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**WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON AT&T REQUEST  
FOR WAIVER OF GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE REQUIREMENT FOR 700 MHZ LICENSE IN  
ALASKA**

**WT Docket No. 16-335**

**Comments Due: November 3, 2016**  
**Reply Comments Due: November 14, 2016**

On October 11, 2016, AT&T Services, Inc., on behalf its subsidiary AT&T Mobility Spectrum LLC (AT&T), filed an application<sup>1</sup> seeking waiver of Section 27.14(g) of the Commission's rules requiring it to meet specific geographic coverage requirements.<sup>2</sup> Specifically, AT&T seeks to modify a Lower 700 MHz B Block license authorized for operation in the Wade Hampton, Alaska, Cellular Market Area (CMA315). The license has an interim construction deadline requiring it to provide coverage to 35 percent of the geographic area of the license by December 13, 2016, and a final construction deadline requiring it to provide coverage to 70 percent of the geographic area of the license by June 13, 2019.<sup>3</sup> AT&T requests the Commission replace the geographic-based benchmarks with population-based benchmarks, and proposes a requirement of coverage to 40 percent of the cellular market area population at the interim and 70 percent of the population at the final deadline.<sup>4</sup>

By this Public Notice, we seek comment on AT&T's Waiver Request.

## **Procedural Matters**

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<sup>1</sup> Request for Waiver of Lower 700 MHz Band Interim and End-of-Term Geographic Construction Benchmarks for Alaska B-Block License WQIZ358, ULS File No. 0007499041 (filed October 11, 2016) (AT&T Waiver Request).

<sup>2</sup> 47 CFR § 27.14(g).

<sup>3</sup> 47 CFR § 27.14(g); *see also* Service Rules for the 698-746, 747-762 and 777-792 MHz Bands, *Second Report and Order*, 22 FCC Rcd 15289, 15349, para. 157 (2007).

<sup>4</sup> AT&T Waiver Request at 3.

Pursuant to Sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 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. All filings should refer to **WT Docket No. 16-335**. 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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- All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12<sup>th</sup> St., SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building.
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<sup>5</sup> See 47 CFR §§ 1.1200(a), 1.1206.

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

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