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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU GRANTS 24 GHZ BAND UPPER MICROWAVE FLEXIBLE USE SERVICE LICENSES

Auction No. 102

On May 28, 2019, the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") completed the auction of 24 GHz Upper Microwave Flexible Use Service (UMFUS) licenses (Auction 102), and announced the results on June 3, 2019.¹ This auction, which was designated Auction 102, raised a total of \$2,022,676,752 in net bids (\$2,024,268,941 in gross bids), with 29 bidders winning a total of 2,904 licenses.² Some of the FCC long-form applications (FCC Form 601) of winning bidders were accepted for filing on October 30, 2019.³ On December 11, 2019, the Commission released the first public notice granting applications in Auction 102.⁴

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 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. We grant these licenses 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, because it will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

¹ Auction of 24 GHz Upper Microwave Flexible Use Service Licenses Closes: Gross Winning Bidders Announced for Auction 102, Public Notice, 34 FCC Rcd 4294 (OEA 2019) (Auction 102 Closing PN). The 24 GHz band includes the frequencies 24.25-24.45 GHz and 24.75-25.25 GHz.

² "Gross bids" refers to the total amount of winning bids at the close of bidding and does not reflect any small business or rural service provider bidding credits claimed by eligible winning bidders that may be awarded after the auction. "Net bids" refers to the total amount of winning bids as adjusted for any small business or rural service provider bidding credits claimed by winning bidders.

³ Specifically, 32 FCC long-form applications (FCC Form 601) were accepted for filing on October 30, 2019. Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Announces that Applications for 24 GHz Band Flexible Use Licenses are Accepted for Filing, Public Notice, DA 19-1118 (WTB Oct. 30, 2019) (Auction 102 First AFF PN). The Commission's initial review of the long-form applications of other winning bidders in Auction 102 is ongoing. Subsequent public notices will announce the acceptance for filing and action taken on additional long-form applications.

⁴ Specifically, 31 FCC Form 601 applications were granted on December 11, 2019. *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Grants 24 GHz Band Upper Microwave Flexible Use Service Licenses*, Public Notice, DA 19-1258 (WTB Dec. 11, 2019) (*Auction 102 First Grant PN*).

⁵ 47 CFR § 1.2109(a).

We remind licensees that they should review all Commission orders and public notices establishing rules and policies for the 24 GHz Band.⁶ Each licensee is solely responsible for complying with all FCC rules and regulations associated with these licenses.

This Public Notice includes two attachments:

Attachment A - 24 GHz UMFUS Licenses Granted - Sorted by Licensee Attachment B - 24 GHz UMFUS Licenses Granted - Sorted by Market Number

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Rulemaking, 33 FCC Rcd 5576 (2018).

⁶ See generally Use of Spectrum Bands Above 24 GHz For Mobile Radio Services et al., Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 31 FCC Rcd 8014 (2016); Second Report and Order, Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Order on Reconsideration, and Memorandum Opinion and Order, 32 FCC Rcd 10988 (2017); Third Report and Order, Memorandum Opinion and Order, and Third Further Notice of Proposed