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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON WILSON ELECTRONICS PETITION FOR RULEMAKING TO ELIMINATE THE PERSONAL USE RESTRICTION ON WIDEBAND CONSUMER SIGNAL BOOSTERS

WT Docket No. 10-4
RM-11784

Comments Due: March 23, 2017
Reply Comments Due: April 3, 2017

On December 21, 2016, Wilson Electronics, LLC (Wilson) filed a petition for further rulemaking,¹ asking the Commission to eliminate the “personal use” restriction on the operation of all consumer signal boosters.² The Commission previously adopted an *Order on Reconsideration and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* proposing to eliminate the personal use restriction for provider-specific consumer signal boosters,³ and Wilson now requests that the Commission initiate a new proceeding to eliminate the restriction for wideband consumer signal boosters as well.⁴ Specifically, Wilson requests that the Commission replace the personal use restriction “with a multiprovider registration requirement for [wideband consumer signal boosters]”⁵ so that businesses, public safety entities, public institutions, and other enterprises may purchase and use consumer signal boosters.⁶

¹ Wilson Electronics, LLC, Petition for Further Rulemaking, WT Docket No. 10-4 (filed Dec. 21, 2016) (Wilson Petition).

² Section 20.21(a) states that “[a] subscriber in good standing of a commercial mobile radio service system may operate a Consumer Signal Booster for *personal use* under the authorization held by the licensee providing service to the subscriber provided that the subscriber complies with [the Commission’s rules]” (emphasis added). 47 CFR § 20.21(a). In addition, Section 20.21(g) states that “Consumer Signal Boosters may only be sold to members of the general public for their *personal use*.” 47 CFR § 20.21(g) (emphasis added). Section 20.3 defines a Consumer Signal Booster as a “bi-directional signal booster that is marketed and sold to the general public for use without modification.” 47 CFR § 20.3.

³ See *Amendment of Parts 1, 2, 22, 24, 27, 90 and 95 of the Commission's Rules to Improve Wireless Coverage Through the Use of Signal Boosters*, Order on Reconsideration and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 29 FCC Rcd 11563, 11570, paras. 25-28 (2014).

⁴ See generally Wilson Petition.

⁵ *Id.* at iii.

⁶ See *id.* at iv, 5, 11-16.

By this Public Notice, we seek comment on the Wilson Petition.⁷ We also seek comment on whether this change to the rules would increase the risk of harmful interference to wireless networks; whether licensees (the wireless carriers) would retain sufficient control of their licensed spectrum under the proposal; and how the proposal would affect consumers, businesses, and public safety and other entities seeking to use consumer signal boosters. Finally, we seek comment regarding the benefits and costs of removing the personal use restriction on only wideband consumer signal boosters, on only provider-specific consumer signal boosters, or on both.

Procedural Matters

Pursuant to Sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document. All filings should refer to **WT Docket No. 10-4**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System ("ECFS"). 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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This proceeding has been designated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.⁸ Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written

⁷ See 47 CFR § 1.403.

⁸ See 47 CFR §§ 1.1200(a), 1.1206.

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). 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).

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Action by the Chief, Mobility Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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