

permitted by the COTP or a designated representative.

(3) The “designated representative” of the COTP is any Coast Guard commissioned, warrant, or petty officer who has been designated by the COTP to act on his or her behalf.

(c) *Enforcement period.* This section will be enforced each day from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day on from August 8, 2025, through August 10, 2025.

Dated: July 29, 2025.

**Rhianna N. Macon,**

*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Sector Lake Michigan.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 0

[GN Docket No. 25–133; FCC 25–40; FR ID 306252]

### Delete, Delete, Delete; Delegations of Authority

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** In this document, the Federal Communications Commission modifies its delegation of authority rules to provide clarity and uniformity regarding the use of delegated authority to adopt rule changes that are exempt from prior notice and comment under the Administrative Procedure Act.

**DATES:** This rule is effective August 4, 2025.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the final rule portions of the Commission’s *Direct Final Rule*, GN Docket No. 25–133; FCC 25–40, adopted on July 24, 2025, and released on July 28, 2025. The full text of this document is available for public inspection and can be downloaded at <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-deletes-obsolete-telegraph-rabbit-ear-receiver-phone-booth-rules-0>. Alternative formats are available for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format) by sending an email to [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or calling the Commission’s Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418–0530 (voice), (202) 418–0432 (TTY).

### Procedural Matters

*Paperwork Reduction Act.* This document does not contain new or modified information collections subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521. In addition, therefore, it does not contain any new or modified information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees, pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(4).

*Congressional Review Act.* The Commission has determined, and the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget concurs, that this rule is “non-major” under the Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 804(2). The Commission will send a copy of this Direct Final Rule to Congress and the Government Accountability Office pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

### Synopsis

While we intend to use direct final rule procedures at the full Commission level, in recognition of past actions on delegated authority to adopt or repeal some rules without notice and comment, we take this opportunity to reaffirm that all Bureaus and Offices may continue to take such actions in situations that are exempt from the Administrative Procedure Act’s (APA’s) notice-and-comment requirements, consistent with such actions by Bureaus and Offices historically. To ensure uniformity in this regard and to address what, by historical happenstance, has resulted in varied formulations throughout our rules, we take this opportunity to standardize the delegated authority of Bureaus and Offices to act without notice and comment on matters that fall within the APA’s good cause exception and otherwise do not involve new or novel issues. While rule changes adopted via direct final rule procedures are premised on the APA’s good cause exception from notice and comment, our action clarifying and unifying the wording of delegations of authority to Bureaus and Offices also relies on a distinct exception from notice and comment under the APA—namely, the notice and comment exception for rules of “agency organization, procedure, or practice.” Delegation of authority to Bureaus and Offices bears simply on who within the agency will be acting, and not on issues of substance—thus fitting comfortably within the APA’s notice and comment exception for rules of “agency organization, procedure, or practice.” In clarifying and affirming the

delegated authority as historically used by Bureaus and Offices to adopt rule changes exempt from prior notice and comment under the APA, we find nothing that would cause the delegations at issue here to constitute substantive rules.

### Ordering Clauses

*It is ordered* that the amendments of the Commission’s rules as set forth in this document shall be effective upon **Federal Register** publication of the specified amendments to the part 0 rules, which also shall serve as the date of public notice of that action. Because changes to our rules governing delegations of authority involve agency organization, procedure, or practice rather than “a substantive rule,” they are not subject to the default requirement that they take effect on or after 30 days after **Federal Register** publication.

*It is further ordered* that the Office of the Managing Director, Performance Program Management, *shall send* a copy of this *Direct Final Rule* in a report to be sent to Congress and the Government Accountability Office pursuant to the Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

### List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 0

Authority delegations (Government agencies); Organization and functions (Government agencies).

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene Dortch,**  
*Secretary.*

### Final Rules

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission amends part 0 of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

### PART 0—COMMISSION ORGANIZATION

■ 1. The authority citation for part 0 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i), 154(j), 155, 225, 409, and 1754, unless otherwise noted.

### Subpart B—Delegations of Authority

■ 2. Amend § 0.231 by adding paragraph (m) to read as follows:

#### § 0.231 Authority delegated.

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(m) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Managing Director is delegated authority to adopt changes to rules the Office of Managing Director administers where the rule

changes are exempt from prior notice and comment under the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 553(b), and where the action on delegated authority is not new or novel.

- 3. Amend § 0.241 by adding paragraph (n) to read as follows:

**§ 0.241 Authority delegated.**

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(n) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Chief of the Office of Engineering and Technology is delegated authority to adopt changes to rules the Office of Engineering and Technology administers where the rule changes are exempt from prior notice and comment under the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 553(b), and where the action on delegated authority is not new or novel.

- 4. Amend § 0.251 by adding paragraph (k) to read as follows:

**§ 0.251 Authority delegated.**

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(k) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the General Counsel is delegated authority to adopt changes to rules the Office of General Counsel administers where the rule changes are exempt from prior notice and comment under the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 553(b), and where the action on delegated authority is not new or novel.

- 5. Amend § 0.261 by adding paragraph (c) to read as follows:

**§ 0.261 Authority delegated.**

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(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Chief of the Space Bureau is delegated authority to adopt changes to rules the Space Bureau administers where the rule changes are exempt from prior notice and comment under the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 553(b), and where the action on delegated authority is not new or novel.

- 6. Amend § 0.271 by adding paragraph (j) to read as follows:

**§ 0.271 Authority delegated.**

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(j) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Chief of the Office of Economics and Analytics is delegated authority to adopt changes to rules the Office of Economics and Analytics administers where the rule changes are exempt from prior notice and comment under the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 553(b), and where the action on delegated authority is not new or novel.

- 7. Amend § 0.283 by adding paragraph (e) to read as follows:

**§ 0.283 Authority delegated.**

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(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Chief of the Media Bureau is delegated authority to adopt changes to rules the Media Bureau administers where the rule changes are exempt from prior notice and comment under the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 553(b), and where the action on delegated authority is not new or novel.

- 8. Amend § 0.291 by adding paragraph (j) to read as follows:

**§ 0.291 Authority delegated.**

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(j) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau is delegated authority to adopt changes to rules the Wireline Competition Bureau administers where the rule changes are exempt from prior notice and comment under the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 553(b), and where the action on delegated authority is not new or novel.

- 9. Amend § 0.311 by adding paragraph (c) to read as follows:

**§ 0.311 Authority delegated.**

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(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Chief of the Enforcement Bureau is delegated authority to adopt changes to rules the Enforcement Bureau administers where the rule changes are exempt from prior notice and comment under the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 553(b), and where the action on delegated authority is not new or novel.

- 10. Amend § 0.331 by adding paragraph (k) to read as follows:

**§ 0.331 Authority delegated.**

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(k) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Chief of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau is delegated authority to adopt changes to rules the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau administers where the rule changes are exempt from prior notice and comment under the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 553(b), and where the action on delegated authority is not new or novel.

- 11. Add an undesignated center heading below § 0.347 to read as follows:

**Office of International Affairs**

- 12. Amend § 0.351 by adding paragraph (c) to read as follows:

**§ 0.351 Authority delegated.**

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(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Chief of the Office of International Affairs is delegated authority to adopt changes to rules the Office of International Affairs administers where the rule changes are exempt from prior notice and comment under the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 553(b), and where the action on delegated authority is not new or novel.

- 13. Amend § 0.361 by adding paragraph (d) to read as follows:

**§ 0.361 Authority delegated.**

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(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Chief of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau is delegated authority to adopt changes to rules the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau administers where the rule changes are exempt from prior notice and comment under the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 553(b), and where the action on delegated authority is not new or novel.

- 14. Amend § 0.371 by adding paragraph (i) to read as follows:

**§ 0.371 Authority delegated.**

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(i) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Director of the Office of Communications Business Opportunities is delegated authority to adopt changes to rules the Office of Communications Business Opportunities administers where the rule changes are exempt from prior notice and comment under the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 553(b), and where the action on delegated authority is not new or novel.

- 15. Amend § 0.391 by adding paragraph (j) to read as follows:

**§ 0.391 Authority delegated.**

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(j) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Director of the Office of Workplace Diversity is delegated authority to adopt changes to rules the Office of Workplace Diversity administers where the rule changes are exempt from prior notice and comment under the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 553(b), and where the action on delegated authority is not new or novel.

■ 16. Amend § 0.392 by adding paragraph (l) to read as follows:

**§ 0.392 Authority delegated.**

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(l) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Chief of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau is delegated authority to adopt changes to rules the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau administers where the rule changes are exempt from prior notice and comment under the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 553(b), and where the action on delegated authority is not new or novel.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Parts 1 and 27

[GN Docket Nos. 13–185, 25–70, 25–71; FCC 25–39; FR ID 306799]

### Competitive Bidding Rules for Auction of AWS–3 Licenses

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission or FCC) adopts final rules that update the eligibility criteria for designated entity bidding credits in auctions for licenses in the 1695–1710 MHz, 1755–1780 MHz, and 2155–2180 MHz (AWS–3) bands. The Commission also updates its general competitive bidding rules for categorizing an entity as a small business concern.

**DATES:** Effective September 3, 2025.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Commission’s Report and Order and Second Report and Order in GN Docket Nos. 25–70, 25–71, and 13–185, adopted on July 24, 2025, and released on July 25, 2025 (*AWS–3 Report and Order*). The full text of this document is available at <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-updates-bidding-rules-aws-3-inventory-auction-0>.

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### I. Introduction

1. Advancing U.S. leadership in wireless is good for the U.S. economy, for U.S. national security, and for ensuring that every American has access to affordable, high-speed service. That is why the Commission is focused on freeing up more spectrum for consumer use.

2. With the *AWS–3 Report and Order*, the Commission moves to satisfy a bipartisan congressional mandate to auction licenses for AWS–3 spectrum in the Commission’s inventory. The proceeds from this auction will fund the Commission’s ongoing efforts to protect American networks from untrustworthy and insecure foreign equipment.

3. The Commission has held spectrum auctions for roughly 30 years. Auctions assign spectrum licenses to their highest and best use by allowing bidders to reveal their preferences and discover a market-clearing price. Commission auctions have proven a resounding success largely because the Commission has updated its rules to account for the lessons of the past. For example, in 2015, the Commission reformed its rules to protect the integrity of their auctions from fraud, collusion, and manipulation while promoting participation by *bona fide* small businesses and rural providers.

4. The *AWS–3 Report and Order* advances those time-tested objectives. First, the Commission adopts designated entity eligibility requirements for future AWS–3 spectrum license auctions that are in harmony with the requirements used in every 5G auction held since 2015. Updating the AWS–3 rules to match settled practice will give small businesses and rural service providers the predictability they need to participate meaningfully at auction. Next, the *AWS–3 Report and Order* updates the Commission’s general part 1 competitive bidding rules for categorizing an entity as a “small business concern,” pursuant to the Small Business Runway Extension Act of 2018 (SBREA). In adopting these rules, the Commission rejects arguments from the affiliates of Auction 97 defaulters (whose unwillingness to pay the full amount of their gross winning bids led to significant AWS–3 spectrum sitting fallow in the Commission’s inventory for nearly a decade) that the Commission conduct the next auction of AWS–3 licenses under the same rules that enabled the very bidding behavior that led to their defaults in the first

place. Finally, the Commission declines to adopt a Tribal priority licensing window in advance of the next AWS–3 auction.

5. Shortly after the Commission adopted the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in this proceeding (*NPRM*), 90 FR 11931 (March 13, 2025), the Office of Economics and Analytics (OEA), jointly with the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB), sought comment on proposed procedures for an auction of AWS–3 licenses (Auction 113). The *AWS–3 Report and Order* allows OEA and WTB to establish final procedures for Auction 113 in accordance with the adopted rules and to move forward with that auction.

### II. Background

6. In 2014, the Commission adopted service and bidding rules for the auction of AWS–3 spectrum licenses (Auction 97) in the 1695–1710 MHz, 1755–1780 MHz, and 2155–2180 MHz frequencies. Bidding in Auction 97 began in November 2014 and ended in January 2015. Auction 97 raised a total of \$41,329,673,325 in net bids, with 31 bidders placing winning bids for a total of 1,611 licenses. Following that auction, certain winning bidders selectively defaulted on winning bids for 197 licenses. In March 2025, the Commission announced that it would conduct a new auction, Auction 113, for the AWS–3 spectrum that remained in the agency’s inventory, most of which was available primarily due to Auction 97 defaults.

7. *The Commission Provides Notice in 2014 that All AWS–3 Auctions Would Be Subject to Generally Applicable Rule Changes.* Prior to Auction 97, the Commission provided clear notice that any and all future auctions of AWS–3 spectrum licenses would be subject to generally applicable changes to the part 1 competitive bidding rules. In particular, the Commission determined that any AWS–3 auction would be conducted in accordance with the general competitive bidding rules set forth in part 1, subpart Q of the Commission’s rules except as “otherwise provided in” part 27.

8. The part 1 competitive bidding rules advance the agency’s statutory directive by ensuring that designated entities (DEs), which are small businesses and rural telephone companies, have a meaningful opportunity to access wireless spectrum in FCC auctions. DEs are eligible for auction bidding credits, represented as percentage discounts from their winning bids. Eligibility requirements for DEs are set on a service-by-service basis, the