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Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the Land Mobile Radio (LMR)

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) staff appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document both as a commenting agency and a responsible agency. The following comments are meant as guidance for the Lead Agency and should be incorporated into the Final EIR.

The Lead Agency proposes the construction/installation of a wireless communications system. The LMR system would consist of antennas and support equipment at up to 90 sites. LMR antennas would be installed on the rooftops of existing buildings or on existing or new monopoles and lattice tower support structures. Diesel backup generators will be installed at all sites. Since the proposed project includes diesel-fueled generators which are rated greater than 50 brake horsepower (bhp), a permit would be required in accordance with SCAQMD rules including Rule 1470 – Requirements for Stationary Diesel-Fueled Internal Combustion and Other Compression Initial Engines and Rule 1110.2 – Emissions From Gaseous- and Liquid-Fueled Engines. If there are permit questions concerning the generator, they can be directed to Engineering and Compliance Staff at (909) 396-2315.

Please provide the SCAQMD with written responses to all comments contained herein prior to the adoption of the Final EIR. SCAQMD staff is available to work with the Lead Agency to address these issues and any other air quality questions that may arise. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at icheng@aqmd.gov or call me at (909) 396-2448.

Sincerely,

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