**Before the**

Federal Communications Commission

Washington, D.C. 20554

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| In the Matter of  Updating Part 1 Competitive Bidding Rules  Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions  Petition of DIRECTV Group, Inc. and  EchoStar LLC for Expedited Rulemaking to Amend Section 1.2105(a)(2)(xi) and 1.2106(a) of the Commission’s Rules and/or for Interim Conditional Waiver  Implementation of the Commercial Spectrum Enhancement Act and Modernization of the Commission’s Competitive Bidding Rules and Procedures | **)**  **)**  **)**  **)**  **)**  **)**  **)**  **)**  **)**  **)**  **)**  **)**  **)**  **)**  **)**  **)**  **)**  **)** | WT Docket No. 14-170  GN Docket No. 12-268  RM-11395  WT Docket No. 05-211 |

order

**Adopted:** January 30, 2015  **Released:** January 30, 2015

**Comment Date:** February 20, 2015

**Reply Date:**  March 6, 2015

By the Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau:

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1. On our own motion, this order further extends the deadlines for comment in response to the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (*Part I NPRM*)[[1]](#footnote-2) in the above-captioned proceeding in the interest of developing a comprehensive record. Comments are now due by February 20, 2015, and reply comments are due by March 6, 2015.
2. Although extensions of time are not routinely granted,[[2]](#footnote-3) extending the comment deadlines will promote a more thoroughly considered record in this proceeding by enabling parties to take into account more complete information about the results of bidding in Auction 97, which concluded on January 29, 2015.[[3]](#footnote-4) The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau today released a Public Notice announcing the winning bidders and made available full information files from bidding in the auction.[[4]](#footnote-5)
3. Extending the deadlines for comments and reply comments in this proceeding as set forth above will allow interested parties sufficient additional time to consider more fully the important issues the Commission has raised in its *Part 1 NPRM*, the first comprehensive review of the Part 1 rules in many years, and takes into account the Commission’s commitment to act on the *Part 1 NPRM* sufficiently in advance of the upcoming broadcast incentive auction.
4. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to sections 4(i), 4(j), and 5(c) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j), 155(c), and pursuant to the authority delegated in Sections 0.131 and 0.331 of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.131, 0.331, WE EXTEND the comment and reply comment deadlines in response to the Notice of Proposed Rule Making in the above proceeding as discussed herein.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Roger C. Sherman

Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau

1. Updating Part 1 Competitive Bidding Rules, *Notice of Proposed Rule Making*, 29 FCC Rcd 12426 (2014)(“Part 1 NPRM”). Deadlines for comments and reply comments were initially announced in the Federal Register on November 14, 2014. The initial deadlines for comments and replies were December 29, 2014, and January 20, 2015, respectively. *See* 79 Fed. Reg. 68172 (Nov. 14, 2014). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. On December 8, 2014, the deadlines for comments and replies were extended to January 23, 2015, and February 12, 2015, respectively. *See* Updating Part 1 Competitive Bidding Rules, *Order*, DA 14-1784 (rel. Dec. 8, 2014). On January 13, 2015, the deadlines for comments and replies were further extended to February 6, 2015, and February 26, 2015, respectively. *See* Updating Part 1 Competitive Bidding Rules, *Order*, DA 15-52 (rel. Jan. 13, 2015). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. Auction of Advanced Wireless Services (AWS-3) Licenses Closes; Winning Bidders Announced for Auction 97, *Public Notice*, DA 15-131 (rel. Jan. 30, 2015). [↑](#footnote-ref-5)