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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU GRANTS AWS-3 LICENSES IN THE 1755-1780 MHZ AND 2155-2180 MHZ BANDS

Auction No. 97

Report No. AUC-97 (Auction No. 97)

On January 29, 2015, the Federal Communications Commission (“Commission”) completed an auction of Advanced Wireless Service licenses in the 1695-1710 MHz, 1755-1780 MHz and 2155-2180 MHz bands (collectively, the “AWS-3” bands).¹ After a preliminary review of the FCC long-form applications (FCC Form 601), 30 applications were accepted for filing.² Eleven applications were granted on April 8, 2015.³ Two applications were granted on August 24, 2015,⁴ three applications were granted on October 15, 2015,⁵ two applications were granted in part and dismissed in part on October 27, 2015,⁶

¹ *Auction of Advanced Wireless Services (AWS-3) Closes; Winning Bidders Announced for Auction 97*, Public Notice, DA 15-131 (WTB rel. Jan. 30, 2015).

² *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Announces that Applications for AWS-3 Licenses in the 1755-1780 MHz and 2155-2180 MHz Bands are Accepted for Filing*, Public Notice, DA 15-302 (WTB rel. Mar. 10, 2015) (*First AFF Public Notice*); *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Announces that Applications for AWS-3 Licenses in the 1695-1710 MHz, 1755-1780 MHz and 2155-2180 MHz Bands are Accepted for Filing*, Public Notice, DA 15-503 (WTB rel. Apr. 29, 2015) (collectively, the *AFF Public Notices*). Subsequent public notices will announce the grant of other pending applications listed on the *AFF Public Notices*, as well as the acceptance for filing of the one pending long-form application not included on the *AFF Public Notices*.

³ *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Grants AWS-3 Licenses in the 1755-1780 MHz and 2155-2180 MHz Bands*, Public Notice, DA 15-432 (WTB rel. Apr. 8, 2015).

⁴ *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Grants AWS-3 Licenses in the 1755-1780 MHz and 2155-2180 MHz Bands*, Public Notice, DA 15-952 (WTB rel. Aug. 24, 2015).

⁵ *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Grants AWS-3 Licenses in the 1755-1780 MHz and 2155-2180 MHz Bands*, Public Notice, DA 15-1184 (WTB rel. Oct. 15, 2015).

⁶ *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Actions on AWS-3 Licenses in the 1695-1710 MHz, 1755-1780 MHz and 2155-2180 MHz Bands*, Public Notice, DA 15-1223 (WTB rel. Oct. 27, 2015).

two applications were granted on November 19, 2015,⁷ and two applications were granted on February 4, 2016.⁸

Upon further review and examination, the applications listed in Attachment A have been found to be complete and in conformance with the Commission's rules. Furthermore, the Commission has received full payment, as required by Section 1.2109(a) of its rules, for the licenses listed in Attachment A,⁹ there are no petitions to deny or other requests pending that would prevent grant of these licenses, and we find that granting the applications listed in Attachment A serves the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The *First AFF Public Notice* indicated one applicant's intent to seek Tribal Land Bidding Credits (TLBCs) for five licenses,¹⁰ eligibility for which required the applicant to make, obtain and file pertinent certifications.¹¹ Subsequently, the applicant amended its application to timely file the required certifications for two licenses¹² and we find that the applicant has established its eligibility for the TLBCs for the two licenses.

Accordingly, by this Public Notice, we announce the grant of the licenses and TLBCs listed in Attachment A pursuant to Sections 309(a) and 309(j) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 309(a), (j), and Sections 0.131 and 0.331 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.131, 0.331, because it will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

This Public Notice includes two attachments:

Attachment A: Auction 97 Applications and Corresponding Licenses Granted on March 30, 2016
– Sorted by Licensee

Attachment A1: Auction 97 Applications and Corresponding Licenses Granted on March 30, 2016
– Sorted by Market

Please contact Nadja Sodos-Wallace, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Broadband Division, (202) 418- 0955 or Nadja.Sodos-Wallace@fcc.gov for questions regarding legal matters or licensing issues.

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⁷ *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Grants AWS-3 Licenses in the 1755-1780 MHz and 2155-2180 MHz Bands*, Public Notice, DA 15-1331 (WTB rel. Nov. 19, 2015).

⁸ *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Grants AWS-3 Licenses in the 1755-1780 MHz and 2155-2180 MHz Bands*, Public Notice, DA 16-122 (WTB rel. Feb. 4, 2016).

⁹ 47 C.F.R. § 1.2109(a).

¹⁰ See *First AFF Public Notice*, Attachment A at 14-15 (Smith Bagley, Inc., File No. 0006668601).

¹¹ See 47 C.F.R. § 1.2110(f)(3).

¹² See File No. 0006668601, *Request for Extension of Certification Deadline and Waiver*, Letter Order (WTB BD October 13, 2015). The applicant withdrew its intent to seek TLBCs for the other three licenses.