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FCC COMMISSIONER JESSICA ROSENWORCEL ON PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM PROMOTING EFFICIENT USE OF SPECTRUM BY FEDERAL AGENCIES

Washington, D.C. — In response to the Presidential Memorandum announcing new Administration initiatives to enhance the efficiency of federal use of spectrum, FCC Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel stated:

"President Obama has recognized the importance of finding new spectrum to ensure America's leadership in mobile broadband. We are on a hunt for new opportunities for commercial spectrum to reach the 500 megahertz benchmark for new wireless broadband use in the Executive Order from the President nearly three years ago. Our traditional three-step process for reallocating federal spectrum—clearing federal users, relocating them, and then auctioning the cleared spectrum for new use—is reaching its limits. That is why since my first days in office I have endorsed building our federal spectrum policy on carrots, not sticks. I strongly support the initiatives outlined in the Presidential Memorandum, especially using incentives as a catalyst for freeing more federal spectrum for commercial use. These initiatives are a significant step towards meeting the country's spectrum needs. I look forward to working with our federal partners as we strive to reach the President's goals."

The Presidential Memorandum can be found here:

http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2013/06/14/presidential-memorandum-expanding-americas-leadership-wireless-innovatio

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