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Subject: Reminder: Performance Deadlines for 2.5 GHz Tribal Licensees

On April 4, 2024, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) issued a <u>Public Notice (DA 24-327)</u>, providing guidance to 2.5 GHz Rural Tribal Priority Window (Tribal Window) licensees on demonstrating compliance with applicable *interim* performance (buildout) requirements.

The FCC's online resources for this issue are available here: https://www.fcc.gov/rural-tribal-window-updates. Any questions on the requirements and the Public Notice may be sent to WTB's Broadband Division at RuralTribalWindow@fcc.gov.

Licenses granted to more than 150 Tribal Window licensees have *interim* performance deadlines in late October 2024. Later-granted licenses have interim deadlines that occur four years after the date the license was granted. For licensees that do not timely meet their interim performance deadline, the deadline to meet final performance requirements will be advanced by two years. Thus, the final performance requirements would need to be met in six years from the original license grant date, instead of eight. If the new *final* performance deadline is ultimately met, then there is no impact from not having initially met the *interim* performance deadline. For any licensee in this band that fails to meet its *final* performance deadline, its license shall automatically terminate without specific Commission action.

Tribal Window licensees can confirm the date of their interim performance deadline by referring to their license records in the Universal Licensing System (ULS). A list of all licenses granted through the Tribal Window to date, with a link to the relevant ULS licensing records, is also available at: https://www.fcc.gov/wireless/25-tribal-licenses.

There are two ways that Tribal Window licensees can show that they have met the *interim* performance requirements applicable to their licenses by making a construction notification filing in ULS:

- Licensees providing mobile or point-to-multipoint service must demonstrate reliable signal coverage of 50% of the population of the geographic service area within four years of initial license grant;
- Licensees providing fixed point-to-point service must demonstrate operation of one link for each 50,000 persons in the geographic service area within four years of initial license grant.

The <u>Public Notice</u> provides further guidance to facilitate the submission of related construction notification filings, such as what information to include, how to make the filing, and the relationship between the interim and final performance requirements and filing deadlines.

For any specific questions about the <u>Public Notice</u> or the interim and final performance requirements, please contact WTB's Broadband Division, <u>RuralTribalWindow@fcc.gov</u>, or more generally the Office of Native Affairs and Policy, <u>Native@fcc.gov</u>.

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