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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU GRANTS FIRST ROUND OF 900 MHZ BROADBAND SEGMENT APPLICATIONS

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By this Public Notice, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB or Bureau) announces the grant of three 900 MHz broadband segment license applications (see Attachment). On May 13, 2020, the Commission realigned the 900 MHz band to make available six megahertz of low-band spectrum for the development of critical wireless broadband technologies and services, while reserving the remaining four megahertz of spectrum for continued narrowband operations.¹ In accordance with the *900 MHz Report and Order*,² the Bureau announced that the opening date for acceptance of 900 MHz broadband segment applications began on May 27, 2021.³

The Bureau finds the 900 MHz broadband segment applications listed in the Attachment to be complete and in conformance with the Commission's rules. No petitions to deny these applications were filed, and the applications sufficiently demonstrate conformance with the eligibility conditions (Eligibility Certification) and requirements for transitioning the 900 MHz band in the particular county requested (Transition Plan).⁴ Furthermore, the Commission has received full anti-windfall payments for the licenses listed in the Attachment, as required by section 27.1503(c)(2). Therefore, the Bureau finds that granting the applications for the 900 MHz broadband segment licenses listed in the Attachment serves the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

Accordingly, by this Public Notice, we announce the grant of the licenses listed in the Attachment. 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 CFR §§ 0.131, 0.331. New 900 MHz broadband licensees may begin operation in the applicable counties, subject to protecting covered incumbents.⁵

¹ *Review of the Commission's Rules Governing the 896-901/935-940 MHz Band*, WT Docket No. 19-138, Report and Order, Order of Proposed Modification, and Order, 35 FCC Rcd 5183 (2020) (*900 MHz Report and Order*).

² *900 MHz Report and Order*, 35 FCC Rcd at 5229, para. 113.

³ See *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau to Accept 900 MHz Broadband Segment Applications Beginning May 27, 2021*, Public Notice, WT Docket No. 17-200, DA 21-450 (WTB 2021) (*900 MHz Broadband Segment Applications Public Notice*).

⁴ 47 CFR § 27.1503; see also *900 MHz Broadband Segment Applications Public Notice, Attachment A*.

⁵ A Covered Incumbent is any 900 MHz site-based licensee in the broadband segment that is required under section 90.621(b) to be protected by a broadband licensee with a base station at any location within the county, or any 900 MHz geographic-based SMR licensee in the broadband segment whose license area completely or partially overlaps the county. 47 CFR § 27.1501(g).

We remind licensees that they should review the Commission's part 27 rules and all Commission orders and public notices establishing rules and policies for the 900 MHz band.⁶ Each licensee is solely responsible for complying with all FCC rules and regulations associated with these licenses.

This Public Notice includes one attachment:

Attachment – 900 MHz Broadband Segment Licenses Granted – Sorted by Licensee

Applicants who have questions concerning this Public Notice may contact Katherine Patsas Nevitt of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Mobility Division, (202) 418-0638, katherine.nevitt@fcc.gov.

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⁶ See 47 CFR pt. 27; see also *900 MHz Report and Order*, 35 FCC Rcd 5183; *900 MHz Broadband Segment Applications Public Notice*, DA 21-450.