

February 26, 2016

EX PARTE NOTICE VIA ECFS

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions*, GN Docket No. 12-268;
Competitive Bidding Procedures for Broadcast Incentive Auction 1000, Including Auction 1001 and 1002, AU Docket No. 14-252

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 24, 2016, Steve Sharkey and Christopher Wieczorek, of T-Mobile USA, Inc. ("T-Mobile"),¹ and Trey Hanbury of Hogan Lovells US LLP, counsel to T-Mobile, met separately with Edward "Smitty" Smith and Jessica Almond, Legal Advisors to Chairman Wheeler; Matthew Berry, Chief of Staff to Commissioner Pai; and Erin McGrath, Legal Advisor to Commissioner O'Rielly.

During these meetings, the parties discussed issues related to repacking television broadcasters following the 600 MHz incentive auction. T-Mobile's representatives reviewed the attached slide presentation and summarized the findings of a study T-Mobile prepared in partnership with Broadcast Tower Technologies, Inc. and Hammett & Edison, Inc.² The 412-page study analyzed the engineering resources available to broadcasters to implement a repacking and the likely equipment and tower requirements based on actual station deployments. The study used information submitted by every broadcast station to more precisely understand the cost and time necessary to repack broadcasters following the incentive auction. T-Mobile's station-by-station analysis found that

¹ T-Mobile USA, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of T-Mobile US, Inc., a publicly traded company.

² T-Mobile USA, Inc. et al, "On Time and On Budget: Completing the 600 MHz Incentive Auction Repacking Process Within the FCC's 39-Month Relocation Deadline and the Budget Established by Congress." *attached to* Letter from Steve Sharkey, Vice President, Government Affairs Technology and Engineering Policy, T-Mobile USA, Inc. to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, GN Docket No. 12-268; AU Docket No. 14-252 (Feb. 17, 2016).

eligible television broadcast licensees could transition to a new band plan within the 39-month timeframe the Commission established and at or under the \$1.75 billion budget Congress adopted.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, an electronic copy of this letter is being filed in the above-referenced dockets. Please direct any questions regarding this filing to me

Respectfully submitted,

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