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COMMENT FILING DATES ANNOUNCED FOR RULEMAKING REGARDING THE 700 MHZ D BLOCK SPECTRUM AND CREATION OF A NATIONWIDE, BROADBAND, INTEROPERABLE PUBLIC SAFETY NETWORK

WT Docket No. 06-150 PS Docket No. 06-229

On May 14, 2008, the Federal Communications Commission adopted and released a *Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* seeking public comment on how the Commission should proceed with the reauction and licensing of the 700 MHz D Block spectrum while maximizing the public safety and commercial benefits of a nationwide, interoperable broadband network. The *Second Further Notice* was published in the Federal Register on May 21, 2008. Accordingly, pursuant to Sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, interested parties may file comments on the *Second Further Notice* on or before **June 20, 2008**. Parties interested in submitting reply comments must do so on or before **July 7, 2008**.

All filings related to the *Second Further Notice* should refer to **WT Docket No. 06-150** and **PS Docket No. 06-229**. Comments may be filed using: (1) the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), (2) the Federal Government's eRulemaking Portal, or (3) by filing paper copies.⁴

Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/ or the Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the website for submitting comments.

¹ See Service Rules for the 698-746, 747-762 and 777-792 MHz Bands, WT Docket No. 06-150, Implementing a Nationwide, Broadband, Interoperable Public Safety Network in the 700 MHz Band, PS Docket No. 06-229, Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 08-128 (rel. May 14, 2008) (Second Further Notice).

² Service Rules for the 698-746, 747-762 and 777-792 MHz Band, Implementing a Nationwide, Broadband, Interoperable Public Safety Network in the 700 MHz Band, 73 Fed. Reg. 29582 (May 21, 2008).

³ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419.

⁴ See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 Fed. Reg. 24121 (1998).

- ECFS filers must transmit one electronic copy of the comments for WT Docket No. 06-150 and PS Docket No. 06-229. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and WT Docket No. 06-150 and PS Docket No. 06-229. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions, filers should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov and include the following words in the body of the message, "get form." A sample form and directions will be sent in response.
- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, DC, 20554.
 - The Commission's contractor will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of <u>before</u> entering the building.
 - Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.
 - U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington DC 20554.

Parties should send a copy of their filings to: Neşe Guendelsberger, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554, or by e-mail to nese.guendelsberger@fcc.gov; and Jeff Cohen, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554, or by e-mail to jeff.cohen@fcc.gov. Parties shall also serve one copy with the Commission's copy contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc. (BCPI), Portals II, Room CY-B402, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 488-5300, or via e-mail to fcc@bcpiweb.com.

Documents in WT Docket No. 06-150 and PS Docket No. 06-229 will be available for public inspection and copying during business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, Room CY-A257, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. The documents may also be purchased from BCPI, telephone (202) 488-5300, facsimile (202) 488-5563, TTY (202) 488-5562, e-mail fcc@bcpiweb.com.

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This rulemaking shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.⁵ Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented generally is required.⁶ Other requirements pertaining to oral and written presentations are set forth in Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules.⁷

For additional information on the commercial services portion of the 700 MHz Band, contact Peter Trachtenberg at (202) 418-7369 or Peter.Trachtenberg@fcc.gov. For additional information on the public safety portion of the 700 MHz Band, contact Jeff Cohen at (202) 418-0799 or Jeff.Cohen@fcc.gov.

⁵ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.200 et. seq.

⁶ See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

⁷ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).