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**STATEMENT OF FCC CHAIRMAN TOM WHEELER ON THE DECISION  
TO DENY AUCTION 97 BIDDING CREDITS  
TO SNR WIRELESS AND NORTHSTAR WIRELESS**

**Washington, August 17, 2015** – Today, the Commission voted to deny Auction 97 bidding credits to SNR Wireless and Northstar Wireless. The following statement can be attributed to FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler:

“Small businesses require an on-ramp into the mobile marketplace to provide more choices for consumers. Our competitive bidding rules were designed to do just that – give bona fide small businesses an opportunity to acquire valuable spectrum. Today, our review of two winning bidders in the recent AWS-3 auction has concluded that they in fact are not eligible for bidding credits. I’m proud that our thorough, fact-based analysis ensures that bidding credits only go to the small businesses our rules aim to serve.”

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