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**WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU RELEASES UPDATED LIST OF
RESERVE-ELIGIBLE NATIONWIDE SERVICE PROVIDERS IN EACH PEA
FOR THE BROADCAST INCENTIVE AUCTION
AU Docket No. 14-252**

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The *Auction 1000 Application Procedures Public Notice* included a list of nationwide providers in each Partial Economic Area (“PEA”) qualified to bid on reserved spectrum in the forward auction (Auction 1002).¹ We stated in the *Auction 1000 Application Procedures Public Notice* that an updated list of nationwide providers qualified to bid on reserved spectrum in Auction 1002 would be issued prior to the FCC Form 175 filing deadline.² Parties interested in filing potential corrections were given until November 16, 2015 to do so, and two parties filed.

The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau is today releasing the updated list as Attachment 1 to this Public Notice. These updates reflect recently approved transactions and certain corrections requested by Verizon Wireless and T-Mobile,³ but do not reflect another correction⁴ or certain changes in

¹ *Application Procedures for Broadcast Incentive Auction Scheduled to Begin on March 29, 2016; Technical Formulas for Competitive Bidding*, Public Notice, 30 FCC Rcd 11034, Appendix 3 (WTB 2015) (*Auction 1000 Application Procedures Public Notice*).

² *Auction 1000 Application Procedures Public Notice*, 30 FCC Rcd at 11067, para. 103.

³ Verizon and T-Mobile each filed corrections to PEAs 69 (Springfield, MA) and 282 (Galesburg, IL) indicating that Verizon is not reserve-eligible in those markets. See Letter from Tamara Preiss, Vice President Federal Regulatory and Legal Affairs, Verizon, to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC, GN Docket No. 12-268, WT Docket No. 12-269, AU Docket No. 14-252 (filed Nov. 12, 2015); Letter from Trey Hanbury, Counsel to T-Mobile USA, Inc., to Catherine Matraves and Karen Sprung, FCC, GN Docket No. 12-268, WT Docket No. 12-269, AU Docket No. 14-252 (filed Nov. 16, 2015) (T-Mobile Nov. 16, 2015 Letter). See also Letter from Trey Hanbury, Counsel to T-Mobile USA, Inc., to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC, GN Docket No. 12-268, WT Docket No. 12-269, AU Docket No. 14-252 (filed Nov. 23, 2015) (T-Mobile Nov. 23, 2015 *Ex Parte* Letter). We agree and accordingly, these corrections are reflected in Attachment 1.

⁴ T-Mobile claims that Verizon should not be reserve-eligible in PEA 410 (Valentine, NE) based on arguments that Commission staff may not have attributed Alltel of Nebraska to Verizon, and T-Mobile’s own calculations of the population covered by Verizon’s cellular licenses in Valentine. T-Mobile Nov. 16, 2015 Letter at 3, 8; T-Mobile Nov. 23, 2015 *Ex Parte* Letter at 3, Appendix. We note first that we did attribute Alltel of Nebraska to Verizon in our calculations. Secondly, in our review of the data submitted by T-Mobile, we find no basis for the inclusion of three additional census blocks in T-Mobile’s calculations of the population covered. Accordingly, we find that Verizon is reserve-eligible in Valentine.

methodology requested by T-Mobile.⁵ PEAs that have been updated are marked in Attachment 1 with an asterisk.

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⁵ T-Mobile disagrees with our previously articulated methodology for determining reserve-eligibility in PEAs in which there is a long-term spectrum lease. *Policies Regarding Mobile Spectrum Holdings*, Report and Order, 29 FCC Rcd 6133, 6205, n.496 (2014), cited in *Auction 1000 Application Procedures Public Notice*, 30 FCC Rcd at 11066, n.166. T-Mobile also advocates that the population-weighted megahertz number for each service provider in each PEA should be rounded up to the next whole number. These issues are beyond the scope of the corrections process set forth in the last Public Notice. *Auction 1000 Application Procedures Public Notice*, 30 FCC Rcd at 11067, para. 103.