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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. 18-67

Comments Due: April 30, 2018

Reply Comments Due: May 15, 2018

On March 1, 2018, AT&T Services, Inc., on behalf its subsidiary AT&T Mobility Spectrum LLC (AT&T), filed an application¹ seeking waiver of Section 27.14(g) of the Commission's rules requiring it to meet specific geographic coverage requirements.² Specifically, AT&T seeks to modify a Lower 700 MHz B Block license authorized for operation in the Bethel, Alaska, Cellular Market Area (CMA316). The license is subject to 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, 2019.³ AT&T requests the Commission waive the geographic-based benchmarks in favor of AT&T covering 75 percent of the license's population by December 13, 2016, 80 percent of the population by June 13, 2019, and 85 percent of the population by June 13, 2020.⁴

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

Procedural Matters

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.

¹ Request for Waiver of Lower 700 MHz Band Interim and End-of-Term Geographic Construction Benchmarks for Alaska B-Block License WQIZ597, Petition for Waiver, ULS File No. 0008116627 (filed March 1, 2018). On March 12, 2018, AT&T amended its petition. Request for Waiver of Lower 700 MHz Band Interim and End-of-Term Geographic Construction Benchmarks for Alaska B-Block License WQIZ597, Amended Petition for Waiver, ULS File No. 0008116627 (filed March 12, 2018) (AT&T Waiver Request). All references herein to the AT&T Waiver Request are to the March 12, 2018, amended petition.

² 47 CFR § 27.14(g).

³ 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).

⁴ AT&T Waiver Request at 3.

All filings should refer to **WT Docket No. 18-67**. 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).

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>.
- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, filers must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number.

Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission’s Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

- All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission’s Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th 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.
- Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.
- U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington DC 20554.

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⁵ See 47 CFR §§ 1.1200(a), 1.1206.

attachments thereto, must be filed through the electronic comment filing system available for that proceeding, and must be filed in their native format (*e.g.*, .doc, .xml, .ppt, searchable .pdf). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.

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

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