



## **U.S. Court of Appeals Rules in Favor of Northstar Wireless**

*Federal Court determines FCC must give Northstar and SNR Wireless opportunity to address agency's concerns stemming from their participation in the 2015 AWS-3 Spectrum Auction*

On Tuesday, August 28, a panel on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit ruled in favor of Northstar Wireless, a subsidiary of Doyon, Limited. The ruling provides Northstar with the opportunity to qualify as a designated entity and receive the bidding credits won in Auction 97. The Court upheld the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) initial denial of Northstar's bidding credits, but held that Northstar should have been granted an opportunity to modify its agreements to comply with the designated entity rules. The designated entity program bid credits granted to Northstar Wireless were denied by the FCC in August 2015, following the conclusion of the Auction 97.

Sarah Obed, vice president of external affairs for Doyon, Limited, which is the parent company of Northstar Wireless, made the following statement regarding the decision:

"Today's ruling from the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit notes that we were not given a chance to work with the FCC to remedy its concerns about agreements with our partner, DISH. Northstar Wireless is still studying the Court's opinion, but we welcome the opportunity to work with the FCC as directed by the Court to address issues raised by the Commission. Participation by Northstar Wireless and other designated entities made Auction 97 one of the most successful wireless spectrum auction in history, with over \$40 billion in bids for licenses."

Northstar Wireless was one of the most successful bidders in the FCC's Auction 97 for wireless spectrum. Doyon first participated in the wireless industry as a successful bidder in Auction 35 in 2000.