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Northstar Wireless Deeply Disappointed in FCC Decision Regarding the DE Program

Fairbanks, AK – Northstar Wireless, a subsidiary of Alaska Native Corporation Doyon, Limited, issued the following statement after the Federal Communication Commission’s (FCC) denial of Northstar Wireless’s Designated Entity (DE) program status. The DE program offers bid discounts to qualified small and minority-owned businesses that participate in FCC-run telecommunications spectrum auctions. Today’s decision relates to the 2014 AWS-3 Spectrum Auction, otherwise known as Auction 97, though Doyon subsidiaries have participated as DEs in past spectrum auctions.

The below statement can be attributed to Sarah Obed, Vice President of External Affairs for Doyon, Limited:

“Northstar Wireless is deeply disappointed in the FCC’s decision to deny Northstar Wireless’s status as a Designated Entity. We have followed the letter and spirit of Designated Entity laws, regulations, and past precedent throughout this process. Denying bid credits is a blow to both present and future minority-owned business participation in the wireless sector – an express goal of the current Commission and Chairman Pai himself.

“Even more concerning than the FCC’s decision is its timing and the process by which it was made. More than three years have passed since a federal court directed the FCC to provide Northstar a chance to rework the agreement with its strategic partner. It has been more than 30 months since we submitted a new framework to the FCC. Yet during this entire process, the FCC has never provided feedback or direction to any of the parties involved – a major departure from past precedent, where DEs were

involved in discussions with the FCC to ensure any concerns were resolved quickly and completely.

“As a result, the FCC is reaching a decision nearly six years since Auction 97 took place, and with little understanding of the rationale behind such a decision. This is no way to provide certainty to any business, much less one in possession of a vital and in-demand resource such as wireless spectrum.

“While disappointed, Northstar Wireless and its parent company Doyon, Limited remain committed to telecommunications and the wireless sector specifically. It is important to emphasize that Northstar Wireless remains an approved FCC licensee, and retains ownership of significant spectrum assets from Auction 97. We are exploring our options to ensure the door to this important industry is not closed to Doyon and others that may otherwise find the barrier to entry unreasonably high.”

Doyon, Limited is one of the thirteen Alaska Native Regional Corporations established by Congress under the terms of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA). Doyon is owned by 19,300 Alaska Native shareholders and is headquartered in Fairbanks, Alaska. Doyon’s mission is to enhance and promote the economic and social well-being of its shareholders and future shareholders, to strengthen its Native way of life and to protect and enhance its land and resources.

Northstar Wireless is a subsidiary of Doyon, Limited. Northstar was one of the most successful bidders in the FCC’s AWS-3 Spectrum Auction (Auction 97). Doyon first participated in the wireless sector as a successful bidder in Auction 35 in 2000. To learn more, please visit www.doyon.com/our-companies/telecommunications.