Spectrum Proceedings & Part 15 Waivers

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Spectrum Developments

• OET has day-to-day responsibilities for Frequency Allocations and Equipment Authorization (Part 2), Experimental (Part 5), Unlicensed Device (Part 15) and Industrial, Scientific, and Medical Equipment (ISM) (Part 18).
  • The Policy and Rules Division is directly responsible for conducting proceedings that modify the rules and procedures, including spectrum availability, related to these areas.

• Implementing new services or providing additional spectrum for existing services typically require modifications to the Table of Frequency Allocations.
  • The Policy and Rules Division conducts proceedings to implement new allocations and closely collaborates with other bureaus that are responsible for individual service rules.
FCC 5G Plan Underway

• High-band:
  - 28 GHz band auction (27.5 GHz – 28.35 GHz; 2 x 425) Completed January 2019
  - 24 GHz band auction (24.25 – 24.45; 25.25 -25.75 GHz; 7 x100) Completed May 2019
  - 37 GHz, 39 GHz, and 47 GHz (total of 3.4 GHz) Completed March 2020

• Mid-band:
  - 3.5 GHz auction completed August 25, 2020 (7x10)
  - 3.7-3.98 GHz “C-Band” auction completed February 17, 2021 (14x20)
  - 3.45 – 3.55 GHz auction completed January 4, 2022 (10x10)
  - 2.5 GHz Rural Tribal Priority, First of Auction Licenses Awarded December 1, 2022
  - 12.7 GHz NOI explores repurposing up to 550 MHz of spectrum for next generation services. The Order extends the temporary freeze on applications in the band. Adopted October 28, 2022

• Low-band:
  - 600 MHz transition from 2016 Broadcast Incentive Auction completed
  - Targeted changes to 800 MHz and 900 MHz bands to improve use of low band spectrum for 5G services

• Unlicensed:
  - 5.9 GHz band (5.850 – 5.925 GHz) Revised rules to repurpose spectrum for the expansion of unlicensed mid-band spectrum operations, published in the Federal Register in May 2021
  - 6 GHz band (5.925-7.125 GHz) Creating opportunities for Next Generation Wi-Fi 6 and Wi-Fi 7
• 3.45-3.55 GHz band currently allocated for Federal Radiolocation Service

• Second Report and Order adopted March 17, 2021

• Summary of 2nd R&O:
  • Added allocation to 100 megahertz of spectrum in the 3.45 GHz band for non-federal flexible use wireless services
  • Established a framework for the 3.45 GHz band that will enable robust commercial use by an array of service providers, while also ensuring that federal incumbents are still protected from harmful interference where and when they require continued access to the band
    • Protection provided within designated cooperative planning areas and periodic use areas
  • Technical rules
    • Power level consistent with other flexible use bands
    • Two-step emission mask; similar to CBRS
  • Collectively, the 3.45 GHz band, the neighboring 3.5 GHz and 3.7 GHz bands represent 530 megahertz of contiguous mid-band spectrum for 5G
  • On January 4, 2022, Auction 110 concluded raising a total of $22,418,284,236 in net bids with 23 bidders winning a total of 4,041 licenses. (see AU Docket No. 20-25).
Further Developments

- DA 22-452 WTB Exempts Certain Communications from Ex Parte Permit-but-Disclose Requirements. Specifically, any oral or written ex parte presentations made to any Commission staff in connection with participation in the National Spectrum Consortiums Partnering to Advance Trusted and Holistic Spectrum Solutions Task group is exempt from the permit-but-disclose requirements in the Commission’s rules subject to the procedures in this order. Released April 25, 2022.

- DA 22-1188 3.45 GHz Clearinghouse Selection Committee Order. WTB identifies four entities that will form a search committee to select a Reimbursement Clearinghouse to oversee the reimbursement of relocation expenses for certain secondary, non-federal radiolocation licensees in the band. The Bureau also adopts requirements regarding processes and operation of the Clearinghouse. Adopted November 10, 2022.

3.55-3.7 GHz Band (CBRS Band)

• Three Reports and Orders adopted in 2015, 2016 and 2018
• Sharing 150 MHz in 3550-3700 MHz for flexible use between new Broadband Services, incumbent DoD Radar, and Commercial FSS.

• Summary of the band:
  • In 2020 Commission released a Public Notice and certified Amdocs, CommScope, Federated Wireless, Google, and Sony as SAS Administrators in the 3.5 GHz band.
  • In March 2021, the Commission released a public notice and certified Key Bridge as the newest SAS administrators. Currently there are six certified SAS admins operating in the country.
  • ITS lab testing for the second wave of SAS applicants is completed and they are currently under review at FCC. These applicants are RED Technologies and Nokia.
  • CBRS equipment certification: more than one-hundred CBSDs (Category A and B) from more than 50 different manufacturers have been approved by the FCC lab.
  • Auction 105 concluded raising a total of $4.58B.
3.7-4.2 GHz Band (C-Band)

• **Report and Order adopted February 28, 2020**
• **Repurposed lower 280 megahertz, plus a 20-megahertz guard band from fixed satellite service and fixed service to flexible use for mobile broadband**
• **Summary of changes:**
  - Add mobile allocation to 3.7-4.0 GHz band.
  - Service commenced (Phase 1) 3.7-3.8 GHz transition in 46 of top 50 markets – December 2021
  - Service expanded beyond Phase 1 markets where FSS has transitioned
  - All spectrum across entire U.S. – December 2023 (or once certification that transition is complete)
  - Require FSS operations to install filters to support operation only in 4.0-4.2 GHz band.
  - Provide registered incumbent FSS and FS licensees with reimbursement of reasonable costs, paid by flexible-use licensees.
  - Adopt service and technical rules for flexible-use licensees
    - In-band and out-of-band PFD limits to protect FSS earth stations.
    - PFD blocking limit at earth station antennas
  - On February 17, 2021, Auction 107 concluded raising a total of $81,114,481,921 in net bids with 21 bidders winning a total of 5,684 licenses. (see AU Docket No. 20-25).
  - Ongoing coordination between licensees and FAA to protect radar altimeters in the 4.0-4.2 GHz band.
    - Full power (62 dBm/MHz) operation (except within coordination zones) July 1, 2023 without FAA coordination.
**12 GHz Band**  
WT Docket No. 20-443

- **12 GHz band is 500 megahertz of mid-band spectrum between 12.2-12.7**
- **Currently licensed to two DBS operators but NGSO and MVDDS services can operate on a non-harmful interference basis**
- **NPRM adopted January 15, 2021 seeks comment on:**
  - Whether it is possible to add mobile service throughout the 12 GHz band without causing harmful interference to incumbent licensees
  - Whether there are technical parameters that would allow additional terrestrial shared use of the band, methods for assigning flexible use rights in the band, and potential sharing mechanisms for the band if coexistence among the incumbent services and new flexible use service is technically feasible
  - Whether the public interest benefits of maintaining the current allocations and framework for the band outweigh the potential benefits of accommodating new services in the band
- **Comments extended to May 7, 2021 and reply comments extended to July 7, 2021.**
12.7 - 13.25 GHz Band NOI and Order

GN Docket No. 22-352

- 12.7 - 13.25 GHz band comprises 550 megahertz of mid-band spectrum
- Currently allocated on a primary basis for non-Federal use to the Fixed Service, the Fixed Satellite Service (earth-to-space), and Mobile Service

The NOI sought comment on:
- How the Commission could encourage more efficient and intensive use of the band
- Whether the band is suitable for mobile broadband or other expanded use
- Whether and how to provide opportunities for new uses while protecting the investments made by incumbents and avoiding disruption to their operations

Summary of Order:
- The Order extends the temporary freeze on applications in the 12.7 GHz band and clarifies that the Bureaus retain jurisdiction to modify the freeze
- Comment Deadline was extended to December 12, 2022 and the Reply was extended January 10, 2023
Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking adopted on April 22, 2021 Commission meeting

Summary of Order
- Added a secondary non-Federal Space Operation allocation to the 2200-2290 MHz band through use of an Allocation Table footnote (limited to pre-launch testing and space launch operations in four 5MHz sub-bands)

Summary of FNPRM
- Seeks comment on:
  - Adopting primary non-Federal allocations in the 420-430 MHz, 2025-2110 MHz, and 5650-5925 MHz bands for use during commercial space launches
  - Adding a non-Federal Mobile allocation to the 2200-2290 MHz band and upgrading the non-Federal Space Operation allocation from secondary to primary
  - Proposes service rules for commercial space launch operations in all these frequency bands.
- Seek additional comment on proposals in a 2013 NPRM to provide Federal agencies access to commercial satellites in the C-band, Ku-band, and Ka-band
- Comments extended to August 11, 2021 and reply extended to September 10, 2021.
5.9 GHz Band
ET Docket No. 19-138

• 5.9 GHz band (5.850-5.925 GHz) formerly reserved for Intelligent Transportation Systems

• Summary of R&O (November 18, 2020):
  • Repurpose lower 45 megahertz of the band (5.850-5.895 GHz) for unlicensed operations.
    • Only indoor operations currently permitted pending conclusion of the FNPRM.
  • ITS services cease operation in the lower 45 megahertz of the band no later than July 5, 2022.
  • Require transition from DSRC- to C-V2X-based technology as the standard for safety-related transportation and vehicular communications in the upper 30 megahertz of the band (5.895-5.925 GHz).
    • DSRC operations will be permitted to continue pending outcome of the FNPRM.

• Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
  • Seek to establish power and emission limits and other technical rules to allow full-power outdoor unlicensed operations in the lower 45 MHz of the band, subject to protection of federal radiolocation systems.
  • Seek to address transitioning all ITS operations in the upper 30 MHz of the band to C-V2X-based technology, including timeline for implementation and codification of technical parameters for operation.
  • Seek comment on consideration of allocating additional spectrum for ITS applications in the future.

• Two Public Notices released on August 6, 2021
  • DA 21-963 lifts the filing freeze previously imposed on the acceptance and processing of new and expanded use applications related to part 90 services operating in certain portions of the 5.9 GHz band.
  • DA 21-962 provides guidance to ITS licensees seeking waivers of the Commission’s rules to operate roadside units with C-V2X-based technology in the upper 30 megahertz (5.895-5.925 GHz) portion of the 5.9 GHz band pending adoption of final rules.
• **Public Notice released on June 7, 2022**
  - DA 22-617 seeks comment on waiver requests from intelligent transportation system licensees in Maryland, Florida, and Georgia to use C-V2X technology for roadside units (RSUs) in the upper 30 megahertz portion of the 5.895-5925 GHz band.

  - DA 22-611 seeks comment on nationwide waiver request on a joint filing by certain automakers (5GAA), state departments of transportation, and equipment manufacturers to permit the immediate deployment of C-V2X-based technology in the upper 30 megahertz (5.895-5.925 GHz) portion of the 5.9 GHz band.

  - DA 22-612 reminds 5.9 GHz band ITS licensees of the July 5, 2022, deadline to transition out of the 5850-5895 MHz portion of the band and the July 20, 2022, deadline to notify the bureaus of the transition.
R&O and FNPRM (April 23, 2020) expanded unlicensed device rules in 1200 megahertz of spectrum:

- In the 5.925-6.425 GHz and 6.525-6.875 GHz bands, access points can transmit indoors and outdoors under control of an automated frequency coordination (AFC) system at full power, consistent with levels permitted in 5 GHz band (i.e., 30 dBm conducted power into a 6 dBi antenna).
- In the 5.925-7.125 GHz band, access points can operate at lower power without an AFC system, restricted to indoor use only.
  - Restricted to maximum 5 dBm/MHz PSD
  - Maximum EIRP limited to 30 dBm
  - Devices must be supplied power from a wired connection, have an integrated antenna, may not be battery powered, and not have a weatherized enclosure

- Proposed to permit very low power operation (indoors and outdoors) across entire 6 GHz band
  - Also seeks comment on permitting higher power for non-AFC controlled indoor access points.
- PN DA 21-7 (January 11, 2021) seeks comment on whether the Commission should permit 6 GHz U-NII client devices to directly communicate when they are under the control of or have received an enabling signal from a low-power indoor access point.
6 GHz Unlicensed (cont')
ET Docket 18-295

• Public Notices

  • DA 22-253: Seeks comment following United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit remand of the Commission’s 6 GHz Report and Order. Released March 10, 2022.

  • DA 22-236: Reminds incumbent fixed microwave operators in the 6 GHz band of the importance of maintaining accurate information in the Universal Licensing System (ULS). Reiterates that the AFC system will rely on the operational and positional parameters in the ULS to ensure that licensees are protected. Released March 8, 2022.


  • DA 22-1146: Conditionally approves 13 AFC systems. These AFC systems will need to undergo a testing process before they can commence commercial operations. Released Nov. 22, 2022.
NPRM adopted July 13, 2021

NPRM is modeled after previously granted waivers for Google’s gesture control device and to a number of parties for applications including hot car sensors.

Proposed changes:

- Expanding the permissible uses for short-range radars in the 57 to 64 GHz band while promoting coexistence with other unlicensed users and not interfering with licensed and authorized users in the band.
- Allowing unlicensed field disturbance sensors like radar devices to operate in mobile environments at a higher power level than authorized today.
- Seeks comments on the use of sensing technology such as Listen-Before-Talk to allow transmission at the same power level as other unlicensed devices in this band.
- Comments were due by September 20, 2021 and reply comments were due on or before October 18, 2021. The comment cycle showed prevalent disagreements between radar and communication proponents, with parties from each group opposing different aspects of the NPRM proposals.
- A large number of subsequent ex parte filings reflects industry’s cooperative attempts to resolve these differences, resulting in two complementary joint proposals, currently under staff review: 1) the Radar/WiGig Joint Proposal (https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/102270237822648/1) and 2) the Pulse Radar Joint Proposal (https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/11103018918572/1).
• **Radar/WiGig Joint Proposal:**
  - Proposes various segmentations of the 57-64 GHz band to enable different use cases that can accommodate higher power along with duty cycle restrictions.
  - These segmentations loosely follow the IEEE 802.11ay channelized segmentations for WiGig (e.g., Channel 1 (57.0-59.4 GHz), Channels 1-2 (57.0-61.56 GHz), etc.).
  - Also proposes on-board aircraft operation for unmanned aircraft (drones) operation in the 60-64 GHz band.

• **Pulse Radar Joint Proposal:**
  - Proposes operation in the 57-64 GHz band for pulse radars that have pulse durations less than 6 ns, subject to a 10% duty cycle.

• **Both of these proposals are under review by staff**
• **Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking adopted October 27, 2020**

• **Report and Order:**
  - Increases maximum fixed device power from 10 watts to 16 watts EIRP in “less congested” areas (where at least half of TV channels are unused).
  - Increases HAAT limit for fixed devices from 250 meters to 500 meters in “less congested” areas, subject to a coordination procedure with TV broadcasters.
  - Eliminates limit on antenna height above ground in most cases.
  - Allows higher power mobile operations in “less congested” areas within defined “geo-fenced” areas.
  - Establishes new rules for narrowband IoT devices.

• **Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking:**
  - Seeks comment on whether to permit the use of terrain-based propagation models for determining available TV channels.
  - Comments were due by March 29, 2021 and reply comments by April 26, 2021.
White Spaces
ET Docket No. 14-165, 20-36 and 04-186

• Second Order on Reconsideration, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Order adopted January 25, 2022

• Second Order on Reconsideration:
  • Eliminates “push notification” requirement for white space devices and databases that was adopted in 2015 to help protect licensed wireless microphones.
  • Requires fixed and personal portable white space devices (except narrowband) to re-check database once per hour rather than once daily.
  • Devices certified beginning November 2, 2022 must comply with hourly re-check requirement.

• Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking:
  • Seeks comment on whether to decrease the database re-check interval for mobile and narrowband white space devices from once daily to once per hour.

• Order
  • Denies NAB petition for reconsideration of OET’s 2018 designation of Nominet UK as a white space database administrator.
White Spaces
ET Docket No. 14-165 and 20-36

- **Order on Reconsideration, Report and Order, and Memorandum Opinion and Order** adopted April 11, 2023

- **Order on Reconsideration:**
  - Upholds 2020 decision to permit mobile devices to operate at up to 16 watts EIRP within geofenced areas at locations where the spectrum is “less congested”.
  - Upholds 2020 decision to not restrict narrowband IoT devices to “less congested” areas.

- **Report and Order:**
  - Requires mobile devices to contact the white space database once per hour.
  - Requires narrowband devices to contact the white space database once per day.
  - Rule changes will become effective 30 days after publication in the Federal Register.

- **Memorandum Opinion and Order**
  - Declines to permit the use of terrain-based propagation models for determining available TV channels.
Wireless Multi-Channel Audio System (WMAS) is an emerging technology that can enable more wireless microphones to operate per megahertz of spectrum

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on WMAS adopted April 22, 2021

Proposes to:
- Allow WMAS under Part 74 (licensed) in the UHF and VHF TV bands, 600 MHz duplex gap, and the 900 MHz, 1.4 GHz and 7 GHz bands
- Allow WMAS to use a channel size of up to 6 megahertz
- Require WMAS to operate with at least 3 audio channels per megahertz
- Update Part 15 and Part 74 rules to require conventional wireless microphones to comply with emission mask and spurious emission limits in latest ETSI wireless microphone standard (2017 instead of 2011)
- Seeks comment on whether to allow WMAS under Part 15 (unlicensed) in the TV bands and in the 600 MHz guard band and duplex gap
- Comments were due by August 2, 2021 and reply comments by August 30, 2021.
Part 15 Waivers

• A radio frequency device that operates in accordance with the Part 15 unlicensed rules may not be marketed unless it has completed the appropriate equipment authorization process - certification for most intentional radiators.

• Certification will only be granted for a device that has demonstrated compliance with all applicable Commission rules.

• If a specific rule cannot be complied with, the responsible party may submit a request for waiver.
**Waiver Process**

- A request must demonstrate that there is good cause to waive the specific rule requirement.
  - If the staff determines that the request warrants further consideration, it typically will release a public notice establishing a period for public comment.

- The request will be granted or denied based upon review of the entire record.
  - When appropriate, grants may include special conditions intended to ensure that underlying purpose of the waived rule continues to be satisfied.

- Parties are expected to provide a copy of the granted waiver when submitting the application for certification.
Recent Waiver Grants and Filings

- Information about waiver filings and decisional documents may be found on the Commission’s website
  - The OET website includes headline links related to all Office activities: [www.fcc.gov/engineering-technology](http://www.fcc.gov/engineering-technology)
  - Commission and OET-level decisions may be found in the EDOCS system: [www.fcc.gov/edocs](http://www.fcc.gov/edocs)
  - Petitions and related comment may be found in the ECFS system: [www.fcc.gov/ecfs](http://www.fcc.gov/ecfs)
  - Decisions are referenced by FCC/DA #; Most proceedings may be found by Docket No.; Text/title search also available

- Recent waiver requests have reflected a variety of emerging technologies. Some examples include...
Motion Sensing Devices

Waiver Granted April 14, 2021, DA 21-407

Permits automotive in-cabin radar use at higher power than permitted by Section 15.255

Single Order addresses six similar waiver requests:

- Vayyar Imaging (DA 21-407)
- Valeo North America (DA 21-407)
- Tesla (DA 21-407)
- IEE Sensing (DA 21-407)
- Infineon Technologies America (DA 21-407)
- Brose North America (DA 21-407)

Motion Sensing Devices
Continued

Waiver Granted July 9th, 2021 permits radar use at higher power than permitted by Section 15.255

Six separate Order addressing six waiver requests:

- **Grant condition restricted to the interior of new passenger motor vehicles for the primary purpose of in-cabin monitoring functions**
  - Faurecia Clarion Electronics North America (DA 21-811)
  - Texas Instruments Incorporated (DA 21-812)
  - Acconeer AB (DA 21-814)
  - Huyndai Mobis Co., Ltd.(DA 21-816)

- **Grant condition restricted to in-home health-related monitoring and medical imaging applications**
  - Vayyar Imaging Ltd. (DA 21-815)

- **Grant condition restricted to a radar sensor**
  - Amazon.com Services LLC (DA 21-813)

These Orders include additional condition on radar off-time between two successive radar pulses that is less than 2 ms shall be considered “on time” for purposes of computing the duty cycle.
• **Rohde & Schwarz (DA 20-1025)** Security scanner system in the 70-80 GHz band designed to detect the presence of concealed metallic and non-metallic threats carried in or underneath the clothing of persons. Waivers of Sections 15.205 (restricted bands) and 15.209 (field strength limits) granted Sep. 2020.

• **Liberty Defense (DA 22-133)** seeks waivers of rules related to measurements, ultra-wideband (UWB) operations and certain user restrictions (15.31, 15.503, 15.511 and 15.521) for its HEXWAVE weapons/threat detection system. Waiver granted February 9, 2022.
Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR), mapping, measuring & other uses

- **Zebra Technologies (DA 21-1294)** positioning system in the 7125-8500 MHz band for applications such as tracking players in sports venues. Waiver of Section 15.519(a)(1) (The 10 second receiver acknowledgement requirement) granted October 19, 2021.

- **DA 21-1294 waiver conditions include:**
  - Zebra shall ensure that the UWB bandwidth of the Dart system is fully contained within the 7125-7900 MHz frequency band.
  - The width of the individual transmission pulses from a Dart device shall not exceed 2.5 nanoseconds.
  - The total number of transmission pulses from an individual Dart device in any one second shall not exceed 4600.
  - The maximum number of active Dart tags in a designated sports venue shall not exceed 600.
  - The locations where the Dart system is permitted to operate outdoors only under the conditions of this waiver order, are limited to NFL game venues, NFL practice venues, one Senior Bowl venue, and college sports venues as specified in Zebra’s ex-parte filed September 27, 2021.
Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR), mapping, measuring & other uses

- **Robert Bosch (DA 22-8)** A frequency hopping UWB system in the 1.8 GHz and 5.7 GHz band for drywall scanning and stud finding function. Waiver of section 15.503(d) (fractional bandwidth equal to or greater than 0.20 or a UWB bandwidth equal to or greater than 500 MHz), 15.503(h), (definition for a wall imaging system), and Section 15.521(d) (compliance measurements shall be made with the pulse train gated on) granted January 4, 2022.

- **Wavesense now GPR (Open ET Docket No. 19-241)** driver-assistance technology, which relies on UWB GPR to enable active lanekeeping in challenging environmental conditions; seeks waivers of certain operational and Federal coordination requirements (15.509 and 15.525)

- **GSSI (Open ET Docket 19-155)** request for waivers of the UWB rules to market up to 2000 evaluation kits for an UWB GPR intended to enable self-driving cars to read features of the roadbed beneath the pavement. (15.31, 15.503, and 15.509)
Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR), mapping, measuring & industrial uses

- Proceq (DA 22-1158) request for waivers of the UWB rules to test the safety, durability and sustainability of materials used in industrial settings. The waiver modifies a previously granted waiver to extend the operating frequency range from 200-6000 MHz to 30 MHz-6000 MHz. Waiver granted Nov. 2022.

- Schlage Lock Company (Open ET Docket 22-248) request for waivers of the UWB rules to obtain a grant of equipment authorization for an ultra-wideband (UWB) door lock system that would operate in the 6-10 GHz frequency range. Seeks waiver of UWB hand held and fixed outdoors infrastructure previsions (15.519(a), 15.519(a)(2)).
Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR), mapping, measuring & industrial uses

- **Assa Abloy (DA 22-1121)** request for waivers of the UWB rules to obtain a grant of equipment authorization for an ultra-wideband (UWB) door lock system that would operate in the 6-10 GHz frequency range. Seeks waiver of UWB hand held and fixed outdoors infrastructure provisions (15.519(a), 15.519(a)(2)). Granted Oct. 2022.

- **Leica (DA 20-795)** radar modules operating in the 60-64 GHz frequency band used on UAVs for hazard detection while in flight. Sought waiver of the prohibition on-board aircraft in Section 15.255(b)(2). Grant conditions include positional and altitude limitations, quantitative deployment limits. Waiver granted Jul. 2020.(15.255(a)(2), (b)(2), and (c)(3))

- **GSSI (Open ET Docket 22-458)** requests waiver of the measurement procedures in sections 15.503(d), 15.31(c), and 15.521(d) of the Commission’s UWB rules to permit the certification and marketing of its GPR handheld analyzer device.
• **Metrom (DA 20-1186)** Waiver of the UWB rules for their AURA system designed to prevent collisions between trains, over-speed derailments, unauthorized train movement in work zones, and to minimize human error. (15.519(a), and 15.519(c)) granted Oct. 2020.

• **Piper (DA 20-1349)** Waiver of the UWB rules for their Enhanced Transit Location System (ETLS) designed to provide position information of trains, prevent train-to-train collisions and identifying unauthorized train movements in work zones. (15.519(a)(2) and 15.250(c)-(d)) granted Nov. 2020.

• **Stradler Signaling Deutschland GMBH (Open ET Docket No. 23-133)** seeks waiver of Commission rules to permit certification of its Automatic Train Protection system designed to prevent red signal overruns and train-to-train collisions. Seeks waiver of the Section 15.205(a) and 15.209(a) to allow increase emissions and permit operations within the 90-110 KHz band.
U-NII Bands

- **Hydroid now Kongsberg Seatex AS (DA 22-656)** Hydroid now Kongsberg Seatex AS (DA 22-656) Waiver to use directional gains in excess of 6 dBi, without reducing transmitter power, for two-way communications between vessels, and between shore points at fixed locations and vessels. The waiver permits operation with a one-watt maximum conducted power and an antenna gain that exceeds 6 dBi with a maximum antenna gain of 24 dBi. This waiver has several conditions such as geo-fencing to protect critical sites, specific channelization requirements, and other operational conditions. Waiver granted Jun. 2022 (15.407(a)(3)).

- **Radwin LTD. (DA 20-1088)** Waiver to permit the operation of its JET point-to-multipoint, beamforming fixed wireless base stations in the 5.15-5.25 GHz and 5.725-5.85 GHz bands with EIRP of up to 48 dBm (12 dB above the limit prescribed by the Commission’s rules). The waiver will permit its customers to provide better high-speed broadband service to subscribers so that they can stay connected and access essential services during the COVID-19 pandemic. Waiver granted Jul. 2020; extension granted Sep. 2020 (15.407(a)).
Medical devices


• **Sensible Medical Innovations, LTD (DA 19-937)** - ReDS System designed to measure lung fluid measurements in congestive heart failure patients. Required waivers of Sections 15.31, 15.503, 15.513, 15.521, and 15.525 related to bandwidth, frequency range, measurements and coordination. Waiver granted Sep. 2019.

• **GE Healthcare (GEHC) (DA 20-489)** To keep up with the demand created by COVID-19, GEHC requests limited waivers of the Commission’s radio-frequency (RF) device equipment requirements to allow specific medical devices to be marketed, operated, and imported prior to such equipment receiving an equipment authorization grant. GEHC requests waiver of certain provisions of title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) in part 2, part 15, part 18, and part 95. Waiver granted May 11, 2020.

**BlueWind Medical (Open ET Docket 23-27)** seeks a waiver of Commission Section 15.223 rules to obtain a certification grant to permit its implantable medical device, operating on the center frequency of 6.78 MHz, to exceed the 1.705-10 MHz band emissions limits.
Automotive Safety

**Continental (Open ET Docket 22-382)** Requires a waiver of the Commissions rules for periodic operation of intentional radiators above 70 MHz to certify its new tire pressure monitoring system operating in the 315 MHz and 433 MHz band. Seeks a waiver of the periodic timing requirement of Section 15.231(e) that establishes provisions for the timing of and the duration of each transmission.
Questions?

Thank you!