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FROM: Nelson Lee, Director, UH Office of Project Delivery

SUBJECT: Exemption Notice for T-Mobile Telecommunications Facility Modifications at Saunders Hall

DATE: 4/27/2022

AGENCY OR APPLICANT ACTION
Check applicable box

☒ This exempted action is an agency action as defined by Section 343-5(b), Hawai‘i Revised Statutes (HRS), and Section 11-200.1-8, Hawai‘i Administrative Rules (HAR),

☐ This exempted action is an applicant action as defined by Section 343-5(e), HRS, and Section 11-200.1-9, HAR

EXEMPTION TYPE:
The Exemption Notice for the action described below is based on the general types enumerated in Section 11-200.1-15(c), Hawai‘i Administrative Rules (HAR), Exemption Type _Replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located generally on the same site and will have substantially the same purpose, capacity, density, height and dimensions as the structure replaced._

As applicable, the exemption for the action described below is also supported by the Exemption List for the [name of agency], reviewed and concurred to by the Environmental Council on [date of concurrence].
- Exemption List Class _2_.
- Item Number _1n_.
- Applicable language from the exemption list:

DESCRIPTION OF ACTION
Proposing Agency or Applicant: University of Hawaii
Project Name & Address/Location: T-Mobile Saunders Hall 2424 Maile Way Hono., HI
Anticipated Start Date: 8/24/2022
Anticipated End Date: 9/16/2022
Island and District: O’ahu Honolulu
Tax Map Key(s) and other geolocation means: (1) 2-8-023:003 Latitude: 21.30050667 N Longitude -157.81925830 W
All Necessary Permits and Approvals:

NARRATIVE
Describe the action and why it qualifies for the exemption: The project involves modification of antennas and accessory equipment and equipment cabinets to an existing rooftop telecommunication facility. The proposed changes involve the replacement of old antennas with new antennas, the reduction in the antenna quantity, the addition of new accessory equipment and the relocation of old equipment cabinets and the addition of new equipment cabinets.

RECEIVING ENVIRONMENT
Describe the site, including any impacts on the receiving environment: The facility is on the rooftop of Saunders Hall at the University of Hawaii Manoa Campus. The building 7 stories high and also the location of the University’s guy-wire radio tower. The presence of the T-Mobile facility and its proposed modifications will not have any impact of the receiving environment.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS
I have considered the potential effects of the proposed project and all related activities against the criteria checked below:

Not Applicable

☐ Land Use and Zoning Conformance
☐ Traffic (Vehicles, Bicycles, Pedestrian)
☐ Infrastructure (Roads, Buildings, Utilities)
☐ Air Quality Pollutant Emissions
☐ Noise Emissions
☐ Solid, Hazardous, and Liquid Waste Management
☐ Social
☐ Economic
☐ Health and Safety
☐ Recreation
☐ Public Beach Access
☐ Cultural Resources and Practices
☐ Visual/Aesthetic
☐ Environmental Justice
☐ Rare, Threatened, and/or Endangered Species
☐ Surface and Ground Water Resources
☐ Wetlands
☐ Floodplains

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☐ Riparian/Coastal Resources ☒
☐ Other ☒

Comments/summary of impact analysis:

MITIGATION
Describe all mitigation measures and best management practices planned to address impacts during the project activities and after project completion: This is an existing telecommunications facility that has been in operation since 2001 and best management practices have and will continue to be used for the safe operation of this facility. All FCC safety measures will be complied with and the proposed modifications will not add to the existing conditions.

CONSULTATION
The following parties have been consulted about this declaration exemption (Name, affiliation, consultation date): No consultation will be required in regards to the proposed action.

EXEMPT DECLARATION
The direct, cumulative, and potential impacts of the action described above have been considered pursuant to Chapter 343, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes and Chapter 11-200.1, Hawai‘i Administrative Rules. I declare that the action described above will have minimal or no significant impact on the environment and is therefore exempt from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment.

Signature of Director or Delegate

Date

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