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By Electronic Mail

Thomas F. Prendergast
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Metropolitan Transportation Authority
2 Broadway
New York, NY 10004

Re: Letter Audit Report on Phase IV of the Wireless Voice and Data Service in New York City's Subway System as Provided by Transit Wireless (Audit Number SZ17-097AL)

Dear Chairman Prendergast:

This Letter Report contains the findings of our audit of the Wireless Voice and Data Service in New York City's subway system as provided by Transit Wireless ("TW"). The audit's objective was to determine whether the wireless voice and data communication system installed by TW within certain New York City subway stations (including platforms, mezzanines, and various points within public access passageways) operates effectively. This audit is the fourth in a series of audits of the ongoing installation of cellular and wireless services in the New York City subway system. We found that the wireless voice and data communications system installed in the 36 Phase IV underground Manhattan and Bronx subway stations we tested operates as intended. In addition, we found that *Subway Reads*, which is a partnership between the Metropolitan Transportation Authority ("MTA") New York City Transit ("NYCT"), TW and Penguin Random House, that brings free electronic books through free wireless internet services to the underground subway system, also works as planned.

Background

In 2007, following a request for proposals process, the MTA's Board awarded a license agreement to TW that granted an exclusive license to provide commercial cellular/PCS and Wi-Fi service in 277 underground subway stations. Under the agreement, TW acts as a neutral host, constructing the distributed antenna system within the stations (excluding the tunnels between stations) and sub-licenses rights to use that system to cellular carriers, Wi-Fi providers, and other network users.

TW installs equipment and antennas at each underground station to provide cellular and Wi-Fi coverage throughout public areas. The in-station equipment and antennas are linked by

fiber optic cables to TW trunk fiber optic cables, which run through the streets and connect back to a base station hotel (hub) that houses the head-end equipment for TW, the cellular carriers, Wi-Fi providers, and NYCT.

In addition, in August 2016, MTA, NYCT and TW partnered with Penguin Random House to begin *Subway Reads*, a service that allows subway riders access to five free full-length e-short stories and excerpts from a minimum of 175 full-length e-books from the publisher in categories such as fiction, non-fiction, sci-fi and fantasy, and young adults and children for periods of 10, 20, or 30 minutes each, as chosen by the rider. The subway rider also has the ability to purchase an e-book in its entirety through this service.

TW installed the wireless network in 47 underground subway stations in Manhattan as part of Phase I (previous Audit Number SZ15-062AL), including major station complexes such as Times Square and Grand Central; 29 stations in Queens as part of Phase II (previous Audit Number SZ16-086AL); 38 additional stations in Manhattan, including the Fulton Street Terminal Center, as part of Phase III (previous Audit Number SZ17-095AL); and more recently in 36 additional Manhattan and Bronx stations as part of Phase IV (the subject of this audit). Phase V is underway and includes stations located in lower Manhattan, Queens and Brooklyn. TW is contractually required to have all 277 underground stations in New York City in service by the end of 2017.

Conclusion

We found that the wireless voice and data communication system currently installed by TW within the 36 Phase IV subway stations we tested (including platforms, mezzanines, and various points within public access passageways) operates as intended. In addition, on October 14, 2016, October 18, 2016, October 19, 2016, October 20, 2016, October 28, 2016, November 5, 2016, and November 6, 2016, we revisited the 76 stations tested in Phase I and Phase II and concluded testing for the 38 Phase III stations. During this testing we found the wireless network to still be operational and were able to establish an immediate Wi-Fi connection. Further, we were able to download e-books from the Penguin Random House site at the appropriate stations. We recommend that the MTA, NYCT and TW continue their current plan to provide voice and data service to the remaining 127 underground New York City subway stations.

Scope and Methodology

We conducted this performance audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards ("GAGAS"). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives. This audit was conducted in accordance with the audit responsibilities of the City Comptroller as set forth in Chapter 5, §93, of the New York City Charter.

The scope period of this audit was June 28, 2016, through November 6, 2016. Our audit reviewed all 150 stations from Phases I to IV that were reportedly operational in our scope period.

To meet our objective, auditors equipped with laptops and cellular phones visited the 114 stations that were listed on NYCT and TW websites as having Wi-Fi service, established a Wi-Fi connection, and completed cellular calls (911 service was not tested). At each station location, auditors took screenshots showing Wi-Fi connectivity on the laptop and emailed them to Comptroller email addresses. Initial visits to the 36 stations took place on June 28, 2016 and October 19, 2016. Subsequent visits to stations were completed as of November 6, 2016.

To determine whether the voice (cellular) service was active, the auditors made phone calls to the Comptroller's office and either spoke to other employees or left voice messages.

To determine whether the text messaging features were available, the auditors sent text messages to other cellular devices while in the train stations and on the train (if the next station was listed as being equipped with service).

To determine the accessibility of social media websites, the auditors downloaded Yahoo, Google, Facebook, Twitter and Snapchat to cellular devices and attempted to read mail and send messages. The auditors also accessed Netflix, Pandora, Hulu, Tunein, Crackle, Vudu and YouTube to determine if it was possible to watch movies, play music and stream video. The auditors also used laptops to test social media applications and video streaming while in the subway stations and on platforms.

To determine whether the *Subway Reads* service was working, the auditors downloaded excerpts from fiction, non-fiction, sci-fi and fantasy, young adults and children books within the various time allotments of 30 minutes, 20 minutes, and 10 minutes.

In order to determine which stations had been chosen to have wireless service during our scope period, we reviewed the MTA Board Action Items and station listings, as well as the MTA's and TW's websites. In addition, we received from the MTA a listing of stations by phases.

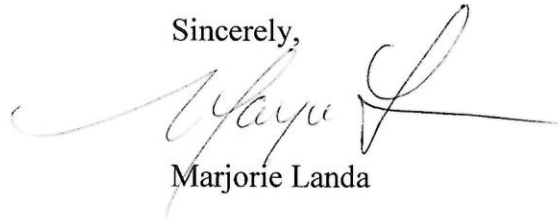
Testing was performed Monday through Sunday at various times from 6 a.m. to 12 a.m. to ensure that Wi-Fi and cellular service were available. In addition, the auditors tested service in inclement weather to determine the effect on Wi-Fi and cellular service. (See Appendices I, II, III, IV and V for a listing of stations and services available.)

Based on our positive conclusion, we recommend that the MTA, NYCT and TW continue their current plan to provide voice and data service to the remaining 127 underground New York City subway stations.

On November 29, 2016, we submitted a draft letter report providing MTA and NYCT officials with the opportunity to formally respond. The MTA's and NYCT's responses were received on December 14, 2016 for Phase III and Phase IV Transit Wireless audits. In their written responses, the MTA and NYCT agreed with the report. NYCT stated, "MTA New York City Transit acknowledges and accepts the conclusions of the attached audits conducted by the New York City Comptroller. The audits found the wireless communication system installed in 150 stations in Phases I to IV is working as intended. We welcome the validation of the system by a third party and our partnership with the comptroller in bringing this service to our customers. The agency is on schedule to bring wireless communication to the remaining 132 stations including (Second Avenue Stations and 34th/Hudson Yards) by the end of December 2016."

The full text of the MTA's and NYCT's comments are included as addenda to this report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marjorie Landa", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Marjorie Landa

c: Veronique Hakim, President, NYCT
Michael J. Fucilli, Auditor General, MTA
Darren Jurgens, Audit Manager, MTA
Mindy Tarlow, Director, Mayor's Office of Operations
George Davis III, Deputy Director, Mayor's Office of Operations

Listing of Stations and Dates Tested

Phase IV 36 Stations Tested as of November 2016

	Station Name	Line Tested	Dates Tested	Cellular Voice*	Cellular Voice	Social Media	Wi-Fi	Music/Video Streaming
1	Lexington Ave	N R	10/18/2016,10/28/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
2	Prince St	R	10/18/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
3	205th St	D	6/28/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
4	Bedford Park Blvd	B D	6/28/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
5	Kingbridge Rd	B D	6/28/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
6	Fordham Rd	B D	6/28/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
7	182nd-183rd St	B D	6/28/2016;11/06/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
8	Tremont Ave	B D	6/28/2016;11/06/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
9	174th St	B D	6/28/2016;11/06/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
10	170th St	B D	6/28/2016;11/06/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
11	167th St	B D	6/28/2016;11/06/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
12	161st St	B D	6/28/2016;11/06/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
13	Lexington Ave	E	10/20/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
14	Christopher St	1	10/4/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
15	Houston St	1	10/4/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
16	Hunts Point Avenue	6	6/28/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
17	Longwood Avenue	6	6/28/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
18	East 149th St	6	6/28/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
19	East 143rd St	6	6/28/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
20	Cypress Avenue	6	6/28/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
21	Brook Avenue	6	6/28/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
22	138th St-3rd Ave	6	6/28/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
23	149th St	4	6/28/2016,9/21/2016, 10/19/2016;	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
24	138th St	4		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

APPENDIX I

25	125th St	6	6/28/2016,9/21/2016, 10/19/2016;	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
26	116th St	6	6/28/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
27	110th St	6	6/28/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
28	103rd St	6	6/28/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
29	96th St	6	6/28/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
30	86th St	4 5 6	6/28/2016,9/21/2016, 10/19/2016;	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
31	77th St	6	6/28/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
32	68th St	6	6/28/2016,9/21/2016, 10/19/2016;	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
33	59th St	4 5 6	06/28/2016;10/28/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
34	51st St	6	6/28/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
35	149th St-3rd Ave	2 5	11/4/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
36	149th S. Grand Concourse (LL)	2 5	6/28/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

*This listing includes stations that have AT&T, T-Mobile Verizon Wireless, and Sprint service.

Listing of Stations and Dates Tested

Phase I 47 Stations Retested as of November 6, 2016

	Station Name	Line Tested	Dates Tested	Cellular Voice*	Cellular Voice	Social Media	Wi-Fi	Music/Video Streaming
1	8th Av	L	10/20/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
2	6th Av	1 2 3 L F M	10/20/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
3	23rd St	C E	10/20/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
4	14th St	A C E	10/20/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
5	14th St	F M	10/20/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
6	14th St	1 2 3	10/14/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
7	5th Ave	N R	10/18/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
8	57th St	N Q R	10/18/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
9	49th St	N R	10/18/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
10	Times Square	N Q R	10/18/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
11	28th St	R	10/18/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
12	23rd St	R	10/18/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
13	96th St	B C	11/5/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
14	86th St	B C	11/5/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
15	81st St	B C	11/5/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
16	72nd St	B C	11/5/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
17	59th St	A B C	11/5/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
18	50th St	C E	10/1/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
19	42nd St	A C E	18/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
20	57th St	F	10/19/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
21	47-50 St Rock Ctr	B D F M	10/19/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
22	5th Ave	E	10/1/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
23	7th Ave	B D E	10/1/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
24	96th St	1 2 3	10/14/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
25	86th St	1	10/14/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
26	79th St	1	10/14/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

27	72nd St	1 2 3	10/14/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
28	66th St	1	10/14/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
29	59th St	1	10/14/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
30	50th St	1	10/14/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
31	Times Square	1 2 3	10/14/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
32	28th St	1	10/14/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
33	23rd St	1	10/14/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
34	18th St	1	10/14/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
35	Times Square	7	10/18/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
36	Times Square	S	10/18/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
37	34th St	N Q R	10/18/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
38	42nd St	B D F M	10/19/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
39	34th St	B D F M	10/18/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
40	23rd St	F M	10/19/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
41	Grand Central	4 5 6	10/18/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
42	33rd St	6	10/18/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
43	28th St	6	10/18/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
44	23rd St	6	10/18/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
45	Grand Central	7	10/18/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
46	5th Ave	7	10/18/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
47	Grand Central	S	10/18/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

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Listing of Stations and Dates Tested

Phase II 29 Stations Retested as of November 6, 2016

	Station Name	Line Tested	Dates Tested	Cellular Voice*	Cellular Voice	Social Media	Wi-Fi	Music/Video Streaming
1	21st St	F	10/19/2016,10/28/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
2	179th St	F	10/19/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
3	169th St	F	10/19/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
4	Parsons Blvd	F	10/19/2016,10/28/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
5	Sutphin Blvd	F	10/19/2016,10/28/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
6	Van Wyck Blvd	E F	10/19/2016,10/28/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
7	Union Turnpike	E F	10/19/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
8	75th Ave	E F	10/19/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
9	71st Ave	E F M R	10/19/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
10	67th Ave	M R	10/28/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
11	63rd Drive	M R	10/28/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
12	Woodhaven Blvd	M R	10/28/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
13	Grand Ave	M R	10/28/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
14	Elmhurst Ave	M R	10/28/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
15	Roosevelt Ave	E F M R	10/19/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
16	65th St	M R	10/28/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
17	Northern Blvd	M R	10/28/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
18	46th St	M R	10/28/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
19	Steinway St	M R	10/28/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
20	36th St	M R	10/28/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
21	Queens Plaza	E M R	10/28/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
22	Ely Ave-23rd	E M	10/20/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
23	Parsons Blvd	E J Z	10/19/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

APPENDIX III

24	Sutphin Blvd	E J Z	10/19/2016,11/5/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
25	Jamaica-Van Wyck	E	10/19/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
26	Court Square	G	10/20/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
27	21st St/Van Alst Ave	G	10/20/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
28	Hunters Point	7	10/18/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
29	Vernon-Jackson	7	10/18/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

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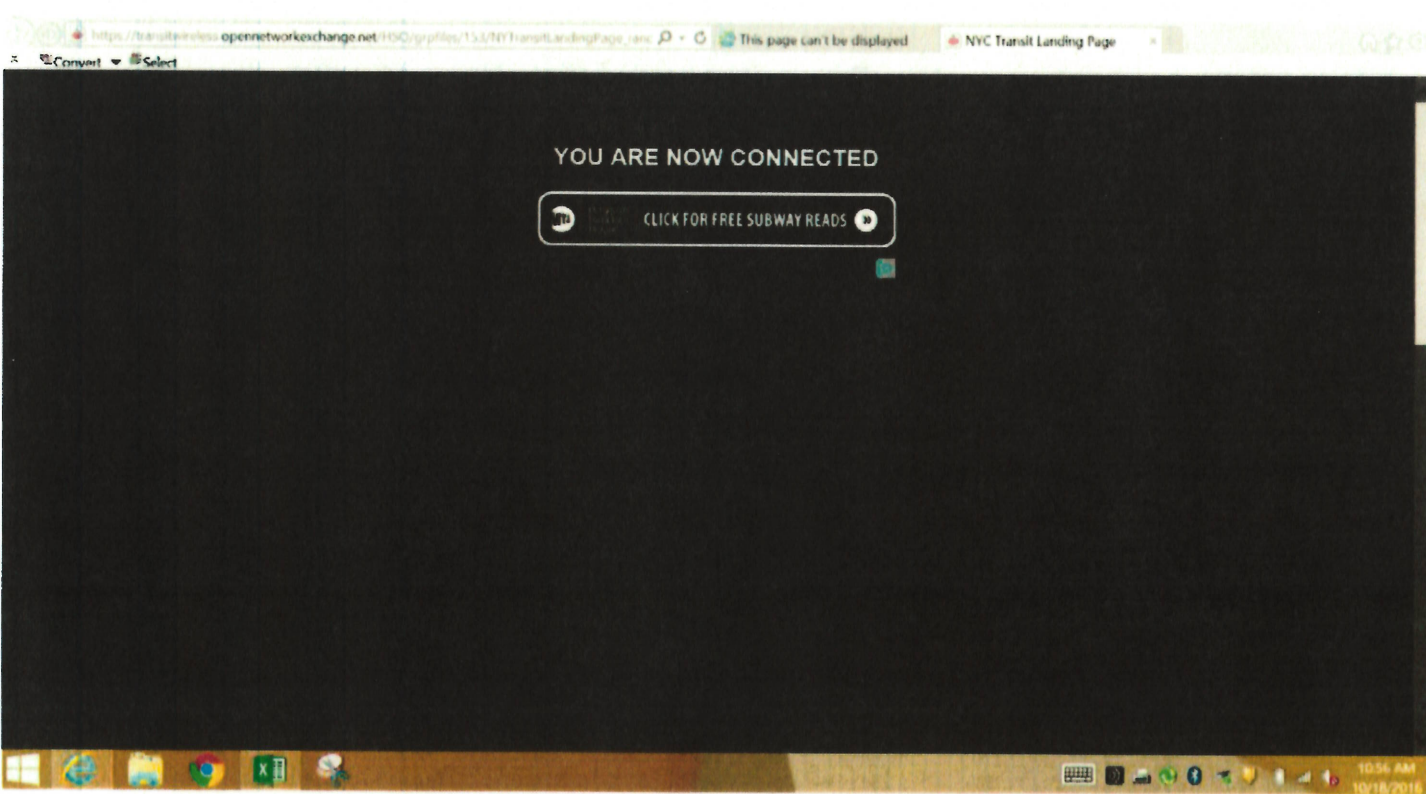
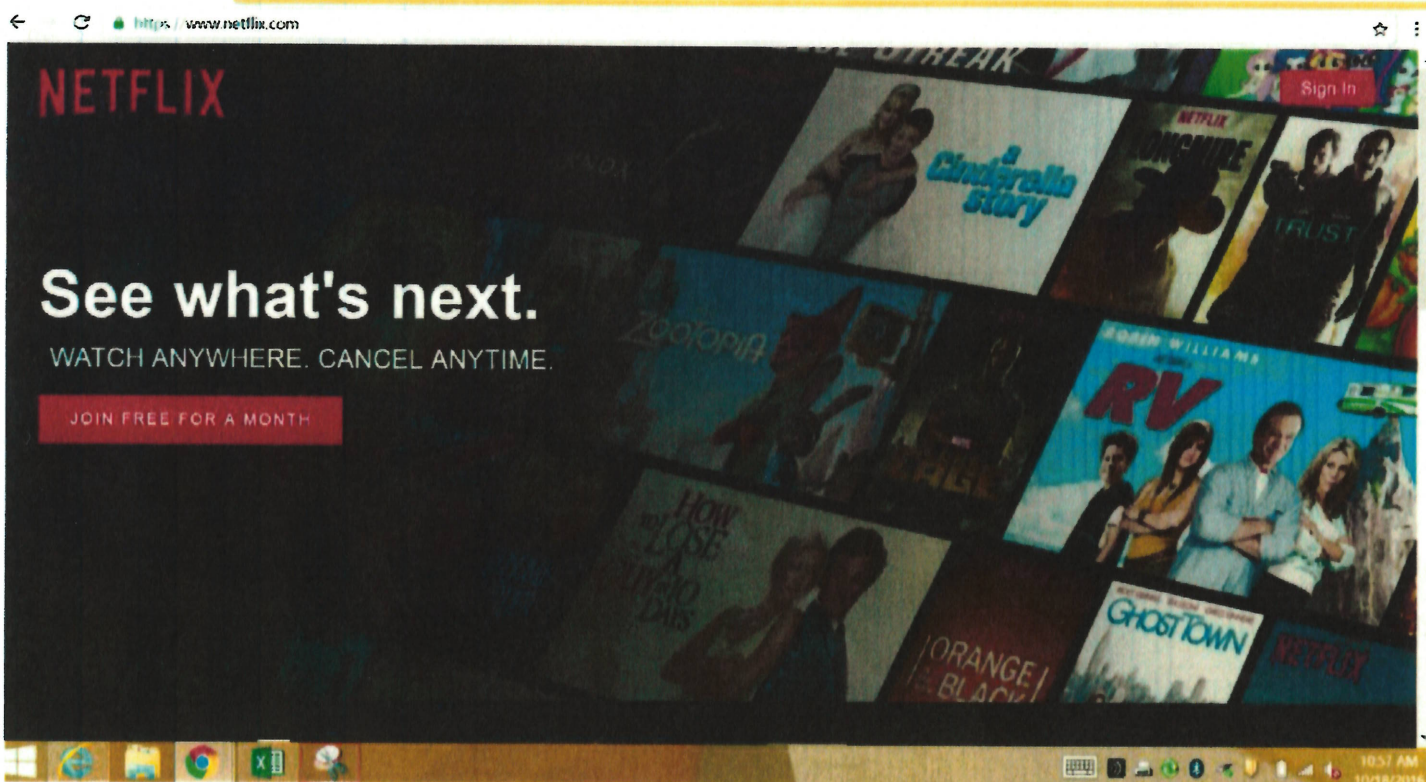
Phase III 38 Stations Tested as of November 6, 2016

	Station Name	Line Tested	Dates Tested	Cellular Voice*	Cellular Voice	Social Media	Wi-Fi	Music/Video Streaming
1	Cortland St	R	10/14/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
2	Essex St	J M Z	10/4/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
3	Fulton St	J M Z	6/28/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
4	207th St	A	10/3/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
5	Dyckman St	A	10/3/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
6	190th St	A C	10/3/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
7	181st St	A	10/3/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
8	175th St	A	10/3/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
9	163rd St	C	10/3/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
10	155th St	C	10/3/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
11	145th St mezzanine	A B C D	10/3/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
12	135th St	B C	10/3/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
13	125th St	A B C D	10/3/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
14	116th St	B C	10/3/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
15	110th St	B C	10/3/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
16	103rd St	B C	10/3/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
17	Broadway-Nassau	A C	6/8/2016,10/14/2016, 10/15/2016, 10/31/2016,11/4/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
18	155th St	B D	11/5/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
19	2nd Ave	F	10/4/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
20	Delancey St	F	10/4/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
21	East Broadway	F	10/4/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
22	191st St	1	10/4/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
23	157th St	1	10/14/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES


APPENDIX IV

24	145th St	1	10/14/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
25	137th St	1	10/14/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
26	116th St	1	10/14/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
27	110th St	1	10/14/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
28	103rd St	1	10/14/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
29	Fulton St	2 3	6/28/2016,11/4/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
30	Fulton St	4 5	6/8/2016,10/14/2016, 10/15/2016, 11/4/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
31	148th St	3	10/14/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
32	145th St	2 3	10/14/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
33	135th St	2 3	10/14/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
34	125th St	2 3	10/14/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
35	116th St	2 3	10/14/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
36	110th St/Central Park N	2 3	10/14/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
37	Main St.	7	10/28/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
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38	Fulton St Trm. Ctr.	2 3 4 5	6/28/2016,10/14/2016,10/ /15/2016; 10/30/2016;11/4/2016	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

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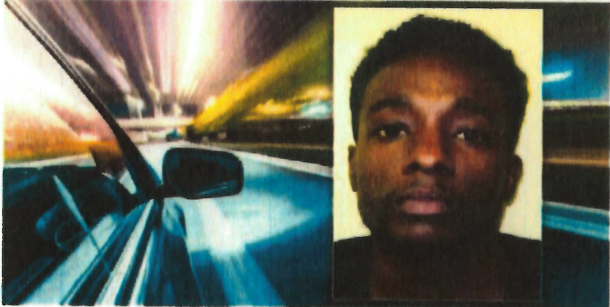


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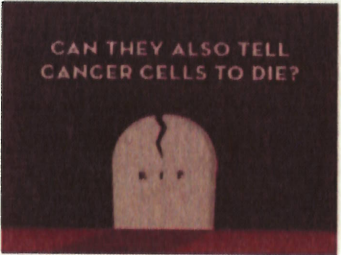
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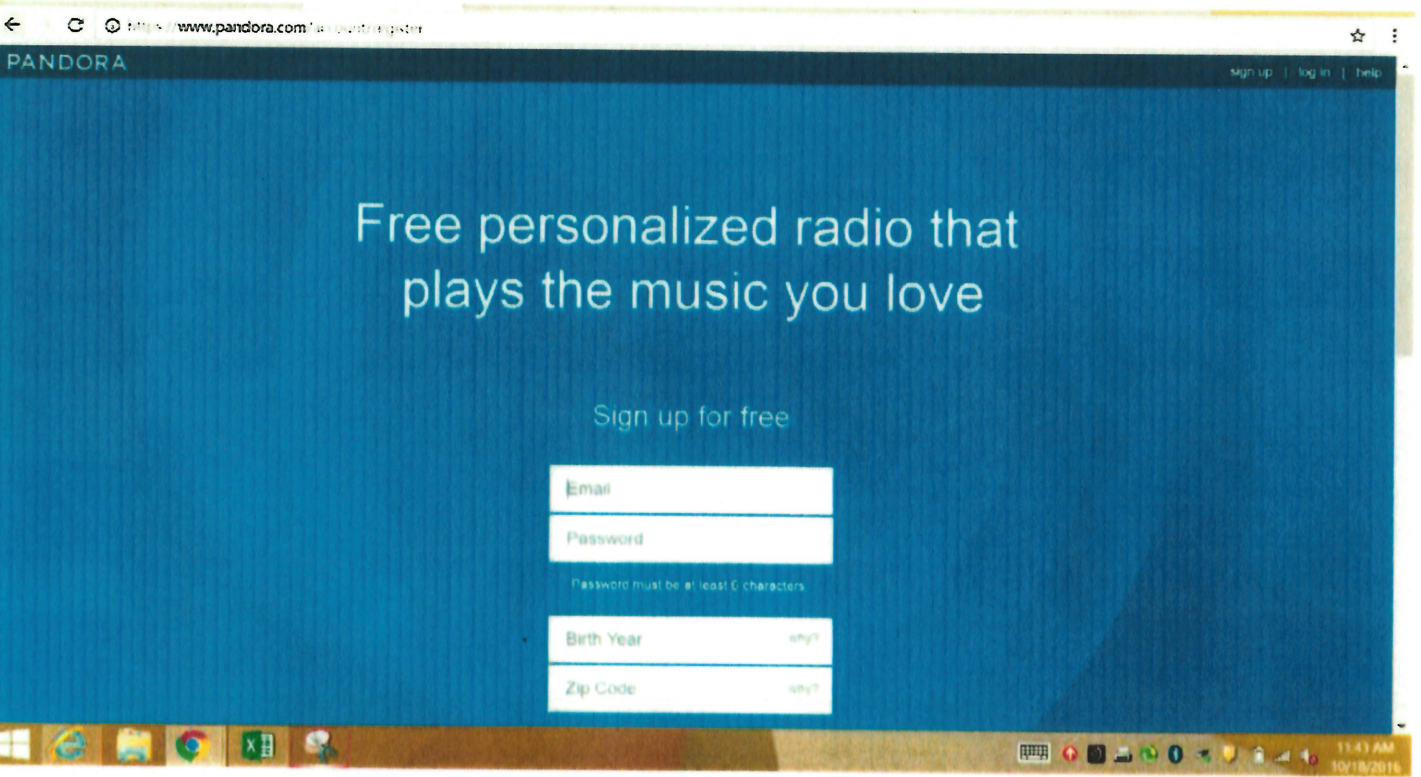
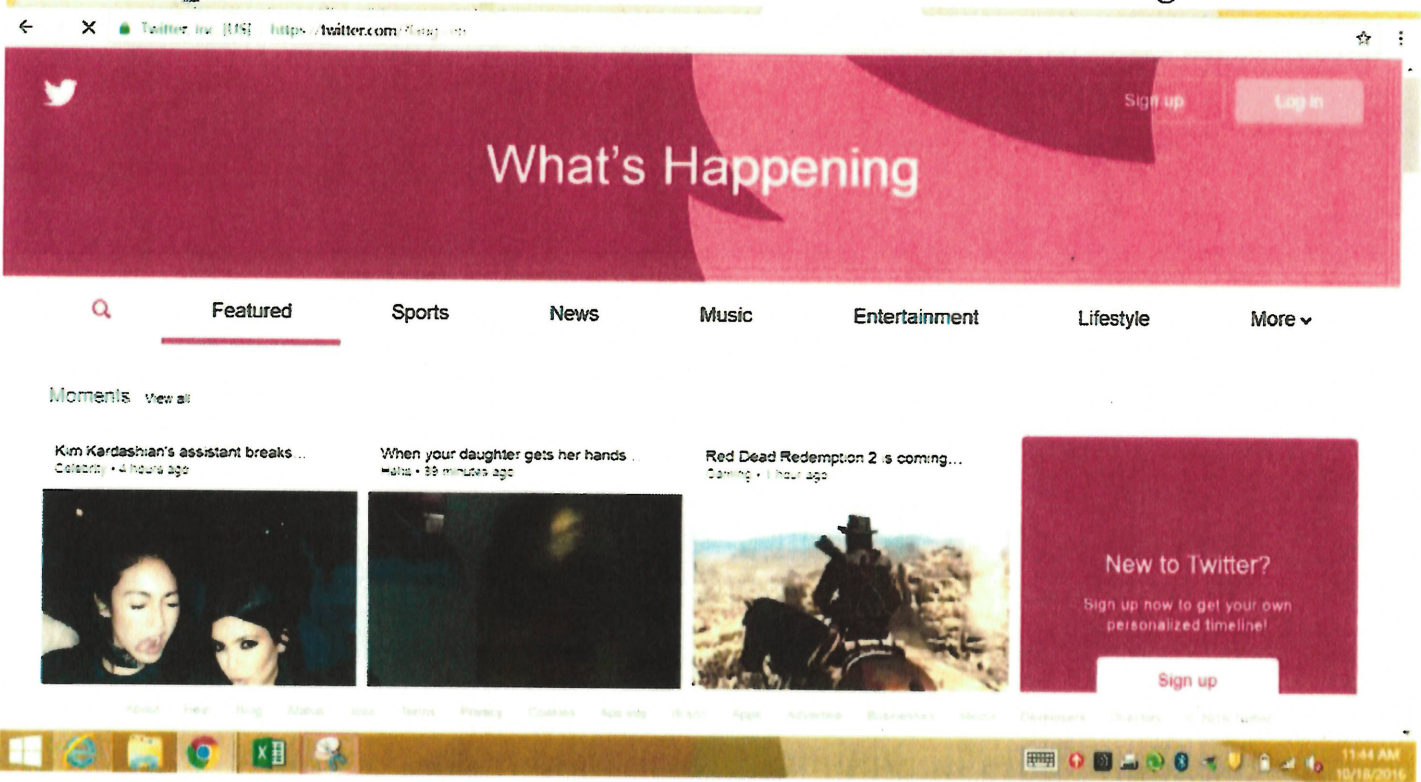
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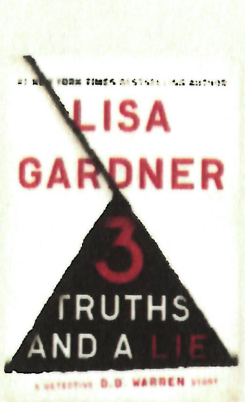
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Simon Kress lived alone in a sprawling manor house among the dry, rocky hills fifty kilometers from the city. So, when he was called away unexpectedly on business, he had no neighbors he could conveniently impose on to take his pets. The carrion hawk was no problem; it roosted in the unused belfry and customarily fed itself anyway. The shambler Kress simply shooed outside and left to fend for itself; the little monster would gorge on slugs and birds and rockjocks. But the fish tank, stocked with genuine Earth piranha, posed a difficulty. Kress finally just threw a haunch of beef into the huge tank. The piranha could always eat one another if he were detained longer than expected. They'd done it before. It amused him.

Unfortunately, he was detained *much* longer than expected this time. When he finally returned, all the fish were dead. So was the carrion hawk. The shambler had climbed up to the belfry and eaten it. Simon Kress was vexed.

The next day he flew his skimmer to Asgard, a journey of some two hundred kilometers. Asgard was Baldur's largest city and boasted the oldest and largest starport as well. Kress liked to impress his friends with animals that were unusual, entertaining, and expensive; Asgard was the place to buy them.

This time, though, he had poor luck. Xenopets had closed its doors, t'Etherane the Petseller tried to foist another carrion hawk off on him, and Strange Waters offered



Metropolitan Transportation Authority

State of New York

December 14, 2016

Ms. Marjorie Landa
Deputy Comptroller for Audit
The Office of the City Comptroller
1 Centre Street
New York, NY 10038

Re: Draft Letter Audit Reports #SZ17-095AL and #SZ17-097AL (Phase III and IV of the Wireless Voice and Data Service in New York City's Subway System as Provided by Transit Wireless)

Dear Ms. Landa:

This is in reply to your letters requesting a response to the above-referenced draft letter reports.

I have attached for your information the comments of Veronique Hakim, President, NYC Transit, which address these two reports.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T.F. Prendergast", with a horizontal line extending to the left and a flourish to the right.

Thomas F. Prendergast
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

C: Donna M. Evans
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Veronique Hakim
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ADDENDUM II



New York City Transit

December 8, 2016

Mr. Thomas F. Prendergast
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Re: Draft Letter Audit Reports on Phases III and IV of the Wireless Voice and Data Service in New York City's Subway System as Provided by Transit Wireless (Audit Numbers SZ17-095AL and SZ17-097AL)

Dear Chairman Prendergast:

MTA New York City Transit acknowledges and accepts the conclusions of the attached audits conducted by the New York City Comptroller. The audits found that the wireless communication system installed in 150 stations in Phases I to IV is working as intended.

We welcome the validation of the system by a third party and our partnership with the comptroller in bringing this service to our customers.

The agency is on schedule to bring wireless communication to the remaining 132 stations (including Second Avenue Stations and 34th/Hudson Yards) by the end of December 2016.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. Hakim".

Veronique Hakim
President
MTA New York City Transit

Attachment (2)

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