



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
The Assistant Secretary for Communications
and Information
Washington, D.C. 20230

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The Honorable Ajit Pai
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Notice of Estimated Sharing Costs and Timelines for the 3550-3650 MHz Band (AU Docket No. 19-244, Auction 105)

Dear Chairman Pai:

Pursuant to Section 113(g)(4)(A) of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Organization Act, as amended (47 U.S.C. § 923(g)(4)(A)), please find below the initial estimate of sharing costs and timelines for the eligible frequencies in the 3550-3650 MHz spectrum band.¹ NTIA, on behalf of the federal entities listed below, hereby notifies the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) of these agencies' initial cost and transition timeline estimates, which have been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget. This notice, as required by the statute, is provided at least six (6) months prior to commencement of the FCC's auction of these eligible frequencies.²

In addition, pursuant to Section 113(g)(5) of the NTIA Organization Act, as amended (47 U.S.C. § 923(g)(5)), NTIA is concurrently providing a copy of these estimates to the Committees on Appropriations and Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives; the Committees on Appropriations and Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate; and to the Comptroller General.

The federal entities listed below submitted transition plans to NTIA and the Technical Panel established by Section 113(h)(3)(A) of the NTIA Organization Act, as amended (47 U.S.C. § 923(h)(3)(A)), and governed by Subpart 301, Title 47, Code of Federal Regulations. The Technical Panel has found these plans to be sufficient.³ Specifically, based on the information provided in the transition plans and on behalf of the Department of Defense's Office of Chief

¹ The 3550-3650 MHz band is a band of "eligible frequencies" as described in Section 113(g)(2) of the NTIA Organization Act, as amended (47 U.S.C. § 923(g)(2)).

² On September 27, 2019, the FCC announced that the auction of these eligible frequencies is scheduled to begin on June 25, 2020. *See* Auction of Priority Access Licenses for the 3550-3650 MHz Band, Comment Sought on Competitive Bidding Procedures for Auction 105, Bidding in Auction 105 Scheduled to Begin June 25, 2020, *Public Notice*, AU Docket No. 19-244, FCC 19-96 (Sept. 27, 2019), *available at* <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-19-96A1.pdf>.

³ *See* 47 U.S.C. § 923(h)(4). Not later than 120 days before the commencement of the auction of the eligible frequencies, NTIA will publish the publicly available transition plans on our website. *See* 47 U.S.C. § 923(h)(5); *see also id.* § 923(h)(7) and NTIA Manual of Regulations and Procedures for Federal Radio Frequency Management, Annex 0 at § 0.7 (Classified and Other Sensitive Information).

Information Officer (OCIO), the Defense Information Systems Agency's Defense Spectrum Organization (DSO), the Department of the Army, the Department of the Air Force, and the Department of the Navy (collectively "DOD"), NTIA has compiled and consolidated these agencies' estimated costs. Please note that the table below does not include transition timelines in light of the particular situation associated with these eligible frequencies for which the FCC's rules provide for a sharing mechanism that has already been established and such sharing can begin concurrent with DOD's implementation of the transition plans.

	Estimated Sharing Costs (\$ millions)
OCIO	2.3484
DSO	48.3570
Air Force	5.0880
Army	11.950
Navy	30.4310
Total	98.1744

We look forward to further collaboration with the FCC and DOD to ensure a successful and timely auction of the Priority Access Licenses for the 3550-3650 MHz Band. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Charles Cooper, Associate Administrator in NTIA's Office of Spectrum Management, at 202-482-5805.

Sincerely,



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Telecommunication and Information Applications,
Performing the Non-Exclusive Functions and
Duties of the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for
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