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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU GRANTS ADVANCED WIRELESS SERVICE LICENSES

AUCTION EVENT NO. 66

Report No. AUC-66 (Auction No. 66)

On September 18, 2006, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (“Bureau”) completed an auction of Advanced Wireless Service (“AWS”) licenses (“Auction No. 66”), in which the winning bidders won a total of 1,087 licenses.¹ In two separate notices, the Bureau announced that, based upon a preliminary review of the long-form applications, it was accepting for filing the applications for the winning bidders in Auction No. 66.² Upon further review and examination, the applications listed in Attachment A have been found to be complete and in conformance with the Commission’s rules.³ Furthermore, the Commission has received full and timely payment as required by section 1.2109(a) of

¹ See Auction of Advanced Wireless Services Closes: Winning Bidders Announced for Auction 66, Report No. AUC-06-66-F, *Public Notice*, DA 06-1882 (WTB rel. Sep. 20, 2006) (“*Closing PN*”). In Auction 66, the Commission made available 1,122 AWS licenses in the 1710-1755 MHz and 2110-2155 MHz bands (“AWS-1”).

² See Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Announces that Applications for Advanced Wireless Services Are Accepted for Filing, Report No. AUC-06-66, *Public Notice*, DA 06-2179 (WTB rel. Oct. 27, 2006) and Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Announces that an Application for Advanced Wireless Services Is Accepted for Filing, Report No. AUC-06-66, *Public Notice*, DA 06-2256 (WTB rel. Oct. 31, 2006). Pursuant to these two notices, all of the winning bidders’ applications have been accepted for filing.

³ We note that two applicants filed petitions requesting the Commission’s approval of certain foreign ownership interests. Specifically, T-Mobile USA, Inc., the direct owner of 100% of T-Mobile License LLC (“T-Mobile License”), and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (“Verizon Wireless”) each filed a petition requesting that the Commission find permissible the indirect foreign ownership of T-Mobile License and Verizon Wireless in excess of the 25 percent benchmark set forth in Section 310(b)(4) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 310(b)(4). The International Bureau has found that the public interest would be served by granting these requests, and therefore it extended the existing foreign ownership rulings for T-Mobile USA and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless to cover licenses in the Advanced Wireless Services. See ISP-PDR-20060510-00013 (T-Mobile USA, Inc.) (granted Nov. 28, 2006); and ISP-PDR-20060619-00015 (Cellco Partnership) (DA 06-2366, rel. Nov. 24, 2006).

the Commission's rules, for the licenses listed in Attachment A,⁴ and there are no petitions to deny or other requests pending that would prevent grant of the licenses.

Accordingly, by this Public Notice, we announce the grant of the licenses listed in Attachment A. We grant these licenses pursuant to Section 309(a) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 309(a), and section 0.331 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 0.331, because it will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

This Public Notice contains the following Attachments:

Attachment A: List of Applications the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau is Granting – Sorted by Applicant.

Attachment A1: List of Applications the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau is Granting – Sorted by Market and Channel Block.

Attachment B: Instructions for Searching for the underlying Applications for Licensees listed in Attachment A Using ULS.

Attachment C: Instructions for Searching for Granted Licenses Listed in Attachment A Using ULS.

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⁴ By Public Notice, auction winners were directed to pay the balance of their winning bids in a lump sum by October 19, 2006; or by November 2, 2006, accompanied by a five percent late fee. *See Closing PN* at 2.