase 4 (LMR System Implementation) at 13 LMR System Sites in either Los Angeles County or Orange County, as set forth in Amendment No. Ten to Agreement No. LA-RICS 007 is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.25, the statutory CEQA exemption adopted specifically for the LA-RICS project. The Authority also determined that any lease circuit work that may occur outside of a LMR site if needed to provide connectivity to the LMR site, is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15301, 15303, and 15304.

The Authority filed Notices of Exemption as to this, with the County Clerk of Orange County on February 5, 2015, and the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on February 6, 2015 and February 9, 2015.

On March 5, 2015, the LA-RICS Authority determined that approval of a Site Access Agreement ("SAA") with the City of Cerritos does not result in any change to the PSBN project, or to the circumstances under which the project is being undertaken, and that the determination made by the LA-RICS Authority on March 6, 2014 that these activities are exempt from CEQA remains unchanged. As the CEQA Lead Agency, the LA-RICS Authority has determined that all of the LTE sites, including the site covered by the City of Cerritos SAA, are covered by the statutory exemptions. The Authority filed a Notice of Exemption as to this, with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on March 5, 2015.

On March 5, 2015, the LA-RICS Authority determined that the authorization to (1) exercise the Unilateral Options for Phase 1 (System Design), Phase 2 (Site Construction and Site Modification), Phase 3 (Supply PSBN Components), and Phase 4 (PSBN Implementation) at 6 PSBN System Sites; and (2) altering the site boundary for 2 sites previously found statutorily exempt from CEQA review; therefore, all 8 PSBN Sites set forth in Amendment No. 9 to Agreement No. LA-RICS 008 are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.25, the statutory CEQA exemption adopted specifically for the LA-RICS project. The Authority also determined that any lease circuit work that may occur outside of a PSBN site, is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15301, 15303, and 15304.

The Authority filed Notices of Exemption as to this, with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on March 5, 2015.

On May 7, 2015, the LA-RICS Authority determined that approval of Site Access Agreements ("SAA") with the Cities of Long Beach and Gardena do not result in any change to the PSBN project, or to the circumstances under which the project is being undertaken, and that the determination made by the LA-RICS Authority on March 6, 2014, that these activities are exempt from CEQA remains unchanged. As the CEQA Lead Agency, the LA-RICS Authority has determined that all of the LTE sites, including the sites covered by the City of Long Beach and City of Gardena SAA's, are covered by the statutory exemptions.

The Authority filed Notices of Exemption as to this, with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on May 7, 2015.

On June 5, 2015, the LA-RICS Authority determined that approval of Site Access Agreements ("SAA") with the Cities of Los Angeles (acting by and through its Department of Water and Power) and Pasadena do not result in any change to the PSBN project, or to the circumstances under which the project is being undertaken, and that the determination made by the LA-RICS Authority on March 6, 2014, that these activities are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) remains unchanged. As the CEQA Lead Agency, the LA-RICS Authority has previously determined that all of the Long Term Evolution (LTE) sites, including the sites covered by the City of Los Angeles and City of Pasadena SAA's, are covered by the statutory exemptions.

On June 5, 2015, the LA-RICS Authority determined that the activities covered by LMR Amendment No. 12, which include buying radio equipment, processing FCC applications and purchasing a bridge warranty for existing equipment, do not constitute a project under CEQA. These activities involve the purchase of supplies/equipment and are organizational or administrative of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment pursuant to Sections 15378(b)(2) and 15378(b)(5)

of the State CEQA Guidelines. It is also exempt from review under CEQA under Section 15061(b)(3), in that there is no potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. No construction work or any other work involving the environment is being done under Amendment No. 12.

The Authority filed Notices of Exemption as to this, with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on June 5, 2015.

On June 18, 2015, the LA-RICS Authority determined that the activities covered by PSBN Amendment No. 10, which include the construction restoration work at 30 public safety sites, do not constitute a project under CEQA. The activities involved do not result in any change to the PSBN project under CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.25. It is also exempt from review since the remaining activities in Amendment No. 10 involve design work and the purchase of cells on wheels, and supplies/equipment, and are organizational or administrative activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment pursuant to Sections CEQA 15378(b)(2) and 15378(b)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines. It is also exempt from review under CEQA under Section 15061(b)(3), in that there is no potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

The Authority filed a Notice of Exemption as to this, with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on June 19, 2015.

On July 9, 2015, the LA-RICS Authority determined that the Work performed for Phase 2 (Site Construction and Site Modification), Phase 3 (Supply PSBN Components), and Phase 4 (PSBN Implementation) for fifteen (15) Cell-on-Wheels (COWs) categorically exempt under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (exemption for existing facilities), 15303 (exemption for new construction or conversion of small structures) and 15304 (exemption for minor alterations to land). The work at the 15 COW sites consists of locating a trailer with LTE equipment at each of the sites, all of which are previously disturbed and have existing facilities and/or structures, and many of which are in commercial and industrial areas. The COWs consist of LTE equipment located on a trailer that would be positioned at the 15 sites identified in this Board letter. The COW trailers would include one new telescoping or articulating undisguised monopole with a lightning rod. The monopole and lightning rod would not exceed 70 feet above ground level. The monopole would be equipped with LTE antennas and microwave backhaul antennas or dishes. The COW trailers would also be fitted with equipment cabinets to house broadband radio base stations (known as an eNodeB), backhaul equipment, backup batteries, and a generator to provide backup power in the event of outages.

Any needed power, leased circuit and fiber connection for the COWs or the LTE equipment at the sites, would be done either above ground or up to 3 feet underground (via trench or conduit). The sites have been screened to verify that power and fiber are available within the site boundary and available for interconnection. Other anticipated

improvements could include installation of up to 10 feet of fencing or concrete masonry block wall, as appropriate. The COW site would require no substantive grading or creation of impervious surfaces or demolition. Locating the COWs at these sites would not involve generation of any substantive amount of soil, materials storage or staging or any substantial use of any other construction equipment. The work would involve minor alteration of existing facilities, mechanical equipment, and location of new small facilities, as well as minor alteration in the condition of land within the sites. There would be negligible to no expansion of use associated with LTE activity at these sites since many of these sites are already developed with similar uses, and/or are located in commercial or industrial areas. As such, this work is within the classes of projects that have been determined not have a significant effect on the environment, and is categorically exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301, 15303, and 15304. Further, none of this work would include the removal of healthy, mature scenic trees, nor would the COWs be located in a particularly sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the categorical exemptions inapplicable based on the project records.

In addition, and with respect to all work authorized by Amendment No. 11 at the four publicly owned sites at California Highway Patrol Newhall Area Station (CHPNWHLL), California Highway West Valley Area Station (CHPWVLLY), Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Mar Vista Station (LASDMVS) and the parking lot at the Pasadena Police Department (PASDNPD), those sites are exempt under CEQA from review pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.25, the statutory exemption adopted specifically for the LA-RICS project. Public Resources Code Section 21080.25 exempts these activities as long as they meet certain criteria set forth in the exemption. These four project sites would meet all of these criteria. This determination is based upon substantial evidence in the record that shows each of the following, as required by the exemption:

- All of the sites are publicly owned and already contain antenna support structures and/or a police, sheriff, or fire station, or other public facility that transmits or receives public safety radio signals.
- Construction and implementation at each of the project sites would not have a substantial adverse impact on wetlands, riparian areas, or habitat of significant value, and would not harm any species protected by the federal Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. Sec. 1531 et seq.), the Native Plant Protection Act (Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 1900) of the Fish and Game Code), or the California Endangered Species Act (Chapter 1.5 (commencing with Section 2050) of Division 3 of the Fish and Game Code), or the habitat of those species.
- Construction and implementation of the project at each of the sites would not have a substantial adverse impact on historical resources pursuant to Section 21084.1.
- Operation of the project at each of the project sites would not exceed the maximum permissible exposure standards established by the Federal Communications Commission, as set forth in Sections 1.1307 and 1.1310 of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

- Any new LTE antenna support structures would comply with applicable state and federal height restrictions, and any height restrictions mandated by an applicable comprehensive land use plan adopted by an airport land use commission. The new monopoles shall not exceed 70 feet in height without appurtenances and attachments.
- Each new central system switch is located within an existing enclosed structure at a publicly owned project site, or is housed at an existing private communications facility.
- None of the sites are located on a school or sacred cultural site.

On July 9, 2015, the LA-RICS Authority determined that the approval of the Site Access Agreements (SAAs) for the parking lot at the Pasadena Police Department (PASDNP) and LASDMVS exempt under CEQA from review pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.25. In addition, these sites are categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301, 15303, and 15304.

The Authority filed Notices of Exemption as to this, with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on July 9, 2015 and on August 18, 2015.

On August 6, 2015, the LA-RICS Authority determined that the activities covered by the execution an Agreement between the City of Los Angeles (City) and the Authority, for use and sharing of microwave network and/or system and related equipment (Microwave System), will not result in direct or indirect physical change to the environment, pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) 15378(b) (2) and (b)(5) of the State Guidelines, similarly under 15061(b)(3). Execution of the Agreement is exempt from review under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), because it is not a project as defined in Sections 15378(b) (2) and (b)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines. Approval of the Agreement and the work covered by the Agreement is an administrative activity of government to allow for maintenance and continual use of the City Microwave System and which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment. The Authority is simply installing communications equipment with no new ground disturbance or building modifications resulting in any physical changes to the environment. Similarly, the Agreement is exempt under CEQA under State CEQA Guideline 15061(b)(3), given permitting use of existing equipment related to the Microwave System will have no effect on the environment. Installation for the equipment related to the Microwave System will not occur in sensitive environments, and as to all exemptions cited, there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances or other limiting factors that would make the exemptions inapplicable.

On August 6, 2015, the LA-RICS Authority determined that approval of Site Access Agreement ("SAA") with the Judicial Council of California (JCC) that would provide the Authority a license to use a portion of the CCT owned or leased property at CCT is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.25. Approval of the SAA does not result in any change

to the activities previously authorized at this site, or to the circumstances under which these activities are being undertaken, and the determination that these activities are exempt from CEQA remain unchanged. As the CEQA Lead Agency, the LA-RICS Authority has determined that the activities authorized at site CCT for the LTE System which is covered by the SAA with the JCC, are covered by the statutory exemption. This determination is supported by substantial evidence in the custody of the Authority, which is incorporated in relevant part in the record of proceedings for these SAAs.

On August 6, 2015, the LA-RICS Authority determined that the activities covered by PSBN Amendment No. 12, which includes (a) removal of forty-two (42) PSBN sites from the scope; (b) removal of tower foundations from seven (7) sites as part of construction restoration Work; (c) inclusion of construction restoration Work for one (1) site (LASDCVS) to return the site to preconstruction conditions; (d) inclusion and purchase of 5,000 Universal Integrated Circuit Cards (UICC); (e) inclusion and purchase of five (5) CISCO routers and five (5) corresponding units of data service; (f) site construction changes and corresponding adjustments to Final Acceptance requirements and closeout activities that will facilitate final spend of funds during the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) grant performance period; (g) remedy certain miscalculations in cost; (h) cost reduction to account for forty-two (42) terminated PSBN sites; and (i) a decrease in the Maximum Contract Sum by \$12,353,154; are exempt from review under the CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.25, the statutory exemption adopted specifically for the LA-RICS project. Approval of Amendment No. 12 does not result in any change to the PSBN project and the determination that these activities are exempt from CEQA remains unchanged. As the CEQA Lead Agency, the LA-RICS Authority has determined that all of the work meets the statutory exemption. This determination is supported by substantial evidence in the custody of the Authority, which is incorporated in relevant part into the record of proceedings.

The remaining activities in Amendment No. 12 involve design work and the purchase of supplies/equipment, and are organizational or administrative activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment pursuant to Sections 15378(b)(2) and 15378(b)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines. It is also exempt from review under CEQA under Section 15601 (b)(3), in that there is no potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

The Authority filed Notices of Exemption as to this, with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on August 18, 2015.

On December 17, 2015, the LA-RICS Authority determined that the authorization to exercise the Unilateral Options for Phase 1 (System Design), Phase 2 (Site Construction and Site Modification), Phase 3 (Supply LMR Components), and Phase 4 (LMR System Implementation) would allow design, construction, implementation, operation, and maintenance of LMR infrastructure at 12 LMR System Sites, including all Work included in Agreement No. LA-RICS 007 is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.25, the statutory CEQA exemption adopted specifically for the LA-RICS project. The Authority also determined that any lease circuit work that may occur outside of a LMR site

if needed to provide connectivity to the LMR site, is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15301, 15303, and 15304.

The Authority filed Notices of Exemption as to this, with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on December 18, 2015.

On September 10, 2015, the LA-RICS Authority determined that the Work performed for Southern California Edison (SCE) for ten (10) Cell-on-Wheels (COWs) for the Public Safety Broadband Network (PSBN) for categorically exempt under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301, 15303, and 15304. Installation of ten (10) mobile facilities (COW's) will occur at ten (10) different SCE properties throughout the Los Angeles basin. Each installation will require fencing, power, and backhaul. The utilities portion of these projects (power and backhaul) will be provided by SCE.

The Authority filed a Notice of Exemption as to this, with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on March 3, 2016.

On April 18, 2016, the LA-RICS Authority determined that all work in Phase 1 of Agreement No. LA-RICS 007, including the preparation of detailed project description for eight (8) LMR System Sites, is exempt from review under CEQA because it is not a project as defined in Sections 15378(b), 15060(c), and 15061(b)(3). The activities covered by LMR Amendment No. 18 will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. Design work is an administrative activity of government which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment. Execution of an additional Amendment for Phase 1 is also exempt pursuant to Section 15262 of the State CEQA Guidelines as it involves feasibility and planning studies for possible future actions which the Authority has not approved, adopted or funded and for which the Authority has considered environmental factors. Further, execution of an Amendment for Phase 1 is categorically exempt under Sections 15304 and 15306 since the activity includes minor alterations to land with no removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and basic data collection, research and resource evaluation as information gathering or part of a study leading to an action which the Authority has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. These activities will not occur in sensitive environments, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make these exemptions inapplicable.

The Authority filed a Notice of Exemption as to this, with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on April 25, 2016.

On December 12, 2016, the LA-RICS Authority determined that approval of Site Access Agreements ("SAA") with at Castro Peak (CPK), Mount McDill (MMC), and San Dimas

(SDW) sites are exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.25. Approval of the SAAs does not result in any change to the activities previously authorized at this site, or to the circumstances under which these activities are being undertaken, and the determination that these activities are exempt from CEQA remain unchanged. As the CEQA Lead Agency, the LA-RICS Authority has determined that the activities authorized at the CPK, MMC, and SDW sites for the LMR System which are covered by the SAA with the CPK, MMC, and SDW sites, are covered by the statutory exemption. This determination is supported by substantial evidence in the custody of the Authority, which is incorporated in relevant part in the record of proceedings for these SAAs.

On December 12, 2016, the LA-RICS Authority determined that the installation of whip and microwave antennas on the roof tops of existing buildings, new and existing lattice towers, monopoles, and H-frame structures to nine (9) LMR System Sites at UCLA (UCLA), Pomona Courthouse (POM), Winding Way (WWY), Rancho Palos Verdes ECC (RPV1), Baldwin Hills (BAH), Los Angeles County Water Tank Pump Station 38 (DPW38), BKK Landfill (BKK), Lancaster (LAN), and San Pedro Hill County (SPH) are publicly owned and already contain antenna support structure and /or a police, sheriff, or fire station, or other public facility that transforms or receives public safety radio signals. Construction and implementation at the site would not have a substantial adverse impact on wetlands, riparian areas, or habitat of significant value, and would not harm any species protected by the federal Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. Sec. 1531 et seq.), the Native Plant Protection Act (Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 1900) of the Fish and Game Code), or the California Endangered Species Act (Chapter 1.5 (commencing with Section 2050) of Division 3 of the Fish and Game Code), or the Habitat of those species. Construction and implementation at the site would not have a substantial adverse impact on the historical resources pursuant to Section 21084.1. Operation of LMR facilities at the site would not exceed the maximum permissible exposure standards established by the Federal Communications Commission, as set forth in Sections 1.1307 and 1.1310 of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The LMR antenna support structures for the site would comply with applicable state and federal height restrictions, and may height restrictions mandated by an applicable comprehensive land use plan adopted by an airport land use commission. The height of the existing building shall not be extended excluding appurtenances and attachments. Each new central system switch is located within an existing enclosed structure at a publicly owned project site, or is housed at an existing private communications facility. Furthermore, they are categorically exempt under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301, 15303, and 15304.

On December 12, 2016, the LA-RICS Authority determined that the installation of whip and microwave antennas on the roof top of an existing building to one (1) LMR System Site at Universal Studios (UNIV) is categorically exempt under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301, 15303, and 15304. Construction and operation at the LMR Site qualifies for these categorical exemptions because it consists of minor alternations of existing facilities with no expansion of use. Specifically, installation of LMR equipment at this Site would result in additional communication equipment being added to the building, which would have no effect on the existing use of the facility and would not result in an expansion of use of the existing facility. Additionally, the proposed project would

make only minor modifications to the exterior of the building and install limited, small new equipment. No exceptions pursuant to Section 15300.2 would apply.

On December 12, 2016, the LA-RICS Authority authorized for one (1) LMR System Site at Industry Water Tank (IND) to begin Phase 1 (Site Design) activities at the proposed LMR Project Site of Agreement No. LA-RICS 007, is an administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment pursuant to Sections 15378(b)(2) and 15060(c) of the State CEQA Guidelines. Phase 1 is also exempt pursuant to Section 15262 of the State CEQA Guidelines as it involves feasibility and planning studies for possible future actions which the Authority has not approved, adopted or funded and for which the Authority has considered environmental factors. Further, Phase 1 work is categorically exempt under Sections 15304 and 15306 since the activity includes minor alterations to land with no removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and basic data collection, research and resource evaluation as information gathering or part of a study leading to an action which the Authority has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. As all work under Agreement LA-RICS 007 is contained in defined Phases, and each Phase identified in the Agreement must be initiated and approved by the Board via a Unilateral Option and pursuant to separately issued Notice to Proceed in order for any Work to occur in connection with Phases 1 through 5, we will return to the Board for consideration and approval of appropriate environmental documentation under CEQA prior to the proposed approval of any activities which may constitute a project under CEQA at the Site, including the exercise of Unilateral Options beyond Phase 1 of the Agreement.

On December 12, 2016, the LA-RICS Authority determined that the purchase of Radio Equipment to be used with the Authority's LMR User Equipment, necessary for use of and testing of the LMR Early Deployment System is exempt from review under CEQA because it is not a project as defined in Sections 15378(b), 15060(c), and 15061(b)(3) Guidelines. Approval of the amended to include this purchase is an administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. The purchase and use of the Radio Equipment is also exempt from CEQA because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the purchase and use of Radio Equipment may have significant effect on the environment.

The Authority filed a Notice of Exemption as to this, with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on December 12, 2016.
