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# The Incentive Auction Report and Order

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# The 600 MHz Band Plan

- Down from 51 plan, all paired, 5x5 MHz blocks
- "Partial Economic Area" licenses that nest into larger EAs
- Flexible design to accommodate potential market variation
- Guard bands, including 11 MHz duplex gap, to protect licensed services from harmful interference
- Unlicensed use of guard bands and Channel 37 permitted

## Sample Clearing Scenarios

Licensed Repurposed

100	126	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	9	A	B	C	D	E	F	3	37	3	G	H	I	J	11	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	700 MHz UL
70	84	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	3	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	11	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	700 MHz UL	

# Repacked TV Bands

- Preserve coverage area and population served of eligible TV broadcasters
- Initiate separate proceeding to mitigate LPTV and TV translator impact
- Anticipate designating one naturally-occurring channel in each area for wireless microphone/unlicensed use following the repacking process
- Maintain WMTS/RAS use of channel 37

# The Incentive Auction Process

- Staged structure for simplicity and speed
- Descending clock reverse auction format will be transparent, make participation easy
- Innovative forward auction design features, including bidding for generic blocks
- Final stage rule allows market forces to determine amount of spectrum cleared and revenues raised, ensures FirstNet funding

# Post-Auction Transition

- 39-month transition period to new 600 MHz Band Plan, with individual deadlines for reassigned broadcasters to modify facilities
- Reimbursement of reasonable relocation costs for eligible broadcasters and MVPDs, before expenses must be paid out
- LPTV may operate in newly licensed spectrum unless and until displaced
- Wireless microphones and unlicensed devices may operate in cleared spectrum during transition period

# Broadcaster Outreach

- We will conduct additional extensive outreach to broadcasters
- Outreach will include information about auction mechanism, an estimated timeline of actions, and potential opening bid offers
- Outreach will be nationwide, with a focus on key markets

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