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## NUMBER OF GENERIC LICENSE BLOCKS AVAILABLE IN INCENTIVE AUCTION OF UPPER MICROWAVE FLEXIBLE USE SERVICE LICENSES IN THE UPPER 37 GHZ, 39 GHZ, AND 47 GHZ BANDS (AUCTION 103)

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Pursuant to the *Notice of Updated 39 GHz Reconfiguration Procedures* and the *Auction 103 Procedures Public Notice*, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, in cooperation with the Office of Economics and Analytics, announces the number of generic 100-megahertz license blocks in the Upper 37 and 39 GHz bands in each Partial Economic Area (PEA) that will be available in Auction 103.<sup>1</sup>

In Auction 103, bidders will indicate their demands for a number of generic license blocks in specific categories and PEAs.<sup>2</sup> In each PEA, bidders may indicate demands for either or both of two categories of generic license blocks, category M/N and category P.<sup>3</sup> Category M/N consists of blocks in 37.6–40 GHz and includes 10 blocks in the Upper 37 GHz band (Blocks M1–M10) and 14 blocks in the 39 GHz band (Blocks N1–N14).<sup>4</sup> Category P consists of 10 blocks in 47.2–48.2 GHz (Blocks P1–P10).

As explained in the *Auction 103 Procedures Public Notice*, the number of Upper 37 GHz and 39 GHz license blocks available for bidding in each PEA in Auction 103 depends in part upon the Initial Commitments of 39 GHz incumbents either to accept modified licenses or to relinquish all of their existing spectrum usage rights.<sup>5</sup> During the Initial Commitment filing window, which closed on August 15, 2019, all 39 GHz incumbents committed to relinquish their 39 GHz licenses. Accordingly, the maximum possible number of generic license blocks will be available in every PEA in both categories for Auction 103: 24 blocks in category M/N (2,400 megahertz of contiguous spectrum) and 10 blocks in category P (a separate 1,000 megahertz of contiguous spectrum).

In addition, none of the incumbent 39 GHz licensees filed a request for waiver by the August 16, 2019, filing deadline seeking assurance regarding the assignment of frequencies for modified licenses.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Notice of Updated 39 GHz Reconfiguration Procedures et al.*, Public Notice, 34 FCC Red 2952, 2962-63, para. 29 (WTB/OEA 2019); *Incentive Auction of Upper Microwave Flexible Use Service Licenses in the Upper 37 GHz, 39 GHz, and 47 GHz Bands for Next-Generation Wireless Services; Notice and Filing Requirements, Minimum Opening Bids, Upfront Payments, and Other Procedures for Auction 103 et al.*, Public Notice, FCC 19-63 at 49-50, para. 155 (July 11, 2019) (*Auction 103 Procedures Public Notice*).

<sup>2</sup> *Auction 103 Procedures Public Notice* at 49, para. 153.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 49, para. 155.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*; see also *id.* at 5, para. 7.

<sup>6</sup> See *Auction 103 Procedures Public Notice* at 52-53, paras. 161-63.

Consequently, the assignment phase bidding procedures will be unaffected by the grant of any such waiver(s).<sup>7</sup>

For further information concerning this Public Notice, please email [auCTION103@fcc.gov](mailto:auCTION103@fcc.gov) or contact the Auctions Division, Office of Economics and Analytics, at (202) 418-0660.

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<sup>7</sup> See *id.* at 65, para. 220.