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DOCKET ESTABLISHED FOR MONITORING DISH'S COMPLIANCE WITH CONDITIONS GRANTING AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES AND BUILDOUT COMMITMENTS

WT Docket Nos. 18-197, 22-212

By this Public Notice, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) announces the opening of a docket to monitor compliance with conditions imposed on DISH by the Commission. On July 26, 2019, DISH filed applications, pursuant to section 309(c) of the Communications Act,¹ for an extension of time to complete construction of its facilities for its AWS-4, Lower 700 MHz E Block, and AWS H Block licenses.² With those requests, DISH committed to construct a nationwide 5G broadband network, subjecting itself to making significant financial payments if it fails do so.³ On November 5, 2019, the Commission released an order approving the applications for the transfer of control of licenses, authorizations and spectrum leases from Sprint Corporation (Sprint) to T-Mobile USA, Inc. (T-Mobile).⁴ As part of the transfer of control, the Commission also concluded that significant public interest benefits would flow from DISH's deployment of 5G broadband services over its spectrum holdings and that the acquisition of Sprint's Boost Mobile would help DISH achieve that deployment.⁵ Thus, contingent upon DISH's consummation of the Boost Mobile divestiture, certain build out extensions and modifications and other conditions related to the DISH licenses were granted.⁶ The DISH commitments, which were imposed as conditions, included monitoring of nationwide 5G network deployment build out and coverage requirements as well as verification and enforcement.⁷ By this Public Notice, we are opening a new docket, WT Docket No. 22-212, for the purpose of monitoring compliance with the conditions imposed by the Commission, which is captioned "Monitoring DISH's Compliance with Conditions Granting an Extension of Time to Complete Construction of Facilities and Buildout Commitments."

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 309(c).

² Application for Extension of Time of American H Block Wireless L.L.C., ULS File No. 0008741236 (filed July 26, 2019); Application for Extension of Time of DBSD Corp., ULS File No. 0008741420 (filed July 26, 2019); Application for Extension of Time of Gamma Acquisition L.L.C., ULS File No. 0008741603 (filed July 26, 2019); and Application for Extension of Time of Manifest Wireless L.L.C., ULS File No. 0008741789 (filed July 26, 2019).

³ Letter from Jeffrey H. Blum, Senior Vice President, Public Policy and Government Affairs, DISH, to Donald Stockdale, Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, WT Docket No. 18-197 (filed July 26, 2019).

⁴ See *Applications of T-Mobile US, Inc., and Sprint Corporation for Consent to Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations*, WT Docket No. 18-197, Memorandum Opinion and Order, Declaratory Ruling, and Order of Proposed Modification, 34 FCC Rcd 10578, 10583, para. 12 and Appendix H (2019) (*T-Mobile-Sprint Order*).

⁵ *T-Mobile-Sprint Order*, 34 FCC Rcd at 10739-45, paras. 364-83.

⁶ *Id.* at 10583, para. 12 and Appendix H.

⁷ *Id.* at 10747, paras. 394-98 and Appendix H.

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Action by Acting Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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⁸ See 47 CFR §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

⁹ *Id.* § 1.1206(b).