

number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kirk Malstrom, Regulations Development Branch, 703-787-1751, kirk.malstrom@bsee.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BSEE published a proposed rulemaking on production safety systems on August 22, 2013 (78 FR 52240). The proposed rule would amend and update the regulations regarding oil and natural gas production by addressing issues such as: safety and pollution prevention equipment lifecycle analysis, production safety systems, subsurface safety devices, and safety device testing. The proposed rule would differentiate the requirements for operating dry tree and subsea tree production systems on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) and divide the current subpart H into multiple sections to make the regulations easier to read and understand. Upon publication of the proposed rule, BSEE received a number of requests from multiple oil and gas companies and industry groups asking BSEE to extend the comment period on the proposed rule. Accordingly, to provide additional time for review of and comment on the proposed rule, BSEE is extending its original 60-day comment period by an additional 45 days.

Dated: September 19, 2013.

Tommy P. Beaudreau,
Acting Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Parts 1 and 27

[WT Docket No. 13-225; DA 13-1877]

Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Opens Docket To Seek Comment on DISH Network Corporation's Petition for Waiver and Request for Extension of Time

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Commission announces the opening of WT Docket No. 13-225 and seeks comment on a Petition for Waiver and Request for Extension of time filed by DISH Network Corporation (DISH Request), which would enable more flexibility that would serve and promote the underlying objectives of the Commission to utilize all of the AWS-4 spectrum more robustly.

DATES: Submit comments on or before September 30, 2013. Submit reply comments on or before October 10, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street SW., Washington, DC 20554. You may submit comments, identified by WT Docket No. 13-225, DA 13-1877, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Federal Communications Commission's Web site:* <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *People with Disabilities:* Contact the FCC to request reasonable accommodations (accessible format documents, sign language interpreters, CART, etc.) by email: FCC504@fcc.gov or phone: (202) 418-0530 or TTY: (202) 418-0432.
- *Availability of Documents.*

Comments, reply comments, and *ex parte* submissions will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Center, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street SW., CY-A257, Washington, DC, 20554. These documents will also be available via ECFS. Documents will be available electronically in ASCII, Microsoft Word, and/or Adobe Acrobat.

For detailed instructions for submitting comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matthew Pearl, Broadband Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, at (202) 418-2607 or by email at Matthew.Pearl@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's public notice released on September 13, 2013, DA 13-1877, that announced the opening of WT Docket No. 13-225 and that the Commission is seeking comment on a Petition for Waiver and Request Extension of Time filed by DISH Network Corporation ("DISH Request"). Copies of the DISH Request and any subsequently-filed documents

in this matter may be obtained from Best Copy and Printing, Inc., in person at 445 12th Street SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, via telephone at (202) 488-5300, via facsimile at (202) 488-5563, or via email at fcc@bcpiweb.com. The DISH Request and any associated documents are also available for public inspection and copying during normal reference room hours at the following Commission office: FCC Reference Information Center, 445 12th Street SW., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. The complete text is also available on the Commission's Web site at http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-13-1877A1.docx. Alternative formats (computer diskette, large print, audio cassette, and Braille) are available by contacting Brian Millin at (202) 418-7426, TTY (202) 418-7365, or via email to bmillin@fcc.gov.

Summary

1. On September 9, 2013, the DISH Network Corporation, on behalf of its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Gamma Acquisition LLC and New DBSD Satellite Services G.P. (collectively, DISH), filed a Petition for Waiver and a Request for Extension of Time (DISH Request) with the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau). DISH filed its pleading as an attachment in the Universal Licensing System (ULS) to all of the AWS-4 licenses held by its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Gamma Acquisition LLC (Call Signs T060430001-T060430176) and New DBSD Satellite Services G.P. (Call Signs T070272001-T070272176). Specifically, DISH requests waiver of certain technical rules for the 2 GHz band at 2000-2020 MHz and 2180-2200 MHz (AWS-4 band) to permit operational flexibility to use the lower AWS-4 block, 2000-2020 MHz, currently designated as an uplink band, for either uplink or downlink operations. Pursuant to §§ 1.3 and 1.925(b)(3)(i) of the Commission's rules, DISH seeks a waiver of § 27.5(j), which sets forth pairing requirements for AWS-4, and § 27.53(h)(2)(ii), which imposes out-of-band emission limits for AWS-4 operations in the 2000-2020 MHz band, as well as other technical AWS-4 rules "to the extent required." DISH Request at 2 & n.2, 6 & n.11, 9-12. See 47 CFR 27.5(j), 27.53(h)(2)(ii); see also Service Rules for Advanced Wireless Services in the 2000-2020 MHz and 2180-2200 MHz Bands, WT Docket Nos. 12-70, 04-356, ET Docket No. 10-142, *Report and Order and Order of Proposed Modification*, 27 FCC Rcd 16102 (2012) (*AWS-4 Report and Order*), *recon. pending*. In addition, DISH requests an

extension of the final build-out requirement for each of the AWS-4 licenses. Pursuant to § 1.946(e) of the Commission's rules, DISH requests a one-year extension of the final construction requirement set forth for AWS-4 licenses in § 27.14(q). See 47 CFR 27.14(q). The purpose of this public notice is to announce the opening of a docket, WT Docket No. 13-225, to seek comment on DISH's request and to establish the *ex parte* status of discussions related to the Petition for Waiver and Request for Extension of Time.

2. DISH, which is also the Mobile Satellite Service licensee in the 2000-2020 and 2180-2200 MHz bands, asserts that "[g]rant of the requested flexibility will serve and promote the underlying objectives of the Commission's AWS-4 rules by enabling DISH to utilize all of the AWS-4 spectrum more robustly and by improving the extent to which the AWS-4 band coexists with future licensees in the adjacent H and J Blocks." See Service Rules for Advanced Wireless Services H Block—Implementing Section 6401 of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 Related to the 1915-1920 MHz and 1995-2000 MHz Bands, WT Docket No. 12-357, *Report and Order*, 28 FCC Rcd 9483 (2013) (*H Block Report and Order*); Amendment of the Commission's Rules with Regard to Commercial Operations in the 1695-1710 MHz, 1755-1780 MHz, and 2155-2180 MHz Bands; GN Docket No. 13-185, *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, FCC 13-102, rel. July 23, 2013 (*AWS-3 NPRM*). DISH further states that grant of such operational flexibility will permit AWS-4 operations in the 2000-2020 MHz block to be harmonized with operations in the adjacent PCS band, and H and J Blocks, thus potentially providing up to 30 megahertz of contiguous downlink spectrum. If the requested relief is granted, DISH commits to file, "as soon as commercially practicable but no later than 30 months after the grant of [its] petition . . . an election with the Commission stating whether it will deploy the 2000-2020 MHz band for downlink or uplink use."

3. With regard to its request for extension, DISH asserts that a one-year extension of the final build-out requirement for AWS-4 is "necessary for DISH to update its network and device planning to accommodate the requested flexibility." Among other things, DISH states that it will need to "initiate work for a new standard from the 3rd Generation Partnership Project ("3GPP")[,] . . . restart work to design devices and base stations, and make

substantial changes to its network planning."

Procedural Matters

Ex Parte Presentations—Permit-But-Disclose Proceeding

4. This matter shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the *ex parte* rules. Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter's written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with rule § 1.1206(b). In proceedings governed by rule § 1.49(f) or for which the Commission has made available a method of electronic filing, written *ex parte* presentations and memoranda summarizing oral *ex parte* presentations, and all attachments thereto, must be filed through the electronic comment filing system available for that proceeding, and must be filed in their native format (*e.g.*, .doc, .xml, .ppt, searchable .pdf). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.

Comment Period and Filing Procedures

5. To allow the Commission to consider fully all substantive issues regarding the DISH Request in as timely and efficient a manner as possible, commenters should raise all issues in their initial filings. New issues may not be raised in responses or replies. A party or interested person seeking to raise a new issue after the pleading

cycle has closed must show good cause why it was not possible for it to have raised the issue previously. Submissions after the pleading cycle has closed that seek to raise new issues based on new facts or newly discovered facts should be filed within 15 days after such facts are discovered. Absent such a showing of good cause, any issues not timely raised may be disregarded by the Commission.

6. Pursuant to §§ 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>.

- For ECFS filers, in completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet email. To get filing instructions for email comments, commenters should send an email to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

- Paper Filers: the original and one copy of each filing must be filed 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, 445 12th Street SW., Washington, DC 20554.

- All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th Street SW., Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. The filing hours at this location are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before 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 SW., Washington, DC 20554. All filings must

be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street SW., Washington, DC 20554.

- One copy of each pleading must be delivered electronically, by email or facsimile, or if delivered as paper copy, by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (according to the procedures set forth above for paper filings), to: (1) The Commission's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., at fcc@bcpiweb.com or (202) 488-5563 (facsimile); and (2) Matthew Pearl, Broadband Division, WTB, at Matthew.Pearl@fcc.gov or (202) 418-7247 (facsimile). Any submission that is emailed to Best Copy and Printing should include in the subject line of the email: (1) The docket number of this proceeding, which is listed on the first page of this public notice; (2) the name of the submitting party; and (3) a brief description or title identifying the type of document being submitted (e.g., WT Docket No. 13-225, [name of submitting party], Notice of *Ex Parte* Communication).

- *People with Disabilities.* To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an email to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (tty).

- *Availability of Documents.* Comments, reply comments, and *ex parte* submissions will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Center, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street SW., CY-A257, Washington, DC, 20554.

These documents will also be available via ECFS. Documents will be available electronically in ASCII, Microsoft Word, and/or Adobe Acrobat.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 622

[Docket No. 130312236-3236-01]

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Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Fishery Off the Southern Atlantic States; Amendment 27

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Proposed rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS proposes regulations to implement Amendment 27 (Amendment 27) to the Fishery Management Plan for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region (FMP), as prepared and submitted by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (South Atlantic Council). If implemented, Amendment 27 and this rule would extend the South Atlantic Council's management responsibility for Nassau grouper into the Gulf of Mexico (Gulf exclusive economic zone (EEZ)); increase the number of allowable crew members to four on dual-permitted snapper-grouper vessels (*i.e.*, vessels holding a South Atlantic Charter Vessel/Headboat Permit for Snapper-Grouper and a South Atlantic Unlimited or a 225-Pound Trip Limit Snapper-Grouper Permit) that are fishing commercially; remove the prohibition on retaining any fish under the aggregate bag limit for grouper and tilefish or the vermilion snapper bag limit by captain and crew of federally permitted for-hire vessels; modify the snapper-grouper framework procedures to allow acceptable biological catch levels (ABCs), annual catch limits (ACLs), and annual catch targets (ACTs) to be adjusted via an abbreviated framework process; and remove blue runner from the FMP. The purpose of this rule is to streamline management of Nassau grouper, improve vessel safety for dual-permitted vessels, implement consistent regulations regarding captain and crew retention limits for snapper-grouper species, expedite adjustments to snapper-grouper catch limits when new scientific information becomes available, and minimize socio-economic impacts to fishermen who harvest and sell blue runner.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before October 28, 2013.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the proposed rule, identified by "NOAA-NMFS-2013-0085" by any of the following methods:

- *Electronic Submission:* Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to www.regulations.gov/[#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2013-0085](#), click the "Comment Now!" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

- *Mail:* Submit written comments to Kate Michie, Southeast Regional Office, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

Instructions: Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered by NMFS. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on www.regulations.gov without change. All personal identifying information (*e.g.*, name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter "N/A" in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous). Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word, Excel, or Adobe PDF file formats only.

Electronic copies of Amendment 27, which includes an environmental assessment, an initial regulatory flexibility analysis (IRFA) and a regulatory impact review, may be obtained from the Southeast Regional Office Web site at <http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kate Michie, telephone: 727-824-5305, or email: kate.michie@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The snapper-grouper fishery of the South Atlantic is managed under the FMP. The FMP was prepared by the South Atlantic Council and is implemented through regulations at 50 CFR part 622 under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act).

Background

The Magnuson-Stevens Act requires that NMFS and regional fishery management councils prevent overfishing and achieve, on a continuing basis, the optimum yield from federally managed fish stocks. These mandates are intended to ensure that fishery resources are managed for the greatest overall benefit to the nation,