

## Band 54 4G/5G Spectrum for Private Networks

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Ideal for Utility and Critical Infrastructure Industry Mission-Critical Applications

3GPP Standardized for 4G-LTE, 5G-NR, LTE-M and NB-IoT Spectrum is Available Immediately Nationwide for localized leasing

FCC Regulations Support **High Power Limits** 

#### **Band User Benefits**

Band 54 spectrum delivers a cost-effective, flexible solution while exhibiting superior performance for 4G & 5G deployments. These frequencies allow for decreased OPEX through enhanced propagation while preserving scarce bandwidth through efficient use.

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## 5 MHz of licensed spectrum at 1670-1675 MHz

Availability is *immediate* and *nationwide* 

### Transmit Power:

Base stations and fixed units: 2000 watts EIRP peak power; higher allowed in 30 CMAs<sup>1</sup> Mobile stations: 4 watts EIRP peak power

## Fixed or Mobile operations

## Time Division Duplex (TDD)

Affords UCII users with **flexibility** to set their preferred **uplink to downlink** ratios, allowing users to apportion the available bandwidth according to their missioncritical application's unique requirements

## Fully 3GPP Standardized

Provides the 1670-1675 MHz frequencies as Band 54 for 4G-LTE, 5G NR, NB-IoT and LTE-M broadband operations

(1) Fixed and base station operations 2000 watts EIRP peak power, 4000 Watts/MHz in non-rural and 8000 watts/MHz in rural for 30 CMAs; Mobile stations limited to 4 watts EIRP peak power

(2) RAS (Radio Astronomy Service) is a global band designated by the International Telecommunication Union for radio astronomy research.

(3) NPRM (Notice of Proposed Rulemaking) is related to the NOAA spectrum from 1675-1680 MHz

(4) NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) is a United States government agency that focuses on monitoring and predicting weather and climate in oceans and coastal areas.

## Band 54

1670-1675 MHz | Available Nationwide | Access Tailored to Meet Operators' Geographic Requirements









### **3GPP Standardization Status**

The 1670-1675 MHz Frequencies have been standardized as Band 54 for **4G-LTE**, **5G NR (n54)**, **NB-IoT** and **LTE-M** broadband operations.

Band 54 is the *only* 5G approved frequency below 3 GHz that is widely available to utilities in the U.S.

#	Description	Technology	Status
1	4G Band Designation	4G-LTE	Completed
2	loT Support	LTE-M/NB-IoT	Completed
3	5G Band Designation	5G-NR	Completed

## **3GPP Standardization Benefits**

- Increased number of devices, infrastructure options and applications available to license holders – all major supplier expected to support 3GPP standardized bands over time
- Reduced base station costs and remote devices driven by economies of scale from the global mobile wireless industry
- Interoperability between base stations and devices from a variety of suppliers –based on 3GPP standard modules
- Ability to scale to millions of remotes if desired by private network operator
- Leverage security developments, security monitoring and security updates created for (and tested in) the mass market
- Continued support and upgrades available
- 3GPP standardization does not limit a utility from using or planning to use non-3GPP standard systems

## Manufacturers and Ecosystem

Equipment manufacturers and ecosystem suppliers are modifying their 4G/5G base stations and end point devices to advance use of Band 54 frequencies for utility and critical infrastructure industry users.





Leading chipset manufacturer, GCT Semiconductor, is the first supplier of Band 54 compatible chips. **4G as well as LTE-M commercial chipsets** are currently available from GCT.



Ubiik has designed Band 54 **goRAN**<sup>™</sup> LTE Base Station and a commercial solution is **expected to be available in 4Q '23**.



GE Vernova plans to develop solutions that will utilize **Band 54 4G/5G frequencies**.



PowerTrunk is committed to the development, promotion and implementation of end-to-end solutions that will utilize the **Band 54** in concert with **mission critical LMR bands** in a **combined system**.

Band 54

1670-1675 MHz | 4G Chipsets Available | 5G Chipsets In Development | Rapidly Expanding Ecosystem

<u>Momentum with vendors developing base stations,</u> <u>chipsets, and devices for Band 54</u>				
Activity	Progress	Vendors		
Device Filter Development	• Qualcomm has completed the device filter development (data sheet and testing complete). Available immediately for ordering.			
Chipset Development	<ul> <li>Commercial chipset available from one supplier supporting Band 54 LTE as well as LTE-M</li> <li>Commitment from one chipset supplier for 5G support</li> <li>Discussions underway with additional chipset vendors</li> </ul>	GCT°		
Device Development	<ul> <li>Evaluating initial device proposals and continuing discussions with other core module, and wireless router vendors</li> </ul>			
Base Station Development	<ul> <li>Ubiik goRAN<sup>™</sup> Band 54 LTE base station available in 4Q '23</li> <li>Technical diligence with major base station manufacturers complete. Further engagement on development program for 4G/5G base stations in- progress</li> </ul>	Совин		

## Band 54

#### 1670-1675 MHz | Ideal for Fixed Use Cases | Leverage TDD for Uplink centric network traffic

### **Key Applications**

- Mobile or Fixed Data Services (4G LTE & 5G NR)
- Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)
  - o Direct to Meter
  - o Backhaul

- Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA)
- Distribution Automation (DA)
- Industrial Internet of Things "IIoT"
- Field Area Network (FAN)

### **Additional Applications**

- Distributed Energy Resources (DER)
- Fault location, isolation, and service restoration (FLISR)
- Line fault sensors with rapid line shutdown to prevent wildfires
- Video monitoring of assets
- VoLTE / Push-to-Talk (PTT)
- Substation monitoring and control
- Synchrophasor Networks and Phasor Measurement Units (PMUs)
- Replace expensive/cancelled legacy leased wireline links
- Microgrid management
- Smart poles
- CCTV (NERC/CIP) security monitoring
- Smart Grid monitoring and control
- Demand Response (DR)

- Volt VAR (Advanced Voltage Control)
- Reclosers
- Capacitor Banks
- Data Analytics & Business Intelligence
- EV stations
- Network, Device & Asset Management
- Machine to Machine "M2M"
- Vehicle tracking and maintenance
- Demand Forecasting data collection
- Asset tracking
- In rural areas, ISP service for customers with limited or no options
- Mobile wireless smartphone service for utility staff – increased coverage area and increased control and reliability
- Broadband Internet Services

#### Industries

- > Electric, gas and water utilities
- Critical Infrastructure Industries "CIIs"
- Freight and Passenger Rail and other Transportation
- > Oil, Gas, Solar, Wind, Nuclear and other Energy Production
- Pipeline Monitoring & Control
- Municipalities and other Government Organizations
- Public Safety

# Band 54 Spectrum Rights Acquisition Process

- 1) Inquiry & Information Exchange
- 2) Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA)
- 3) Price Quote
- 4) Evaluation and Diligence
- 5) Negotiation
- 6) Signature of **Definitive** Spectrum Rights Acquisition **Agreement**
- 7) Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Application Filing and Approval **Process**
- 8) Network Deployment

