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## WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ANNOUNCES THAT APPLICATIONS FOR AUCTION 108 LICENSES ARE ACCEPTED FOR FILING

On August 29, 2022, bidding concluded in the Federal Communications Commission's (Commission's) auction of new flexible-use geographic overlay licenses in the 2.5 GHz band, and the Office of Economics and Analytics (OEA) and the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) announced the results of that auction on September 1, 2022.<sup>1</sup> Long-form applications (FCC Form 601) for licenses won in Auction 108 were due on September 16, 2022. The three long-form applications listed in Attachment A have been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing.<sup>2</sup> The Commission may return or dismiss the applications, however, if upon further examination, they are found to be defective or not in compliance with the Commission's rules.<sup>3</sup>

Petitions to deny the applications listed in Attachment A must be filed no later than **January 26**, **2024**, ten (10) days after the date of this Public Notice.<sup>4</sup> Oppositions to a petition to deny must be filed no later than **February 2**, **2024**, five (5) business days after the filing date for petitions to deny. Replies to oppositions must be filed no later than **February 9**, **2024**, five (5) business days after the filing date for oppositions. All pleadings filed regarding any of these Auction 108 long-form applications should reference the file number of the application. Each application is a restricted proceeding under the Commission's rules.<sup>5</sup> A petitioner shall serve a copy of its petition to deny on the applicant and on all other interested parties pursuant to 47 CFR § 1.47. Oppositions and replies shall be served on the petitioner and all other interested parties.<sup>6</sup>

Pleadings must be filed electronically through the Commission's Universal Licensing System (ULS), pursuant to the following instructions.<sup>7</sup> Pleadings must be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing ULS: <u>https://www.fcc.gov/wireless/systems-utilities/universal-licensing-system</u>. Each screen indicates the information to be provided or the action(s) to be performed to complete that screen.

<sup>1</sup> Auction of Flexible-Use Licenses in the 2.5 GHz Band Closes, Public Notice, DA 22-910 (OEA & WTB Sept. 1, 2022).

<sup>3</sup> See 47 CFR § 1.934(a), (d).

<sup>4</sup> See 47 CFR § 1.2108 (Procedures for filing petitions to deny against long-form applications).

<sup>5</sup> See 47 CFR § 1.1208 (Restricted proceedings).

<sup>6</sup> See 47 CFR § 1.939(c).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Commission's authority to issue licenses pursuant to a system of competitive bidding lapsed on March 9, 2023. *See* 47 USC 309(j)(11); Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, Pub. L. No. 117-328, 136 Stat. 4459 (December 29, 2022) (extending the Commission's spectrum auction authority through March 9, 2023). Congress subsequently passed legislation authorizing the Commission to process any remaining licenses won in Auction 108 within 90 days of enactment, which occurred on December 19, 2023. *See* 5G Spectrum Authority Licensing Enforcement Act (5G SALE Act), Pub. L. No. 118-27 (2023).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See 47 CFR § 1.939(b); Completing the Transition to Electronic Filing, Licenses and Authorizations, and Correspondence in the Wireless Radio Services, WT Docket No. 19-212, Report and Order, 35 FCC Rcd 10781, 10788-89, paras. 22-26 (2020).

From the ULS website, click on "SUBMIT A PLEADING" to begin the process of filing a pleading. The link takes the user to the *Pleadings Information* screen. Upon completing the *Pleadings Information* screen, click "CONTINUE" to go to the *File Numbers/Call Signs* screen. Upon providing the information required on that screen, complete steps three and four at the *Attach File* and *Confirmation* screens, respectively. For more information, detailed instructions can be found in the *Public Notice* announcing the implementation of electronic filing for pleadings.<sup>8</sup>

We request that one copy of each pleading be delivered electronically, by email to: Madelaine Maior and Nadja Sodos-Wallace at <u>Madelaine.Maior@fcc.gov</u> and <u>Nadja.SodosWallace@fcc.gov</u>.

The applications listed in Attachment A are available to the public for electronic viewing through ULS. Any amendments to an FCC Form 601 application also must be filed electronically through ULS. For technical assistance in using ULS for viewing an application or filing an amendment to an application, contact the ULS Licensing Support Hotline at (877) 480-3201. The ULS Licensing Support Hotline is available Monday through Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Eastern Time. All calls to the ULS Licensing Support Hotline are recorded. Questions regarding procedural issues should be directed to Madelaine Maior, (202) 418-1466 or Madelaine.Maior@fcc.gov. Copies of materials can be obtained from the FCC's Reference Information Center at (202) 418-0270. Press contact: Will Wiquist at (202) 418-0509 or Will.Wiquist@fcc.gov.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Enhances the Commission's Universal Licensing System To Implement Electronic Filing for Pleadings, Public Notice, 21 FCC Rcd 424 (WTB 2006).