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## DOCKET ESTABLISHED FOR MONITORING THE RECENT VERIZON WIRELESS TRANSACTIONS

### WC Docket No. 12-234

On August 22, 2012, the Commission approved with conditions the assignment of spectrum licenses to and from Verizon Wireless arising from several interrelated transactions.<sup>1</sup> These included the assignment of AWS-1 spectrum licenses from Leap to Verizon Wireless, the assignment of AWS-1 spectrum licenses from Verizon to T-Mobile, and the assignment of AWS-1 licenses from SpectrumCo and Cox (Cable Companies) to Verizon Wireless.<sup>2</sup> The spectrum assignment from the Cable Companies to Verizon Wireless was part of a larger transaction between Verizon Wireless and the Cable Companies (“Verizon-Cable Transaction”), which also included commercial arrangements under which: (1) Verizon Wireless and the cable operators act as sales agents of one another’s services; (2) each of the cable operators may become resellers of Verizon Wireless’s services; and (3) the parties (other than Cox), through a joint venture, may seek to develop ways to integrate wireline and wireless services (collectively, “the Commercial Agreements”).<sup>3</sup> As part of its approval, the Commission noted that Verizon Communications Inc. and Verizon Wireless agreed to comply with a number of conditions, including the assignment of spectrum licenses to T-Mobile, build-out requirements, roaming requirements, and monitoring and reporting requirements.<sup>4</sup>

In addition, to assist in monitoring any effects the Commercial Agreements have on the marketplace and on the development of emerging product markets, the Order directed the Wireline Competition Bureau to open a docket “for the public to file complaints or petitions alleging that the parties are acting in violation of the conditions imposed by this order or engaging in anti-competitive conduct relating to this transaction that implicates the public interest or otherwise violates the Act or Commission rules.”<sup>5</sup> By this Public Notice, we are informing the public that **WC Docket No. 12-234** has been established for this purpose.

Pleadings may be filed using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).<sup>6</sup> All pleadings should reference **WC Docket No. 12-234**.

<sup>1</sup> *Applications of Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless and SpectrumCo LLC and Cox TMI, LLC For Consent To Assign AWS-1 Licenses; Applications of Verizon Wireless and Leap for Consent To Exchange Lower 700 MHz, AWS-1, and PCS Licenses; Applications of T-Mobile License LLC and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for Consent to Assign Licenses*, WT Docket Nos. 12-4, 12-175, ULS File Nos. 0004942973, 0004942992, 0004952444, 0004949596, and 0004949598, Memorandum Opinion and Order and Declaratory Ruling, FCC 12-95 (2012).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at para. 1. The term “Cable Companies” includes the remaining members of SpectrumCo LLC – Comcast Corp., Time Warner Cable, Inc., and Bright House Networks, LLC – as well as Cox Communications, Inc.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at para. 1.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at paras. 5, 121, 154–55, & app. D (Reporting Requirements).

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* at para. 145; *see also id.* at paras. 154, 169.

<sup>6</sup> *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>.
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Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

- All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12<sup>th</sup> St., SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. 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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For further information, contact Claude Aiken or Christopher Sova, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, (202) 418-1580.

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<sup>7</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*