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## RWA Members,

EchoStar Corporation, the parent company of DISH, has announced that it is making some of its licensed spectrum available via lease to small carriers and Tribal nations for a limited time period. Interested carriers can find the list of available call signs <u>here</u>, which includes 600 MHz, 700 MHz, CBRS, AWS-3, AWS-4, and AWS H-Block spectrum. The <u>spectrum leasing form</u> must be completed and emailed to EchoStar at <u>spectrumleasing@echostar.com</u>. Leases are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

As background, EchoStar is making its spectrum licenses available for lease pursuant to conditions imposed by the FCC in a granted extension request of its final 5G construction milestones. EchoStar sought and was granted extensions of its construction milestones associated with licenses in the following spectrum bands: AWS-4, lower 700 MHz E Block, 600 MHz, AWS-3, and AWS H Block. These construction milestones



were imposed on EchoStar pursuant to the T-Mobile-Sprint approval, in which T-Mobile was required to divest Boost Mobile to DISH and provide DISH access to its network while DISH built out its 5G network to potentially become the fourth nationwide wireless provider in the U.S.

Several of the rural carriers that participated in the RWA delegation that attended Mobile World Congress met with DISH in Barcelona and learned that DISH is very flexible in its approach for leasing spectrum. Carriers seeking to build stand-alone 5G networks using DISH spectrum may be able to piggyback on some of DISH's vendor agreements for better pricing, for example. RWA delegates found DISH to be open to creative uses of the spectrum and much more flexible than originally thought.

RWA is working on hosting a webinar with DISH and to have DISH present the leasing opportunities to members at the Rural Wireless Infrastructure Summit in Park City, Utah taking place June 24 -26.

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