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**WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON AT&T REQUEST  
FOR WAIVER TO PERMIT POWER SPECTRAL DENSITY MODEL FOR 800 MHz  
CELLULAR OPERATIONS IN VERMONT MARKET**

**WT Docket No. 14-107**

**Comments Due: August 5, 2014**

**Reply Comments Due: August 15, 2014**

On July 1, 2014, AT&T Services, Inc., on behalf of AT&T, Inc. and its subsidiaries (“AT&T”), filed a request for a limited waiver of section 22.913 of the Commission’s rules<sup>1</sup> to permit the use of Power Spectral Density (“PSD”) measurements in complying with the Commission’s radiated power limits for its Cellular Radiotelephone (“Cellular”) Service operations in Cellular Market Area (“CMA”) 248, Burlington, Vermont,<sup>2</sup> pending the outcome of its petition for rulemaking to modify the rule.<sup>3</sup> AT&T specifically proposes a PSD limit of 250 watts/MHz in non-rural areas and 500 watts/MHz in rural areas, and includes a study that purports to show that implementing PSD-based power limits in the Cellular Service would not cause harmful interference to public safety deployments.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 22.913.

<sup>2</sup> AT&T Services, Inc., Request for Rule Waiver (filed July 1, 2014) (“Vermont Waiver Request”). A technical study, dated May 14, 2014, is attached to the Vermont Waiver Request. AT&T is authorized to operate in CMA248 under call sign KNKA797.

<sup>3</sup> See AT&T Services, Inc., Petition for Expedited Rulemaking and Request for Waiver of Section 22.913 of the Commission’s Rules (filed February 29, 2012) (“Petition”) (requesting modification of the rule to permit use of a PSD model as an alternative to the current rule’s measurement model). A technical study dated February 14, 2012 was attached to AT&T’s Petition at Appendix A. On May 2, 2012, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (“Bureau”) sought comment on the Petition, which remains pending. See Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Seeks Comment on Petition for Rulemaking Filed by AT&T Consistent with Rules for Other Mobile Broadband Services, *Public Notice*, RM-11660, 27 FCC Rcd 4926 (WTB 2012). The Bureau did not seek comment on AT&T’s request for a blanket interim waiver of 47 C.F.R. § 22.913 and AT&T withdrew the request on July 22, 2013. See AT&T Services, Inc., Request for Rule Waiver (filed July 22, 2013) at 1, n2.

<sup>4</sup> See Vermont Waiver Request at 7.

By this Public Notice, we seek comment on the Vermont Waiver Request, particularly with respect to any potential adverse impact on public safety operations in the adjacent bands and neighboring Cellular licensees to CMA248.<sup>5</sup>

## Procedural Matters

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

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<sup>5</sup> AT&T states that "it is their understanding that there is no Public Safety Agency operating in the license area" and that "there are no U.S. neighbors...in this Vermont market." See Vermont Waiver Request at 6; 7.

<sup>6</sup> See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200(a), 1.1206.

persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter's written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b).

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Action by the Chief, Mobility Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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