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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON PETITION FOR RULEMAKING OF RURAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS GROUP, INC. TO IMPOSE A SPECTRUM AGGREGATION LIMIT ON ALL COMMERCIAL TERRESTRIAL WIRELESS SPECTRUM BELOW 2.3 GHz

RM No. 11498

Comment Date: [40 days after publication in the Federal Register]
Reply Date: [60 days after publication in the Federal Register]

Pursuant to Section 1.403 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.403, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau hereby seeks comment on the *Petition for Rulemaking* ("Petition") filed by the Rural Telecommunications Group, Inc. ("RTG") on July 16, 2008.

In its Petition, RTG requests that the Commission impose a spectrum aggregation limit on all commercial terrestrial wireless spectrum below 2.3 GHz. Specifically, RTG asks that the Commission adopt rules providing that no licensee of commercial terrestrial wireless spectrum below 2.3 GHz, including all parties under common control, should be permitted to have an attributable interest in more than 110 megahertz of licensed spectrum with any significant overlap in any county. We seek comment on RTG's Petition.

Interested parties may file comments on or before [40 days after publication in the Federal Register], and reply comments on or before [60 days after publication in the Federal Register]. All filings should refer to RM No. 11498. Comments may be filed using: (1) the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), (2) the Federal Government's eRulemaking Portal, or (3) by filing paper copies. See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/ or the Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the website for submitting comments.
 - For ECFS filers, if multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, filers must transmit one electronic copy of the comments for each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable

¹ In the Matter of Rural Telecommunications Group, Inc. Petition for Rulemaking To Impose a Spectrum Aggregation Limit on all Commercial Terrestrial Wireless Spectrum Below 2.3 GHz, filed July 16, 2008 ("Petition").

docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions, filers should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and include the following words in the body of the message, "get form." A sample form and directions will be sent in response.

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- The Commission's contractor will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building.
- Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.
- U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington D.C. 20554.

All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. Parties should also send a copy of their filings to Angela Kronenberg, Spectrum and Competition Policy Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, Room 6530, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554, or by e-mail to Angela.Kronenberg@fcc.gov. Parties must also serve one copy with the Commission's copy contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc. (BCPI), Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 488-5300, or via e-mail to fcc@bcpiweb.com.

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