



WASHOE COUNTY

Integrity Communication Service

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 18, 2025

DATE: Thursday, November 13, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Behzad Zamanian, Chief Information Officer

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve and sign the Second Amendment to the License Agreement dated January 3, 2001, by and between ATC Operating Inc. and Washoe County to extend the term of the License Agreement for a total period of five (5) years, starting January 19, 2026, with option to renew for four additional periods of five years; a fee increase of [\$1,309.92] for the first year of the license extension, and a fee increase of five percent (5%) annually thereafter, beginning January 19, 2027; and authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute the agreement. (All Commission Districts) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

Washoe County and ATC Operating Inc. have an existing License Agreement approved by the Board of County Commissioners in December of 2000, that licenses a radio tower and adjacent land to Washoe County for the County's 800MHz Regional Public Safety Radio System.

The Second Amendment to the License Agreement dated January 3, 2001, by and between ATC Operating Inc. and Washoe County extends the term of the License Agreement, starting January 19 2026, for a period of five (5) years with option to renew for four additional periods of five years. The Second Amendment also increases the fee for the first year of the license extension, paid in monthly installments of \$109.16 (\$1,309.92, total), and institutes an "Annual Escalator" of five percent starting on January 19, 2027. For clarity the five percent Annual Escalator is included in the original License Agreement. The Second Amendment specifies that the Annual Escalator will be applied only if the License Agreement is extended.

Washoe County, through the Washoe County Regional Communication System (WCRCS), operates a public safety radio communication network that serves public safety, law enforcement and emergency response organizations in the region. The WCRCS relies on a number of third party-owned sites, land, and equipment to operate its radio communication network. As part of the existing 800MHz communication system, Washoe County operates a communication site utilizing a radio tower on Red Peak licensed to the County by ATC Operating Inc.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Fiscal Sustainability

PREVIOUS ACTION

On November 15, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners approved the License Agreement between American Tower LLC and Washoe County to correctively amend the site information commonly known as East Red Peak Tower 3 and to modify the equipment at the Tower Site in support of the County's 800 MHz Regional Radio System.

On December 19, 2000, the Board of County Commissioners approved the License Agreement between the Washoe County and ATC Operating Inc. (American Tower Corporation), concerning lease of tower space and adjacent land on Red Peak to construct a communications shelter for the County's 800 MHz Regional Radio System.

BACKGROUND

Washoe County, in partnership with the Nevada Department of Transportation, and NV Energy are in the process of building the Nevada Shared Radio System (NSRS). The NSRS is a statewide public safety radio system used by first responder agencies across the state. Use of third party-owned sites, land, and equipment to operate the NSRS is common. Washoe County currently operates on East Red Peak through leased space on a radio tower owned by ATC Operating Inc. As part of the NSRS construction, Washoe County plans to construct a new radio site on East Red Peak. This will allow the County to avoid future fees and fee increases required through its lease with ATC Operating, avoid radio frequency interference present at the current ATC Operating Inc. site location, and gain a more favorable site location from which to transmit public safety radio communications.

FISCAL IMPACT

Budget authority exists in FY26 in the special revenue fund, Regional Communication System Fund (210), LT Lease-Land (710610) in the amount of [\$1,309.92]. During its budgeting process in subsequent fiscal years. the County will plan for license fee escalations of five percent annually.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Board to approve and sign the Second Amendment to the License Agreement dated January 3, 2001, by and between ATC Operating Inc. and Washoe County to extend the term of the License Agreement, starting January 19, 2026, for a total period of five (5) years with option to renew for four additional periods of five years; a fee increase of [\$1,309.92] for the first year of the license extension, and a fee increase of five percent (5%) annually thereafter, beginning January 19, 2027; and authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute the agreement.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with the recommendation, a possible motion would be: “Move to approve and sign the Second Amendment to the License Agreement dated January 3, 2001, by and between ATC Operating Inc. and Washoe County to extend the term of the License Agreement, starting January 19, 2026, for a total period of five (5) years with option to renew for four additional periods of five years; a fee increase of [\$1,309.92] for the first year of the license extension, and a fee increase of five percent (5%) annually thereafter, beginning January 19, 2027; and authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute the agreement.”