

Compliance Review Section:
Federal Communications Commission Project Review Policy
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INTRODUCTION

Thank you for contacting the Seminole Tribe of Florida – Tribal Historic Preservation Office (STOF – THPO) regarding your Federal Communications Commission TCNS undertaking and for taking seriously your responsibility to consult with the Tribe. Due to limitations on the amount of text that can be presented on the TCNS website, we have moved our full policy to this location.

STOF AREA OF INTEREST

The Seminole Tribe of Florida's area of interest includes - either in whole or in part - Florida, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, North Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Louisiana. These areas include ancestral, historic, modern, and ceded lands. It also includes lands through which Seminoles and their ancestors were moved as a result of their forced resettlement by the United States government into the area that is now the state of Oklahoma.

Currently, the Tribe is actively reviewing FCC undertakings that occur within the states of Florida and Georgia. However, the Tribe retains the right to change this at its discretion.

FEES

The STOF charges a research fee for conducting a Project Assessment of FCC undertakings. These fees assist in supporting staff in several different Tribal departments who are directly involved in the assessment and in developing and maintaining the THPO's research database. The database contains proprietary privileged information regarding geographic areas across the southeastern United States that are culturally important to the Tribe. Much of the information in this database is not publically available from any other source and would not be accessible to private consultants. The STOF would like to emphasize that this is not a fee for conducting a NHPA Section 106 consultation.

Until the issue of fees is resolved between the FCC, the Federally Recognized Tribes, and the Cell Tower Industry, the STOF will not be sending out invoices. However, we will continue to request TCNS submission packets which we can review at our discretion.

ITEMS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THPO

The following items should be submitted to the THPO via email and email attachments at THPOCompliance@semtribe.com

Traditional / Macro Cell Towers

The following documentation is necessary before a project assessment can be performed:

- A cover letter referencing the specific TCNS number of the project and providing a clear description of the undertaking, any possible ground disturbing impacts, and a street address or UTM or decimal latitude/longitude coordinates for each of the proposed towers.
- A Cultural Resource Assessment Survey report (CRAS) and an Architectural Assessment (AA) report, if needed. The CRAS report should follow the appropriate state guidelines and include methodology, project area geomorphology and soils, and field survey results. Please limit

submittal of architectural surveys (unless embedded with archaeological information), engineering/construction drawings, and excessive photos.

Small Cell / Distributed Antenna Systems

The following documentation is necessary before a project assessment can be performed:

- A cover letter referencing the specific TCNS number of the project and providing a clear description of the undertaking, any possible ground disturbing impacts, and a street address or UTM or decimal latitude/longitude coordinates for each of the proposed antennas/nodes/poles.
- A 620/621 form with attachments as appropriate. Pursuant to FCC guidelines, 620/621 forms for required for small cell/DAS.
- Maps showing the general location (i.e., a locator map), and the specific location for the proposed installation,
- A recent aerial photograph of the proposed installation APE, and
- At least one street level photograph showing the location of the proposed installation. Google Earth images may be used for both the aerial photo and the street level photo providing they are of good quality and relatively recent date. These photographs will assist us in determining the degree of previous ground disturbance within the direct effects APE.
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STOF CONTACTS

Questions concerning the status of reviews should be directed to THPOCompliance@semtribe.com. Thank you.