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T-Mobile Seeks STA to Use Dish 600 MHz Band Spectrum

T-Mobile US, Inc. has asked the FCC to grant it special temporary authority (STA) to use for 60 days 10 megahertz of Dish Network Corp.'s 600 MHz band spectrum in 200 markets. The STA is the subject of a long-term lease agreement between the companies for which they are seeking approval. The lease agreement is part of a settlement reached by the Department of Justice and some states clearing T-Mobile's acquisition of Sprint Corp. "The requested STA will allow the spectrum leasing arrangement to begin right away," T-Mobile said in a filing yesterday. The additional spectrum under the STA, which T-Mobile would pay to lease, would help it meet the additional capacity demands during the COVID-19 pandemic, it said. Most of the 200 markets are in smaller geographic areas, but they also include larger markets such as New York City, Miami, Detroit, Orlando, Cleveland, San Diego, and Portland, Ore.

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