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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF 450 MHZ GENERAL AVIATION AIR-GROUND RADIOTELEPHONE SERVICE RULES TO PERMIT SERVICE TO UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS

WT Docket No. 20-185

Comment Date: July 24, 2020

Reply Comment Date: August 10, 2020

With this Public Notice, we seek comment on a request that asks the Commission to waive certain General Aviation Air-Ground Radiotelephone Service rules, filed by AURA Network Systems OpCo, LLC and A2G Communications, LLC (collectively, Petitioners).¹ Petitioners seek relief of certain rules that dictate the types of services that may be provided, specify minimum separation between co-channel stations, limit the amount of spectrum assigned in a particular area, and set a minimum power limit for ground and airborne stations. Petitioners argue that waiver is necessary to provide new voice and data applications, including service to unmanned aircraft systems, to the broadest base of aviation subscribers possible.

We seek comment on the issues raised by Petitioners' request for waiver.

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Pursuant to section 1.925(c) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 1.925(c), interested parties are invited to file comments or replies on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document. All filings must reference WT Docket No. 20-185. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).

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¹ AURA Network Systems OpCo, LLC and A2G Communications, LLC, Request for Waiver, filed June 12, 2020. See, e.g., Call Sign KCC973, ULS File No. 0009112677.

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Additional Information. For further information regarding this Public Notice, please contact Nina Shafran, Mobility Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, at Nina.Shafran@FCC.gov or 202-418-2781.

² See 47 CFR § 1.1200 *et seq.*

³ *Id.* § 1.1206(b).