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## PLEADING CYCLE EXTENDED FOR PROPOSED ASSIGNMENT TO AT&T FROM PLATEAU WIRELESS OF ADVANCED WIRELESS SERVICES, CELLULAR, LOWER 700 MHZ, AND MICROWAVE LICENSES, AND INTERNATIONAL SECTION 214 AUTHORIZATIONS

WT Docket No. 14-144

**Extended Petitions to Deny Deadline:** October 17, 2014  
**Extended Oppositions Deadline:** October 27, 2014  
**Extended Reply Deadline:** November 3, 2014

By this Public Notice, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (“Bureau” or “WTB”) extends the pleading cycle in the above-captioned proceeding. On September 8, 2014, the Bureau released a Public Notice, DA 14-1287, announcing the acceptance of applications and establishing a pleading cycle regarding the proposed assignment of licenses and authorizations to AT&T Inc. (“AT&T”) from Plateau Wireless.<sup>1</sup> The *Public Notice* explained that the Bureau, in reviewing the proposed transaction, would treat a proposed increase in below-1-GHz spectrum holdings held by the acquiring entity as an “enhanced factor” pursuant to the *Mobile Spectrum Holdings Report and Order*.<sup>2</sup> On September 22, 2014, the Bureau sent letters to AT&T and Plateau Wireless requesting the submission of written responses and supporting documentation by October 6, 2014, to specific inquiries related to the proposed transaction.<sup>3</sup> On September 29, 2014, the Competitive Carriers Association (“CCA”) requested a seven business-day extension of the pleading deadlines.<sup>4</sup> CCA contends that, with responses to the *Information Requests* due two days before the initial pleading deadline, parties intending to participate in the pleading cycle should

<sup>1</sup> AT&T Inc. and Plateau Wireless Seek FCC Consent to the Assignment of Advanced Wireless Services, Cellular, Lower 700 MHz, and Microwave Licenses, and International Section 214 Authorizations, *Public Notice*, DA 14-1287 (rel. Sept. 8, 2014) (“*Public Notice*”). E.N.M.R. Telephone Cooperative, Plateau Telecommunications, Inc. New Mexico RSA 4 East Limited Partnership, and Texas RSA 3 Limited Partnership (together, “Plateau Wireless”) are the proposed assignors.

<sup>2</sup> *Public Notice* at 2, citing Policies Regarding Mobile Spectrum Holdings; Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions, WT Docket No. 12-269, GN Docket No. 12-268, *Report and Order*, 29 FCC 6133, 6240 ¶¶ 286-88 (rel. June 2, 2014) (“*Mobile Spectrum Holdings Report and Order*”).

<sup>3</sup> See Letter from Roger C. Sherman, Chief, WTB, to Michael P. Goggin, AT&T, WT Docket No. 14-144 (Sept. 22, 2014); Letter from Roger C. Sherman, Chief, WTB, to Launa Waller, Plateau Telecommunications, Inc., WT Docket No. 14-144 (Sept. 22, 2014) (“*Information Requests*”).

<sup>4</sup> Motion for Extension of Time of the Competitive Carriers Association, WT Docket No. 14-144 (filed Sept. 29, 2014).

be allowed more time for review of the information and documents to be submitted by AT&T and Plateau Wireless.<sup>5</sup>

As set forth in section 1.46(a) of the Commission's rules,<sup>6</sup> the Commission's policy is that extensions of time shall not be routinely granted. Under the circumstances presented here, however, we believe that granting CCA's request would facilitate the development of a full record. Accordingly, we extend the pleading dates as shown above.

For further information on this proceeding, contact Scott Patrick, Mobility Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, at (202) 418-2853, or Kate Mataves, Spectrum and Competition Policy Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, at (202) 391-6272.

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<sup>5</sup> Neither AT&T nor Plateau Wireless have filed an opposition to CCA's request.

<sup>6</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.46.