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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT REGARDING REQUEST FOR RELIEF OF CERTAIN WCS CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

WT Docket No. 16-181

Comments Due: June 22, 2016

Reply Comments Due: July 5, 2016

On March 29, 2016, AT&T Mobility Spectrum LLC, BellSouth Mobile Data, Inc., New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and SBC Telecom, Inc. (collectively, AT&T) filed a Petition for Limited Waiver of Interim Performance Requirement for WCS C and D Block Licenses (Petition).¹ In the Petition, AT&T requests that the Commission waive the interim performance requirement for the 2.3 GHz Wireless Communications Service (WCS) C and D Blocks in section 27.14(p)(1)-(2) of the Commission's rules. AT&T subsequently filed a Supplement to its Petition for Limited Waiver of Interim Performance Requirement for WCS C and D Block Licenses (Supplement) to propose an alternative construction schedule.² Noting that the Commission has previously instructed licensees deploying "hybrid or non-traditional operations" to seek guidance regarding the appropriate construction benchmarks, the Supplement proposes an alternative metric by which AT&T's planned smart grid deployment will satisfy the Commission's WCS construction requirements.

By this Public Notice, we seek comment on AT&T's Petition and Supplement.

Procedural Matters

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated above. All

¹ AT&T Mobility Spectrum LLC, BellSouth Mobile Data, Inc., New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and SBC Telecom, Inc., Petition for Limited Waiver of Interim Performance Requirement for WCS C and D Block Licenses, filed March 29, 2016 (Petition).

² AT&T Mobility Spectrum LLC, BellSouth Mobile Data, Inc., New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and SBC Telecom, Inc., Supplement to Petition for Limited Waiver of Interim Performance Requirement for WCS C and D Block Licenses, filed May 18, 2016 (Supplement).

filings should refer to **WT Docket No. 16-181**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).³

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>.
- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, filers must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number.

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 12th 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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³ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

⁴ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200(a), 1.1206.

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For further information regarding this proceeding, contact Linda Chang, Mobility Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, at (202) 418-1339 or via email at Linda.Chang@fcc.gov.

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