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COMMISSION OPENS DOCKET FOR PROPOSED ASSIGNMENT OF LICENSES TO VERIZON WIRELESS FROM SPECTRUMCO and COX TMI WIRELESS, LLC, AND DESIGNATES THESE APPLICATIONS AS PERMIT-BUT-DISCLOSE UNDER THE COMMISSION'S *EX PARTE* RULES

WT Docket No. 12-4

Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless ("Verizon Wireless") and SpectrumCo, LLC ("SpectrumCo") filed an application seeking to assign 122 Advanced Wireless Services (AWS) licenses to Verizon Wireless from SpectrumCo.¹ In a separate filing, Verizon Wireless and Cox TMI Wireless, LLC ("Cox") filed an application seeking to assign 30 AWS licenses to Verizon Wireless from Cox.² The purpose of this public notice is to announce the opening of a docket, WT Docket No. 12-4, and establish the *ex parte* status of any discussions related to the applications. We note that the applications have not yet been accepted for filing. When they are, we will issue a separate public notice or notices announcing that fact and setting forth a pleading schedule.

Pursuant to section 1.1200(a) of the Commission's rules,³ the Commission may in its discretion modify the *ex parte* procedures in particular proceedings if the public interest so requires. We announce that these applications will be governed by the permit-but-disclose *ex parte* procedures that are applicable to non-restricted proceedings under section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules.⁴ Parties making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that they must file notices of the presentations which must contain, with regard to material already in the written record, either a succinct summary of the matters discussed or a citation to the page or paragraph number in the party's written submission(s) where the matters discussed can be found, and with regard to any new information, a summary of the new data and arguments presented. Memoranda must contain a summary of the substance of the ex parte presentation and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented is generally required. All of the rules pertaining to oral and written presentations are set forth in section 1.1206(b).⁵

¹ SpectrumCo is a joint venture among subsidiaries of Comcast Corp. ("Comcast"), Time Warner Cable Inc. ("Time Warner Cable"), and Bright House Networks, LLC ("Bright House"). SpectrumCo is owned by Comcast (63.6 percent), Time Warner Cable (31.2 percent), and Bright House (5.3 percent). *See* File No. 0004993617, Public Interest Statement at 2.

² Cox TMI Wireless, LLC is a subsidiary of Cox Communications, Inc. *See* File No. 0004996680, Public Interest Statement at 2.

³ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200(a).

⁴ Id. § 1.1206.

⁵ *Id.* § 1.1206(b).

Notices of the *ex parte* presentations, which must include a reference to WT Docket No. 12-4, shall be filed electronically in machine-readable format via the Electronic Comment Filing System ("ECFS"). Also, one copy of each *ex parte* notice must be delivered electronically, by e-mail or facsimile, or if delivered as paper copy, by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail, to: (1) the Commission's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., at FCC@BCPIWEB.COM or (202) 488-5563 (facsimile); (2) Sandra Danner, Broadband Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB), at sandra.danner@fcc.gov or (202) 418-7247 (facsimile); (3) Joel Taubenblatt, Spectrum and Competition Policy Division, WTB, at joel.taubenblatt@fcc.gov or (202) 418-7447 (facsimile); (4) Jim Bird, Office of General Counsel, at jim.bird@fcc.gov or (202) 418-1234 (facsimile); and (5) each Commissioner or Commission employee who attended or otherwise participated in the *ex parte* meeting.

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