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CAF Phase II Auction (903) Dates and Procedures Set by FCC

On January 30, the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) adopted an order that set the date for the highly anticipated CAF Phase II Auction and the procedures on how it will take place. Below is a brief summary of the relevant dates and some of the procedures set for the auction.

The dates to submit the short-form application to be eligible and for the auction to take place.

Carriers interested in participating in the CAF Phase II Auction must submit their short-form applications by March 30, 2018.

The CAF Phase II Auction will take place on July 24, 2018.

Requirements to participate in the auction.

Carriers wishing to participate in this auction must: (1) Submit a short-form application (FCC Form 183) electronically prior to 6:00 p.m. EDT, March 30, 2018, and (2) Comply with all provisions outlined in the Order and applicable Commission rules.

An applicant bears full responsibility for submitting an accurate, complete, and timely short-form application. Therefore, an applicant should consult the Commission’s rules to ensure that all required information is included in its short-form application.

Public interest obligations

Each winning bidder that is authorized to receive Phase II support after the close of the auction will be required to offer voice and broadband services meeting the relevant performance requirements to fixed locations.

Eligible areas for auction

The Wireline Competition Bureau previously released a list of the eligible census blocks and census block groups for Auction 903 in December 2017 based on December 31, 2016 FCC Form 477 data.

The census blocks can be found at <https://www.fcc.gov/files/caf2auctionpublishblockcsv>. The census block groups can be found at <https://www.fcc.gov/files/caf2auctionpublishcbqcsv>.

- a) Carriers should carefully review the FCC’s Order for a full understanding of the rules relating to the CAF Phase II Auction and the procedures to participate in the auction.

Please contact your GVNW Consultant or Steve Gatto (830.895.7226, sgatto@gvnw.com) with any additional questions you may have about the CAF Phase II Auction.