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licensee will be obligated to fulfill all payment obligations associated with the license.

ices or will discontinue C-band services.

§ 27.1419 Lump sum payment for earth station opt out.

§ 27.1420 Cost-sharing formula.

The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau shall announce a lump sum that will be available per each incumbent earth station that elects to opt out from the formal relocation process, per § 27.1412(e), as well as the process for electing lump sum payments. Incumbent earth station owners must make the lump sum payment election no later than 30 days after the Bureau announces the lump sum payment amounts, and must indicate whether each incumbent earth station for which it elects the lump sum payment will be transitioned to the upper 200 megahertz in order to maintain C-band serv-

(a) For space station transition and Relocation Payment Clearinghouse costs, and in the event the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau selects a Relocation Coordinator pursuant to § 27.1413(a), Relocation Coordinator costs, the *pro rata* share of each flexible-use licensee will be the sum of the final clock phase prices (*P*) for the set of all license blocks that a bidder wins divided by the total final clock phase prices for all *N* license blocks sold in the auction. To determine a licensee’s reimbursement obligation (*RO*), that *pro rata* share would then be multiplied by the total eligible reimbursement costs (*RC*). Mathematically, this is represented as:

$$RO = \left(\frac{\sum_{i \in I} P_i}{\sum_{j=1}^N P_j} \right) \times RC$$

(b) For incumbent earth stations and fixed service incumbent licensee transition costs, a flexible-use licensee’s *pro rata* share will be determined on a PEA-specific basis, based on the final clock phase prices for the license blocks it won in each PEA. To calculate the *pro rata* share for incumbent earth station transition costs in a given PEA, the same formula identified in § 27.1412(a) will be used, except *I* is the set of licenses a bidder won in the PEA, *N* is the total blocks sold in the PEA and *RC* is the PEA-specific earth station and fixed service relocation costs.

(c) For the Phase I accelerated relocation payments, the *pro rata* share of each flexible use licensee of the 3.7 to 3.8 MHz in the 46 PEAs that are cleared by December 5, 2021, will be the sum of the final clock phase prices (*P*) that the licensee won divided by the total final clock phase prices for all *M* license blocks sold in those 46 PEAs. To determine a licensee’s *RO* the *pro rata* share would then be multiplied by the total accelerated relocation payment due for Phase I, *A1*. Mathematically, this is represented as:

$$RO = \left(\frac{\sum_{i \in I} P_i}{\sum_{j=1}^M P_j} \right) \times A1$$

(d) For Phase II accelerated relocation payments, the *pro rata* share of each flexible use licensee will be the sum of the final clock phase prices (*P*)

that the licensee won in the entire auction, divided by the total final clock phase prices for all *N* license blocks

sold in the auction. To determine a licensee's *RO* the *pro rata* share would then be multiplied by the total acceler-

ated relocation payment due for Phase II, *A2*. Mathematically, this is represented as:

$$RO = \left(\frac{\sum_{i \in I} P_i}{\sum_{j=1}^N P_j} \right) \times A2$$

§ 27.1421 Disputes over costs and cost-sharing.

(a) Parties disputing a cost estimate, cost invoice, or payment or cost-sharing obligation must file an objection with the Relocation Payment Clearinghouse.

(b) The Relocation Payment Clearinghouse may mediate any disputes regarding cost estimates or payments that may arise in the course of band reconfiguration; or refer the disputant parties to alternative dispute resolution fora.

(1) Any dispute submitted to the Relocation Payment Clearinghouse, or other mediator, shall be decided within 30 days after the Relocation Payment Clearinghouse has received a submission by one party and a response from the other party.

(2) Thereafter, any party may seek expedited non-binding arbitration, which must be completed within 30 days of the recommended decision or advice of the Relocation Payment Clearinghouse or other mediator.

(3) The parties will share the cost of this arbitration if it is before the Relocation Payment Clearinghouse.

(c) Should any issues still remain unresolved, they may be referred to the Bureau within ten days of recommended decision or advice of the Relocation Payment Clearinghouse or other mediator and any decision of the Relocation Payment Clearinghouse can be appealed to the Chief of the Bureau.

(1) When referring an unresolved matter, the Relocation Payment Clearinghouse shall forward the entire record on any disputed issues, including such dispositions thereof that the Relocation Payment Clearinghouse has considered.

(2) Upon receipt of such record and advice, the Bureau will decide the disputed issues based on the record submitted. The Bureau is directed to resolve such disputed issues or designate them for an evidentiary hearing before an Administrative Law Judge. If the Bureau decides an issue, any party to the dispute wishing to appeal the decision may do so by filing with the Commission, within ten days of the effective date of the initial decision, a Petition for *de novo* review; whereupon the matter will be set for an evidentiary hearing before an Administrative Law Judge.

(3) Parties seeking *de novo* review of a decision by the Bureau are advised that, in the course of the evidentiary hearing, the Commission may require complete documentation relevant to any disputed matters; and, where necessary, and at the presiding judge's discretion, require expert engineering, economic or other reports or testimony. Parties may therefore wish to consider possibly less burdensome and expensive resolution of their disputes through means of alternative dispute resolution.

§ 27.1422 Accelerated relocation payment.

(a) Eligible space station operators that meet the applicable early-clearing benchmark(s), as confirmed in their Certification of Accelerated Relocation set forth in § 27.1412(g), will be eligible for their respective accelerated relocation payment.

(b) The Relocation Payment Clearinghouse will distribute the accelerated relocation payments accordingly: