

# Radio Frequency – Electromagnetic Energy (RF-EME) Compliance Report

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CRAN\_RSFR\_SAC01\_022  
5001 Laguna BLVD  
Elk Grove, California 95758  
Sacramento County  
38.423361; -121.447333 NAD83  
Light Pole

**The proposed AT&T installation will be in compliance with FCC regulations upon proper installation of recommended signage.**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### Purpose of Report

EnviroBusiness Inc. (dba EBI Consulting) has been contracted by AT&T Mobility, LLC to conduct radio frequency electromagnetic (RF-EME) modeling for AT&T Site SAC01\_022 located at 5001 Laguna BLVD in Elk Grove, California to determine RF-EME exposure levels from proposed AT&T wireless communications equipment at this site. As described in greater detail in Section 1.0 of this report, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has developed Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE) Limits for general public exposures and occupational exposures. This report summarizes the results of RF-EME modeling in relation to relevant FCC RF-EME compliance standards for limiting human exposure to RF-EME fields.

This report contains a detailed summary of the RF EME analysis for the site, including the following:

- Site Plan with antenna locations
- Graphical representation of theoretical MPE fields based on modeling
- Graphical representation of recommended signage and/or barriers

This document addresses the compliance of AT&T's transmitting facilities independently and in relation to all collocated facilities at the site.

### Statement of Compliance

A site is considered out of compliance with FCC regulations if there are areas that exceed the FCC exposure limits and there are no RF hazard mitigation measures in place. Any carrier which has an installation that contributes more than 5% of the applicable MPE must participate in mitigating these RF hazards.

As presented in the sections below, based on worst-case predictive modeling, the worst-case emitted power density may exceed the FCC's general public limit within approximately 7 feet of ATT's proposed antennas at the utility line level. Modeling also indicates that the worst-case emitted power density may exceed the FCC's occupational limit within approximately 3 feet of ATT's proposed antennas at the utility line level.

As such, the proposed AT&T installation is in compliance with FCC regulations upon proper installation of recommended signage and/or barriers.

### AT&T Recommended Signage/Compliance Plan

AT&T's RF Exposure: Responsibilities, Procedures & Guidelines document, dated October 28, 2014, requires that:

1. All sites must be analyzed for RF exposure compliance;
2. All sites must have that analysis documented; and
3. All sites must have any necessary signage and barriers installed.

Site compliance recommendations have been developed based upon protocols presented in AT&T's RF Exposure: Responsibilities, Procedures & Guidelines document, dated October 28, 2014, additional guidance provided by AT&T, EBI's understanding of FCC and OSHA requirements, and common industry practice. Barrier locations have been identified (when required) based on guidance presented in AT&T's RF Exposure: Responsibilities, Procedures & Guidelines document, dated October 28, 2014.

The following signage is recommended at this site:

- Yellow CAUTION 2B sign posted on both sides of the light pole 2 feet below the antenna.

The signage proposed for installation at this site complies with AT&T's RF Exposure: Responsibilities, Procedures & Guidelines document and therefore complies with FCC and OSHA requirements. Barriers are not recommended on this site. More detailed information concerning site compliance recommendations is presented in Section 4.0 and Appendix B of this report.

## 1.0 FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC) REQUIREMENTS

The FCC has established Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE) limits for human exposure to Radiofrequency Electromagnetic (RF-EME) energy fields, based on exposure limits recommended by the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP) and, over a wide range of frequencies, the exposure limits developed by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. (IEEE) and adopted by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) to replace the 1982 ANSI guidelines. Limits for localized absorption are based on recommendations of both ANSI/IEEE and NCRP.

The FCC guidelines incorporate two separate tiers of exposure limits that are based upon occupational/controlled exposure limits (for workers) and general public/uncontrolled exposure limits for members of the general public.

**Occupational/controlled exposure limits** apply to situations in which persons are exposed as a consequence of their employment and in which those persons who are exposed have been made fully aware of the potential for exposure and can exercise control over their exposure. Occupational/controlled exposure limits also apply where exposure is of a transient nature as a result of incidental passage through a location where exposure levels may be above general public/uncontrolled limits (see below), as long as the exposed person has been made fully aware of the potential for exposure and can exercise control over his or her exposure by leaving the area or by some other appropriate means.

**General public/uncontrolled exposure limits** apply to situations in which the general public may be exposed or in which persons who are exposed as a consequence of their employment may not be made fully aware of the potential for exposure or cannot exercise control over their exposure. Therefore, members of the general public would always be considered under this category when exposure is not employment-related, for example, in the case of a telecommunications tower that exposes persons in a nearby residential area.

Table I and Figure I (below), which are included within the FCC's OET Bulletin 65, summarize the MPE limits for RF emissions. These limits are designed to provide a substantial margin of safety. They vary by frequency to take into account the different types of equipment that may be in operation at a particular facility and are "time-averaged" limits to reflect different durations resulting from controlled and uncontrolled exposures.

The FCC's MPEs are measured in terms of power (mW) over a unit surface area (cm<sup>2</sup>). Known as the power density, the FCC has established an occupational MPE of 5 milliwatts per square centimeter (mW/cm<sup>2</sup>) and an uncontrolled MPE of 1 mW/cm<sup>2</sup> for equipment operating in the 1900 MHz frequency range. For the AT&T equipment operating at 850 MHz, the FCC's occupational MPE is 2.83 mW/cm<sup>2</sup> and an uncontrolled MPE of 0.57 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>. For the AT&T equipment operating at 700 MHz, the FCC's occupational MPE is 2.33 mW/cm<sup>2</sup> and an uncontrolled MPE of 0.47 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>. These limits are considered protective of these populations.

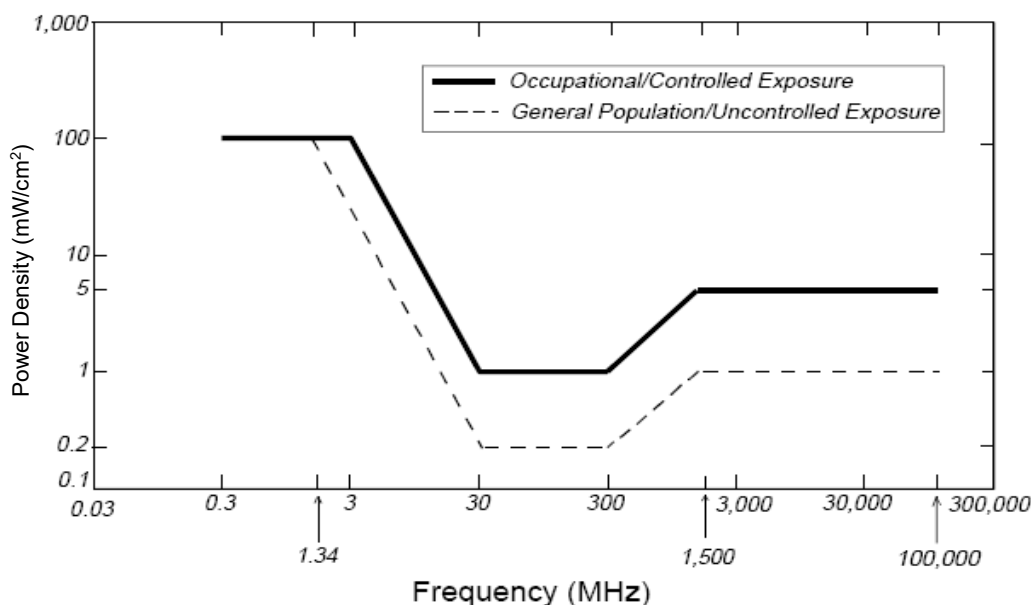
Table I: Limits for Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE)				
(A) Limits for Occupational/Controlled Exposure				
Frequency Range (MHz)	Electric Field Strength (E) (V/m)	Magnetic Field Strength (H) (A/m)	Power Density (S) (mW/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Averaging Time [E] <sup>2</sup> , [H] <sup>2</sup> , or S (minutes)
0.3-3.0	614	1.63	(100)*	6
3.0-30	1842/f	4.89/f	(900/f <sup>2</sup> )*	6
30-300	61.4	0.163	1.0	6
300-1,500	--	--	f/300	6
1,500-100,000	--	--	5	6

<b>(B) Limits for General Public/Uncontrolled Exposure</b>				
<b>Frequency Range (MHz)</b>	<b>Electric Field Strength (E) (V/m)</b>	<b>Magnetic Field Strength (H) (A/m)</b>	<b>Power Density (S) (mW/cm<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>Averaging Time [E]<sup>2</sup>, [H]<sup>2</sup>, or S (minutes)</b>
0.3-1.34	614	1.63	(100)*	30
1.34-30	824/f	2.19/f	(180/f <sup>2</sup> )*	30
30-300	27.5	0.073	0.2	30
300-1,500	--	--	f/1,500	30
1,500-100,000	--	--	1.0	30

f = Frequency in (MHz)

\* Plane-wave equivalent power density

**Figure 1. FCC Limits for Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE)**  
 Plane-wave Equivalent Power Density



Based on the above, the most restrictive thresholds for exposures of unlimited duration to RF energy for several personal wireless services are summarized below:

<b>Personal Wireless Service</b>	<b>Approximate Frequency</b>	<b>Occupational MPE</b>	<b>Public MPE</b>
Microwave (Point-to-Point)	5,000 - 80,000 MHz	5.00 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>	1.00 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>
Broadband Radio (BRS)	2,600 MHz	5.00 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>	1.00 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>
Wireless Communication (WCS)	2,300 MHz	5.00 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>	1.00 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>
Advanced Wireless (AWS)	2,100 MHz	5.00 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>	1.00 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>
Personal Communication (PCS)	1,950 MHz	5.00 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>	1.00 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>
Cellular Telephone	870 MHz	2.90 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>	0.58 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>
Specialized Mobile Radio (SMR)	855 MHz	2.85 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>	0.57 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>
Long Term Evolution (LTE)	700 MHz	2.33 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>	0.47 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>
Most Restrictive Frequency Range	30-300 MHz	1.00 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>	0.20 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>

MPE limits are designed to provide a substantial margin of safety. These limits apply for continuous exposures and are intended to provide a prudent margin of safety for all persons, regardless of age, gender, size, or health.

Personal Communication (PCS) facilities used by AT&T in this area operate within a frequency range of 700-1900 MHz. Facilities typically consist of: 1) electronic transceivers (the radios or cabinets) connected to wired telephone lines; and 2) antennas that send the wireless signals created by the transceivers to be received by individual subscriber units (PCS telephones). Transceivers are typically connected to antennas by coaxial cables.

Because of the short wavelength of PCS services, the antennas require line-of-site paths for good propagation, and are typically installed above ground level. Antennas are constructed to concentrate energy towards the horizon, with as little energy as possible scattered towards the ground or the sky. This design, combined with the low power of PCS facilities, generally results in no possibility for exposure to approach Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE) levels, with the exception of areas directly in front of the antennas.

## **2.0 AT&T RF EXPOSURE POLICY REQUIREMENTS**

AT&T's RF Exposure: Responsibilities, Procedures & Guidelines document, dated October 28, 2014, requires that:

1. All sites must be analyzed for RF exposure compliance;
2. All sites must have that analysis documented; and
3. All sites must have any necessary signage and barriers installed.

Pursuant to this guidance, worst-case predictive modeling was performed for the site. This modeling is described below in Section 3.0. Lastly, based on the modeling and survey data, EBI has produced a Compliance Plan for this site that outlines the recommended signage and barriers. The recommended Compliance Plan for this site is described in Section 4.0.

## **3.0 WORST-CASE PREDICTIVE MODELING**

In accordance with AT&T's RF Exposure policy, EBI performed theoretical modeling using RoofMaster™ software to estimate the worst-case power density at the site utility line level and ground-level and/or nearby rooftops resulting from operation of the antennas. RoofMaster™ is a widely-used predictive modeling program that has been developed to predict RF power density values for rooftop and tower telecommunications sites produced by vertical collinear antennas that are typically used in the cellular, PCS, paging and other communications services. Using the computational methods set forth in Federal Communications (FCC) Office of Engineering & Technology (OET) Bulletin 65, "Evaluating Compliance with FCC Guidelines for Human Exposure to Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Fields" (OET-65), RoofMaster™ calculates predicted power density in a scalable grid based on the contributions of all RF sources characterized in the study scenario. At each grid location, the cumulative power density is expressed as a percentage of the FCC limits. Manufacturer antenna pattern data is utilized in these calculations. RoofMaster™ models consist of the Far Field model as specified in OET-65 and an implementation of the OET-65 Cylindrical Model (Sula9). The models utilize several operational specifications for different types of antennas to produce a plot of spatially-averaged power densities that can be expressed as a percentage of the applicable exposure limit.

For this report, EBI utilized antenna and power data provided by AT&T and compared the resultant worst-case MPE levels to the FCC's occupational/controlled exposure limits outlined in OET Bulletin 65.

The assumptions used in the modeling are based upon information provided by AT&T and information gathered from other sources. There are no other wireless carriers with equipment installed at this site.

Based on worst-case predictive modeling, the worst-case emitted power density may exceed the FCC's general public limit within approximately 7 feet of AT&T's antenna at the utility line level. Modeling also

indicates that the worst-case emitted power density may exceed the FCC's occupational limit within approximately 3 feet of AT&T's antenna at the utility line level.

Modeling indicates that the worst-case emitted power density may exceed the FCC's general public limit within approximately 10 feet of the antenna face and the occupational limit within approximately 4 feet of the antenna face. Modeling also indicates that the worst-case emitted power density may exceed the FCC's general population limit within approximately 2 feet below the bottom of the AT&T antenna and the occupational limit within approximately 1 foot below the bottom of the AT&T antenna.

At the nearest walking/working surfaces to the AT&T antennas on the utility line level, the maximum power density generated by the AT&T antennas is approximately 766.48 percent of the FCC's general public limit (153.30 percent of the FCC's occupational limit). The composite exposure level from all carriers on this site is approximately 766.48 percent of the FCC's general public limit (153.30 percent of the FCC's occupational limit) at the nearest walking/working surface to each antenna. Based on worst-case predictive modeling, there are no areas at ground/street level related to the proposed AT&T antennas that exceed the FCC's occupational or general public exposure limits at this site. At ground/street level, the maximum power density generated by the antennas is approximately 0.32 percent of the FCC's general public limit (0.064 percent of the FCC's occupational limit).

A graphical representation of the RoofMaster™ modeling results is presented in Appendix B. It should be noted that RoofMaster™ is not suitable for modeling microwave dish antennas; however, these units are designed for point-to-point operations at the elevations of the installed equipment rather than ground-level coverage. Based on AT&T's RF Exposure: Responsibilities, Procedures & Guidelines document, dated October 28, 2014, microwave antennas are considered compliant if they are higher than 20 feet above any accessible walking/working surface. There are no microwaves installed at this site.



#### 4.0 RECOMMENDED SIGNAGE/COMPLIANCE PLAN

Signs are the primary means for control of access to areas where RF exposure levels may potentially exceed the MPE. As presented in the AT&T guidance document, the signs must:

- Be posted at a conspicuous point;
- Be posted at the appropriate locations;
- Be readily visible; and
- Make the reader aware of the potential risks prior to entering the affected area.

The table below presents the signs that may be used for AT&T installations.

CRAN / HETNET Small Cell Decals / Signs		Alerting Signs	
	<p><b>NOTICE DECALS</b></p>		<p><b>TRILINGUAL NOTICE</b></p> <p><b>NOTICE 2</b></p>
	<p><b>NOTICE SIGN</b></p>		
	<p><b>CAUTION DECAL</b></p>		
	<p><b>CAUTION SIGN</b></p>		

Based upon protocols presented in AT&T's RF Exposure: Responsibilities, Procedures & Guidelines document, dated October 28, 2014, and additional guidance provided by AT&T, the following signage is recommended on the site:

- Yellow CAUTION 2B sign posted on both sides of the light pole 2 feet below the antenna.

No barriers are required for this site.

## **5.0 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS**

EBI has prepared this Radiofrequency Emissions Compliance Report for the proposed AT&T telecommunications equipment at the site located at 5001 Laguna BLVD in Elk Grove, California.

EBI has conducted theoretical modeling to estimate the worst-case power density from AT&T antennas to document potential MPE levels at this location and ensure that site control measures are adequate to meet FCC and OSHA requirements, as well as AT&T's corporate RF safety policies. As presented in the preceding sections, based on worst-case predictive modeling, the worst-case emitted power density may exceed the FCC's general public limit within approximately 7 feet of ATT's proposed antennas at the utility line level. Modeling also indicates that the worst-case emitted power density may exceed the FCC's occupational limit within approximately 3 feet of ATT's proposed antennas at the utility line level.

Signage is recommended at the site as presented in Section 4.0 and Appendix B. Posting of the signage brings the site into compliance with FCC rules and regulations and AT&T's corporate RF safety policies.

## **6.0 LIMITATIONS**

This report was prepared for the use of AT&T Mobility, LLC to meet requirements outlined in AT&T's corporate RF safety guidelines. It was performed in accordance with generally accepted practices of other consultants undertaking similar studies at the same time and in the same locale under like circumstances. The conclusions provided by EBI are based solely on the information provided by the client. The observations in this report are valid on the date of the investigation. Any additional information that becomes available concerning the site should be provided to EBI so that our conclusions may be revised and modified, if necessary. This report has been prepared in accordance with Standard Conditions for Engagement and authorized proposal, both of which are integral parts of this report. No other warranty, expressed or implied, is made.

# **Appendix A**

## **Personnel Certifications**

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Note that EBI's scope of work is limited to an evaluation of the Radio Frequency – Electromagnetic Energy (RF-EME) field generated by the antennas and broadcast equipment noted in this report. The engineering and design of the structure, as well as the impact of the antennas and broadcast equipment on the structural integrity of the structure, are specifically excluded from EBI's scope of work.

## Preparer Certification

I, Karl Nicoleau, state that:

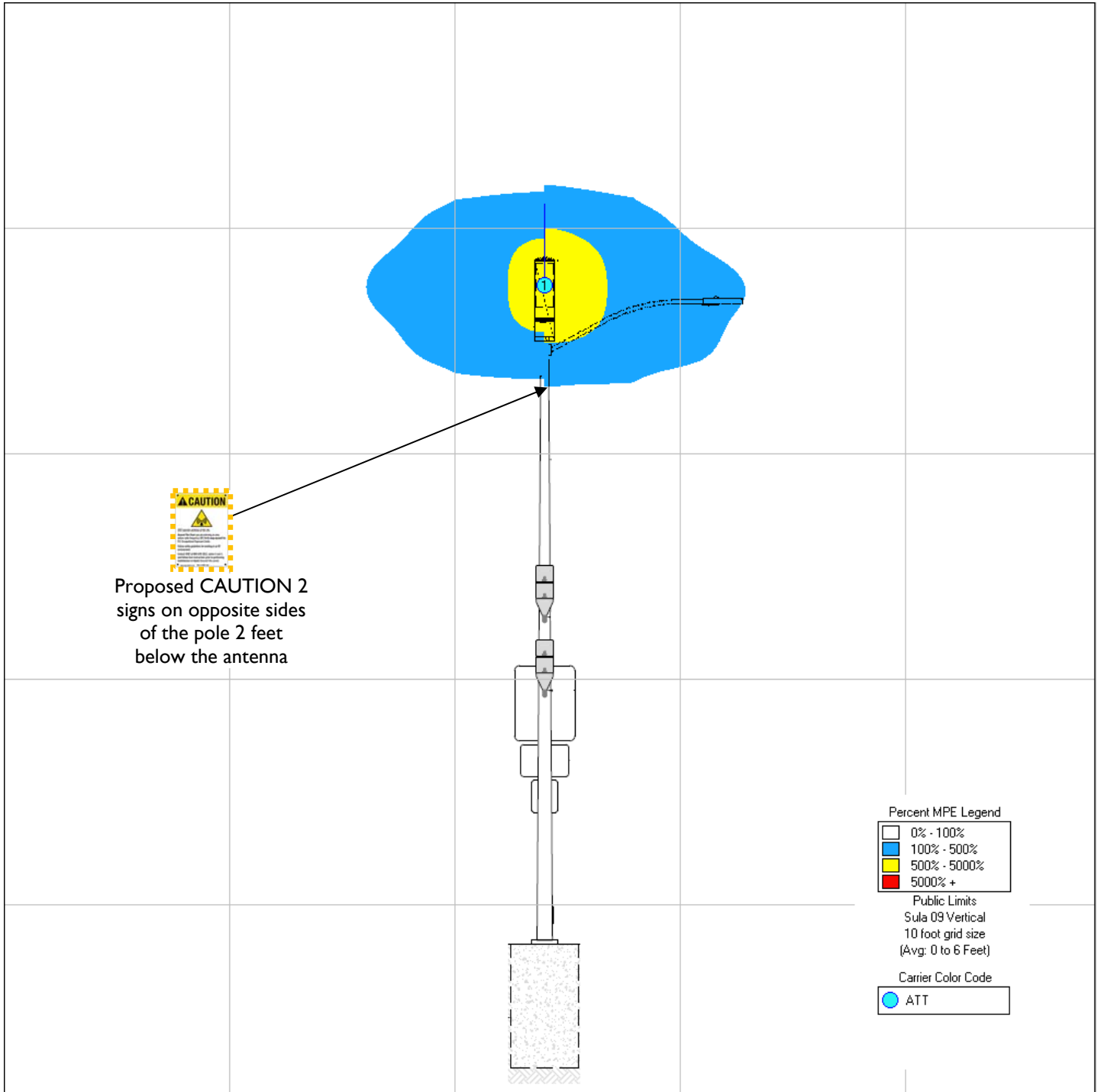
- I am an employee of EnviroBusiness Inc. (d/b/a EBI Consulting), which provides RF-EME safety and compliance services to the wireless communications industry.
- I have successfully completed RF-EME safety training, and I am aware of the potential hazards from RF-EME and would be classified “occupational” under the FCC regulations.
- I am familiar with the FCC rules and regulations as well as OSHA regulations both in general and as they apply to RF-EME exposure.
- I have been trained in on the procedures outlined in AT&T’s RF Exposure: Responsibilities, Procedures & Guidelines document (dated October 28, 2014) and on RF-EME modeling using RoofMaster™ modeling software.
- I have reviewed the data provided by the client and incorporated it into this Site Compliance Report such that the information contained in this report is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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## **Appendix B**

# **Compliance/Signage Plan**

### Elevation Simulation



	Existing Sign
	Proposed Sign
	Installed Sign

SIGN IDENTIFICATION LEGEND			
	AT&T NOTICE 2 Sign		AT&T CAUTION 2 – Rooftop Sign
	AT&T WARNING 1B and 2A Signs		AT&T CAUTION 2B – Tower Sign
	AT&T NOTICE Small Cell Signs		AT&T CAUTION 2C – Parapet Sign
	AT&T CAUTION Small Cell Signs		AT&T TRILINGUAL NOTICE Sign