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**WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU GRANTs 900 mhz broadband segment applications**

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By this Public Notice, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) announces the grant of two 900 MHz broadband segment license applications (see Appendix). 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]](#footnote-3) In accordance with the *900 MHz Report and Order*,[[2]](#footnote-4) the Bureau announced that the opening date for acceptance of 900 MHz broadband segment applications began on May 27, 2021.[[3]](#footnote-5)

The Bureau finds the 900 MHz broadband segment applications listed in the Appendix to be complete and in conformance with the Commission’s rules. No petitions to deny these applications were filed, and the applications sufficiently demonstrates conformance with the eligibility conditions (Eligibility Certification) and requirements for transitioning the 900 MHz band in the particular county requested (Transition Plan).[[4]](#footnote-6) Furthermore, the Commission has received full anti-windfall payments for the licenses listed in the Appendix, 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 Appendix serves the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

Accordingly, by this Public Notice, we announce the grant of the licenses listed in the Appendix. 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. These new 900 MHz broadband licensees may begin operation in the applicable counties, subject to protecting covered incumbents.[[5]](#footnote-7)

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]](#footnote-8) Each licensee is solely responsible for complying with all FCC rules and regulations associated with these licenses.

This Public Notice includes one appendix, which is included at the end of this document:

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

Applicants who have questions concerning this Public Notice may contact Morgan Mendenhall of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Mobility Division, (202) 418-0154, morgan.mendenhall@fcc.gov.

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APPENDIX

900 MHZ BROADBAND SEGMENT LICENSES

 APPLICATIONS GRANTED

SORTED BY LICENSEE

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| Licensee Name | File Number | FRN | Market/County Number (FIPS) | Market Description | Mandatory Relocation[[7]](#footnote-9) |
| PDV Spectrum Holding Company, LLC | 0010631441 | 0023948573 | D27053 | Hennepin County, MN | N/A |
| PDV Spectrum Holding Company, LLC | 0001631415 | 0023948573 | D27123 | Ramsey County, MN | N/A |

1. *Review of the Commission’s Rules Governing the 896–901/935–940 MHz Band*, WT Docket No. 17-200, Report and Order, Order of Proposed Modification, and Order, 35 FCC Rcd 5183 (2020) (*900 MHz Report and Order*). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
2. *900 MHz Report and Order*, 35 FCC Rcd at 5229, para. 113. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
3. *See Wireless Telecommunications Bureau to Accept 900 MHz Broadband Segment Applications Beginning May 27, 2021*, WTB Docket No. 17-200, Public Notice, 36 FCC Rcd 7377 (WTB 2021) (*900 MHZ Broadband Segment Applications Public Notice*). [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
4. 47 CFR § 27.1503; *see also 900 MHz Broadband Segment Applications Public Notice, Attachment A*. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
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). [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
6. *See* 47 CFR pt. 27; *see also* *900 MHz Report and Order*, 35 FCC Rcd 5183; *900 MHz Broadband Segment Applications Public Notice*. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
7. Section 27.1504 permits a broadband licensee to relocate mandatorily certain incumbents from the 900 MHz broadband section. Incumbent licensees identified for mandatory relocation by new licensees will appear in this column. When there are no incumbent licensees identified for mandatory relocation, N/A will appear. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)