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## PUBLIC FORUM TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL ENHANCEMENTS TO THE SPECTRUM DASHBOARD

The Commission released its Spectrum Dashboard in “beta” on March 17, 2010.<sup>1</sup> As part of a continuing effort to improve the Spectrum Dashboard, Commission staff will conduct a public forum at the FCC’s Washington, D.C. headquarters on May 12, 2010, from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. The topic will be potential enhancements in anticipation of release 2.0 of the Spectrum Dashboard in the fourth quarter of 2010.<sup>2</sup> This Public Notice lists potential enhancements under consideration, invites feedback on these potential enhancements, invites suggestions for additional potential enhancements, and invites interested parties to explain how they use the Spectrum Dashboard. A subsequent Public Notice will be released approximately one week prior to the forum announcing final details, including specific topics to be discussed and the names of participants.

### Potential Enhancements to the Spectrum Dashboard

#### Enhance license information:

- Add spectrum leases, including the common name for lessees.
- Modify how cellular licenses are depicted in the Spectrum Dashboard by cutting off Service Area Boundaries (SABs) at the Cellular Market Area (CMA) boundaries.
- Update broadcast data to include more current information for full power TV stations and to add data for low power TV stations.

#### Add search capabilities:

- Identify spectrum licensed on federally-recognized Tribal Lands.
- Add additional types of licenses that can be searched and add additional search options.
- Expand the range of spectrum bands where information is available (currently the Spectrum Dashboard encompasses 225 MHz – 3700 MHz).

#### Improve search results:

- Modify maps to include information such as FCC market boundaries and third-party data from sources such as the Census Bureau.
- Identify the percentage of geography covered and total population included for counties where a license area does not cover an entire county.

<sup>1</sup> “Commission Announces ‘Beta’ Launch of Spectrum Dashboard,” *News Release*, (rel. Mar. 17, 2010). The Spectrum Dashboard can be accessed at <http://www.fcc.gov/spectrumdashboard>.

<sup>2</sup> “FCC Announces Broadband Action Agenda,” *News Release*, (rel. Apr. 8, 2010).

Expand the information available for downloading:

- Provide access to the “shape files” used to create maps.

Finally, we will continue to review the public’s responses to the Spectrum Dashboard online questionnaire to help determine how the Spectrum Dashboard is being used, and how to shape future enhancements.<sup>3</sup> We invite the public to take a couple of minutes and complete the questionnaire. To access the questionnaire, click on the “**Give us your opinion**” link located at the top right corner of any of the Spectrum Dashboard searches (Browse Spectrum Maps, Browse Using a Map, Search by Name, and Search by FCC License Categories).

Anyone interested in providing feedback on the potential enhancements listed in this Public Notice, suggesting additional potential enhancements, or making a presentation at the forum should contact James Brown at [James.Brown@fcc.gov](mailto:James.Brown@fcc.gov) or (717) 338-2621 by April 30, 2010.

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**By the Deputy Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau**

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<sup>3</sup> “On-line Customer Feedback Questionnaire Available for Spectrum Dashboard,” *Public Notice*, DA 10-609 (rel. Apr. 7, 2010).