Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of )
Higher Ground LLC ) File No. SES-LIC-20150616-00357 ) Call Sign E150095 Application for a
Blanket License to Operate C-band )
Mobile Earth Terminals )

CITIES OF GARLAND, MESQUITE,
ROWLETT, AND SACHSE TEXAS
PETITION TO DENY

The Cities of Garland, Mesquite, Rowlett, & Sachse (GMRS) located in Dallas County Texas is in the implementation phase of a new 9-site P25 trunked radio system. These sites are interconnected using a 6 GHz microwave network. We have already been granted licenses under the following call signs:

- WQEX847
- WQJX737
- WQJX738
- WQJX739
- WQN461
- WQJX714
- WQJX718
- WQJX719
- WQJX720
- WQJX735
- WQJX737
- WQJX738
- WQJX739
- WQXN460
- WXP800
- WXP805
- WQXQ683

GMRS is opposed to Higher Ground LLC’s (HG) proposed use of frequencies in the 5925-6425 MHz band for mobile earth stations. GMRS is concerned that Higher Ground’s use of these frequency’s will cause potentially harmful interference to the GMRS fixed microwave communications facilities which would affect mission critical two-way radio traffic throughout the four cities. GMRS strongly objects to the grant of the application/filing by Higher Ground (E150095).

Public Safety radio communications for each of these 4 cities depends heavily on the microwave communications network to provide highly reliable connectivity between our 911 dispatch operations and the simulcast radio system operations.

GMRS is concerned that the granting of HG’s proposal, without further scrutiny and the opportunity for widespread public comment, could cause harmful interference to this Public Safety communications system. Any interference from the proposed mobile
earth stations would be very difficult to detect and correct, and could potentially jeopardize the safety of our First Responders and citizens.

We depend upon the frequency coordination and filing process to protect our critical licensed microwave links for Public Safety from interference. GMRS requests that the Commission deny the HG application and waiver request and allow the matter to instead be studied under the full scrutiny of a rulemaking proceeding.

Sincerely,

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