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APPLICATIONS OF T-MOBILE US, INC., AND SPRINT CORPORATION FOR CONSENT TO TRANSFER CONTROL OF LICENSES AND AUTHORIZATIONS

EXTENSION OF DATE FOR FILING REPLIES

WT Docket No. 18-197

T-Mobile US, Inc. (T-Mobile), and Sprint Corporation (Sprint, and together with T-Mobile, the Applicants) filed applications pursuant to Sections 214 and 310(d) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, seeking Commission consent to the transfer of control of licenses and authorizations from Sprint to T-Mobile. On July 18, 2018, the Commission accepted the applications for filing and established a pleading cycle for the proposed transaction. The pleading cycle currently provides that replies are due by October 9, 2018.

The Commission paused the clock in this proceeding on September 11, 2018, in order to permit review of the Applicants' newly submitted economic, engineering, and efficiencies modeling.³ The Applicants informed the Commission on September 28, 2018, that they have completed their modeling submissions and do not intend to further supplement the record on which they rely.

The recently submitted material raises various questions that the Commission plans to address with the Applicants in upcoming discussions. We expect that, assuming timely responses from the Applicants to the Commission's queries, extending the reply deadline from October 9, 2018, to October 31, 2018, will provide third parties with adequate opportunity to review and comment on the record on which the Applicants rely.

Accordingly, the deadline for filing replies in this proceeding is now extended to **October 31**, **2018**. This action is taken pursuant to authority delegated under Section 0.331 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 0.331, and is effective upon its adoption.

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¹ 47 U.S.C. §§ 214, 310(d).

² T-Mobile US, Inc., and Sprint Corporation Seek FCC Consent to the Transfer of Control of the Licenses, Authorizations, and Spectrum Leases Held by Sprint Corporation and Its Subsidiaries to T-Mobile US, Inc., and the Pro Forma Transfer of Control of the Licenses, Authorizations, and Spectrum Leases Held by T-Mobile US, Inc., and Its Subsidiaries, WT Docket No. 18-197, Public Notice, DA 18-740 (WTB Jul. 18, 2018).

³ See Letter from David B. Lawrence, Director, T-Mobile/Sprint Transaction Task Force, and Donald K. Stockdale, Jr., Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, to Kathleen O'Brien Ham, T-Mobile US, Inc., and Vonya B. McCann, Sprint Corporation (Sept. 11, 2018).