**DA 16-1029**

**September 14, 2016**

**WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT REGARDING TERRESTAR CORPORATION’S REQUEST FOR RELIEF OF CERTAIN 1.4 GHz CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS**

**WT Docket No. 16-290**

**Comments Due: October 4, 2016**

**Reply Comments Due: October 14, 2016**

On August 12, 2016, TerreStar Corporation (TerreStar) filed a Request for Temporary Waiver of Substantial Service Requirements (Request).[[1]](#footnote-1) In the Request, TerreStar requests that the Commission temporarily waive the substantial service requirement[[2]](#footnote-2) for its commercial wireless licenses in the 1.4 GHz band until April 23, 2020. TerreStar states that it requires a 36-month temporary waiver so it may implement wireless medical telemetry service (WMTS) operations on its 1.4 GHz spectrum through spectrum leasing arrangements between TerreStar and a mix of health care providers, health care facilities, and wireless medical telemetry equipment manufacturers.

By this Public Notice, we seek comment on TerreStar’s Request.

**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 above. All filings should refer to **WT Docket No. 16-290**. Comments may be filed using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).[[3]](#footnote-3)

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In proceedings governed by rule 1.49(f) or for which the Commission has made available a method of electronic filing, written *ex parte* presentations and memoranda summarizing oral *ex parte* presentations, and all attachments thereto, must be filed through the electronic comment filing system available for that proceeding, and must be filed in their native format (*e.g.*, .doc, .xml, .ppt, searchable .pdf). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.

For further information regarding this proceeding, contact Amanda Huetinck, Mobility Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, at (202) 418-7090 or via email at Amanda.Huetinck@fcc.gov.

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1. TerreStar Corporation, Request for Temporary Waiver of Substantial Service Requirements, filed August 12, 2016. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. 47 C.F.R. § 27.14(a). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. *See* 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200(a), 1.1206. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)