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## WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ACCEPTS FOR FILING CELLCO PARTNERSHIP'S AND UNITED STATES CELLULAR CORPORATION'S SPECTRUM ASSIGNMENT APPLICATIONS

WT Docket No. 25-192

**Petitions to Deny Due:** July 7, 2025  
**Oppositions Due:** July 22, 2025  
**Replies Due:** August 1, 2025

By this Public Notice, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) announces that the thirty-nine (39) assignment applications filed by Cellco Partnership, an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Verizon Wireless (collectively, Verizon Wireless), and United States Cellular Corporation (UScellular) (Verizon Wireless and UScellular together, the Applicants) have been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing.<sup>1</sup>

On April 1, 2025, Verizon Wireless and UScellular filed applications pursuant to section 310(d) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,<sup>2</sup> seeking the Commission's consent to assign several cellular, AWS-1, AWS-3, and PCS licenses from subsidiaries of UScellular to Verizon Wireless.<sup>3</sup> According to the Applicants, under the proposed spectrum license assignments, UScellular, through its subsidiaries, would assign certain cellular, AWS-1, AWS-3, and PCS licenses to Verizon Wireless in 618 counties (in all or parts of 140 Cellular Market Areas (CMAs)) across 19 states, covering approximately 8% of the U.S. population).<sup>4</sup> Post-transaction, according to the Applicants, Verizon Wireless would be attributed with a maximum of 372 megahertz of spectrum, including up to 72 megahertz of below-1-GHz

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<sup>1</sup> See ULS File Nos. 0011491372 (lead), 0011495024, 0011495033, 0011495069, 0011495073, 0011494848, 0011494858, 0011494879, 0011494890, 0011494909, 0011494948, 0011494952, 0011494979, 0011494981, 0011494999, 0011495012, 0011495019, 0011495028, 0011495034, 0011495036, 0011494832, 0011495041, 0011495046, 0011495050, 0011495053, 0011495067, 0011495068, 0011495076, 0011495078, 0011495080, 0011495081, 0011495084, 0011495086, 0011495091, 0011495092, 0011495094, 0011495095, 0011495096, 0011495089 (filed April 1, 2025). The Commission reserves the right to return any of these applications if, upon further examination, it is determined to be defective and not in conformance with the Commission's rules or policies.

<sup>2</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 310(d).

<sup>3</sup> The Applicants note that the proposed transaction is part of UScellular's plan to exit the mobile wireless business. See ULS File No. 0011491372, Description of Transaction and Public Interest Statement at 1 (DOT/PIS).

<sup>4</sup> See, e.g., DOT/PIS at 1 & Schedule A; Exh. 2.

spectrum.<sup>5</sup> The Applicants assert that the proposed assignments would result in Verizon Wireless holding more than 68 megahertz of below-1-GHz spectrum in 462 counties.<sup>6</sup>

*Ex Parte Rules.* Pursuant to section 1.1200(a) of the Commission's rules,<sup>7</sup> the Commission may adopt modified or more stringent *ex parte* procedures in particular proceedings if the public interest so requires. We announce that this proceeding will be governed by permit-but-disclose *ex parte* procedures that are applicable to non-restricted proceedings under section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules.<sup>8</sup> This proceeding shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.<sup>9</sup> Entities or persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Entities or persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must: (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation was made; and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter's written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b). In proceedings governed by rule 1.49(f) or for which the Commission has made available a method of electronic filing, written *ex parte* presentations and memoranda summarizing oral *ex parte* presentations, and all attachments thereto, must be filed through the electronic comment filing system available for that proceeding, and must be filed in their native format (e.g., .doc, .xml, .ppt, searchable .pdf).<sup>10</sup> Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.

*Comment Period and Filing Requirements.* Interested parties may file pleadings on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document. All filings may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). Filings should refer to WT Docket No. 25-192 when filing in response to this Public Notice.

- *Electronic Filers:* Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/>.
- *Paper Filers:* Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing.
  - Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial courier, or by the U.S. Postal Service. All filings must be addressed to the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.
  - Hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary are accepted between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by the FCC's mailing contractor at 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building.

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<sup>5</sup> Exh. 2.

<sup>6</sup> The Applicants further assert that, in all of the affected counties, Verizon Wireless will be 4 megahertz over the below-1-GHz threshold. See DOT/PIS at 1.

<sup>7</sup> 47 CFR § 1.1200(a).

<sup>8</sup> 47 CFR § 1.1206.

<sup>9</sup> 47 CFR §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

<sup>10</sup> 47 CFR § 1.1206(b).

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One copy of each pleading, *ex parte* submission, or other filing must be delivered electronically, by email, or if delivered as paper copy, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (according to the procedures set forth above for paper filings), to: (1) Susannah Larson, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, at [susannah.larson@fcc.gov](mailto:susannah.larson@fcc.gov); (2) Judith Dempsey, Economic Analysis Division, Office of Economics and Analytics, at [judith.dempsey@fcc.gov](mailto:judith.dempsey@fcc.gov); (3) Morasha Younger, Competition & Infrastructure Policy Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, at [morasha.younger@fcc.gov](mailto:morasha.younger@fcc.gov); (4) Nadja Sodos-Wallace, Broadband Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, at [nadja.sodoswallace@fcc.gov](mailto:nadja.sodoswallace@fcc.gov); (5) Stephanie Asous, Mobility Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, at [stephanie.asous@fcc.gov](mailto:stephanie.asous@fcc.gov). Any submission emailed to these individuals should include in the subject line of the email: (1) WT Docket No. 25-192; (2) the name of the submitting party; and (3) a brief description or title identifying the type of document being submitted (e.g., WT Docket No. 25-192, Widget Corp., Notice of *Ex Parte* Communications).

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