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INCENTIVE AUCTION TASK FORCE AND WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU GRANT 600 MHz LICENSES

Auction No. 1002

On April 13, 2017, the Federal Communications Commission (“Commission”) completed the auction for new 600 MHz licenses.¹ This auction, which was designated Auction 1002, raised (in net bids) a total of \$19,318,157,706, with 50 bidders placing winning bids for a total of 2776 licenses.² The FCC long-form applications (FCC Form 601) of all the winning bidders have been previously accepted for filing³ and most of those have been granted.⁴

Upon further review and examination, the application for the licenses listed in Attachment A has been found to be complete and in conformance with the Commission’s rules, and there are no petitions to deny or other requests pending that would prevent grant of these licenses. We find that granting the application for the licenses listed in Attachment A serves the public interest, convenience, and necessity. Furthermore, the Commission has received full payment for the licenses listed in Attachment A, as

¹ *Incentive Auction Closing and Channel Reassignment Public Notice: The Broadcast Television Incentive Auction Closes; Reverse Auction and Forward Auction Results Announced; Final Television Band Channel Assignments Announced; Post-Auction Deadlines Announced*, Public Notice, 32 FCC Rcd 2786 (2017) (*Closing and Channel Reassignment Public Notice*).

² *Id.* at p. 4, para 2. Fifty-three long-form applications were filed by the 50 winning bidders. Two winning bidders bid as consortia and filed multiple long-form applications pursuant to the Commission’s rules. See 47 CFR § 1.2107(g).

³ Specifically, the FCC long-form applications (FCC Form 601) of 11 applicants were accepted for filing on May 18, 2017, 15 applicants were accepted for filing on June 21, 2017, 13 were accepted for filing on August 9, 2017, 11 were accepted for filing on October 12, 2017, 2 were accepted for filing on December 19, 2017, and 1 was accepted for filing on January 11, 2018. *Incentive Auction Task Force and Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Announce that Applications for 600 MHz Band Licenses are Accepted for Filing*, Public Notices, DA 17-487 (May 18, 2017), DA 17-598 (June 21, 2017), DA 17-742 (Aug. 9, 2017), DA 17-1000 (Oct. 12, 2017), DA 17-1216 (Dec. 19, 2017), and DA 18-31 (Jan. 11, 2018).

⁴ Applications were granted and licenses issued to 10 applicants on June 14, 2017, 15 applicants on July 19, 2017, 8 applicants on November 1, 2017, 13 applicants on January 9, 2018, 4 applicants on January 30, 2018, 1 applicant on July 3, 2018, and 1 applicant on July 26, 2018. *Incentive Auction Task Force and Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Grant 600 MHz Licenses*, Public Notice, DA 17-582 (June 14, 2017), DA 17-693 (July 19, 2017), DA 17-1075 (Nov. 1, 2017), DA 18-20 (Jan. 9, 2018), DA 18-66 (Jan. 30, 2018), DA 18-693 (July 3, 2018), and DA 18-774 (July 26, 2018). The Commission’s review of the long-form application of one other winning bidder in Auction 1002 is ongoing. A subsequent public notice will announce the action taken on that long-form application.

required by Section 1.2109(a) of its rules.⁵ Accordingly, by this Public Notice, we announce the grant of the licenses listed in Attachment A pursuant to Section 309(a) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 309(a), and Sections 0.131 and 0.331 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.131, 0.331.

We remind the licensee that it should review all Commission orders and public notices establishing rules and policies for the 600 MHz Band, including but not limited to spectrum use during the Post-Auction Transition Period,⁶ procedures for commencing operations,⁷ and performance requirements.⁸ The licensee is solely responsible for complying with all FCC rules and regulations associated with these licenses.

This Public Notice includes one attachment:

Attachment A – 600 MHz Service Licenses Granted – Sorted by Market Number

Please contact either Paul Malmud at (202) 418-0006 or Paul.Malmud@fcc.gov, or Madelaine Maior at (202) 418-1466 or Madelaine.Maior@fcc.gov, of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Broadband Division, for questions regarding legal matters or licensing issues. Please contact Neil Grace, at (202) 418-0506 or Neil.Grace@fcc.gov, for press questions.

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⁵ 47 CFR § 1.2109(a).

⁶ See *Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions*, GN Docket No. 12-268, Report and Order, 29 FCC Rcd 6567, 6782–847, paras. 525–688 (§ V) (2014). The Post-Auction Transition Period is the 39-month period for broadcasters that are assigned new channels in the repacking process, and winning UHF-to-VHF and high-VHF-to-low-VHF bidders, to relocate to new channels. *Id.* at 6796, para. 559. The 39-month period commenced on April 13, 2017. See *Closing and Channel Reassignment Public Notice* at p. 22, para. 68.

⁷ See *Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions*, GN Docket No. 12-268, Report and Order, 30 FCC Rcd 12025 (2015).

⁸ 47 CFR § 27.14(t).