

The Relocation Payment Clearinghouse Starts Paying Claims for Reimbursement and Lump Sum Payments Related to the C-band Relocation Program

Oct. 25, 2021, BETHESDA, MD -- The Relocation Payment Clearinghouse LLC ("RPC") today announced that it has begun to pay claims filed by incumbent earth station operators related to the C-band relocation program.

The RPC is responsible for the processing of claims for reimbursement and lump sum payments, among other cost-related activities associated with the C-band relocation as mandated by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC").

The RPC is evaluating additional claims for reimbursement or lump sum payments. The RPC will continue to send payments as applications are approved and is urging potential claimants to come forward with their claims. Some entities that are potentially eligible for reimbursement or lump sum payments still have not filed claims, or have not registered with the RPC. Once those entities have set up their profiles and filed claims, the RPC will evaluate their applications and make payments to those whose claims have been approved.

"We are making great progress in collecting claimant profiles, approving claims, and making payments to qualified entities that are relocating on the C-band," said Frank Banda, RPC's program manager. "We encourage all entities that might be eligible for reimbursement or lump sum payments to register and file their claims as soon as possible. The sooner they file their claims, the sooner they can receive reimbursement or lump sum payments."

The FCC approved the C-band Relocation Program to transition satellite operators and other incumbent operators out of the lower portion of the C-band to make available 280 MHz of C-band spectrum for flexible use throughout the contiguous United States via an FCC auction of overlay licenses, Auction 107. Those incumbent space station operators, incumbent earth station operators and other eligible fixed service licensees transitioning out are generally eligible for certain relocation cost reimbursements or other payments.

To submit claims for reimbursement or lump sum payments, claimants can log into their RPC Coupa profile. For instructions on how to create an RPC Coupa profile and submit a claim, please visit www.CbandRPC.com/resources. To learn more and to begin the setup process, visit www.cbandrpc.com or contact the RPC Service Desk at (301) 463-4676.

About the Relocation Payment Clearinghouse

Relocation Payment Clearinghouse LLC ("RPC LLC") administers the cost-related aspects of the transition of licensees in the 3.7-4.2 GHz band ("C-band") mandated by the FCC. RPC LLC has contracted with CohnReznick LLP, one of the nation's largest certified public accounting firms; Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP, a global law firm; Intellicom Technologies, Inc., experts in satellite and communications; and Reed Strategy LLC, experts on cable and broadband technologies, to perform the duties of the RPC. Among its duties, the RPC collects and distributes payments for the C-band transition, administers the reimbursement fund, reviews claims for reimbursement of relocation costs and lump sum payments, mediates and arbitrates financial disputes among stakeholders, and administers the dispute resolution process. RPC LLC uses information it receives solely for the purposes of administering the cost-related aspects of the C-band transition and may disclose such information to the FCC or other authorized parties pursuant to the requirements of the FCC's 3.7 GHz Report and Order or other applicable laws.

About the C-band Relocation

On March 3, 2020, the FCC released a Report and Order in which it adopted rules to reform use of the C-band (3.7-4.2 GHz) by relocating existing satellite operations into the upper portion of the band (4.0-4.2 GHz) and making available 280 MHz of C-band spectrum (3.7- 3.8 GHz) plus a 20 MHz guard band, for flexible use throughout the contiguous United States via an FCC auction of overlay licenses, Auction 107. The FCC requires overlay licensees to fund relocation costs for incumbent licensees to transition out of the band.

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