

## **AGENDA**

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## C-BAND SPECTRUM REALLOCATION REVIEW

#### WHAT?

- FCC order: Reallocates 2/3 of C-band spectrum to 5G carriers
- Timeline: Activities beginning 2020 through 2023
- Funding: Auction by FCC will fund the technology updates needed to upgrade/move video services to new locations etc.

# WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR MY SYSTEM(S) – AKA EARTH STATION(S)?

- Verification/review: Confirm earth station registration and assess requirements
- Communication: Receive details from satellite operators and programmers
- Planning: Determine timeline and activities

#### HOW ARE WE EVOLVING?

- **Technology:** Moving to Harmonic solution and new satellite location
- Timeline: Planning in 2020, migrations in 2021

#### **BENEFITS**

- Reduce risk: Keep your video business whole
- Strengthen your business: More efficient, reduced hardware & additional flexibility
- Future proof through digital transformation: Enhancements and new technologies
- Transition seamlessly: Single phase migration
- Ongoing partnership: No unexpected expenses & includes technical support

## HOT TOPICS

- > Lump sum
  - Eligibility
  - What is / in not included
- Registered vs. non-registered
  - Earth stations registration
  - FCC database
- Survey
  - Did not receive or received the wrong one
  - Deadline

- > Equipment requirements
  - How will SES or CTS know what I need?
  - Who will manage the installation?
- > Timeline
  - Milestones
  - How will I know what to do and when?
- > Costs
  - SES responsibilities
  - Out of pocket expenses



## HOW WILL THIS WORK?

Affiliate Status	Reimbursement Option	Affiliate Information/Survey	IRD	Antenna	Filters	Additional Equipment	Transition Coordination
Registered	SES Plan	Conducted by SES with Superior	Purchased by SES	Purchased by SES	Purchased by SES	Purchased by SES	Coordinated with SES/Harmonic/CTS
Registered	Lump Sum	Conducted by SES with Superior	IRDs will be supplied by SES	Purchase directly with reimbursement	Purchase directly with reimbursement	Purchase directly with reimbursement	Coordinated with relocation coordinator CTS/Harmonic
System Registered/ 105W Not registered	SES Plan	Conducted by SES with Superior	TBD	TBD	Purchased by SES	TBD	TBD
System Registered/ 105W Not registered	Lump Sum	Conducted by SES with Superior	TBD	Purchase directly with reimbursement	Purchase directly with reimbursement	Purchase directly with reimbursement	Coordinated with relocation coordinator CTS/Harmonic
Not Registered	N/A	Conducted by CTS	Purchase directly; Not eligible for reimbursement	Purchase directly; Not eligible for reimbursement	Purchase directly Not eligible for reimbursement	Purchase directly; Not eligible for reimbursement	Coordinated with CTS/Harmonic



### PROJECT TIMELINE

3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER 2020

4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER 2020

1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER 2021

2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER 2021

- Communication: Site survey
   Complete SES-HITS
   Survey for all systems by
   August 31, 2020
- Authorization: SES-11 transponder move: Systems with QHD 1 & 2 muxes (transponder 23 to 13)
  - Dual illumination 9/1/20-10/31/20 (60 days)
  - Affected systems need to retune IRDs during the dual illumination period
- Equipment: AMC-11 antennas shipped (if applicable)

- Communication: Respond to requests from SES regarding overall schedule & activities
- Verification: Respond to SES/Harmonic/HITS regarding system details and open questions
- Equipment: Begin receiving equipment, filters and AMC-11 antenna (if applicable)
- Agreement: 2021 Managed Satellite Distribution (HITS) renewal process begins

- Communication: Continue coordination with SES & Harmonic to complete transition activities
- Authorization: Activate new IRDs by contacting HITS (beginning 3/1/21)
- Equipment: Continue receiving & installing equipment and filters at earth stations
- Agreement: 2021 Managed Satellite Distribution (HITS) renewal complete with affiliates

- Communication: Continue coordination with SES & Harmonic to complete transition activities
- Authorization: Activate new IRDs by contacting Managed Satellite Distribution (HITS) (through May 2021)



## ALTERNATE TIMELINE

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER 2021

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER 2021

#### 3rd QUARTER 2021

# Why have an alternate timeline?

- COVID-19 delays
- Unexpected equipment shipment delays

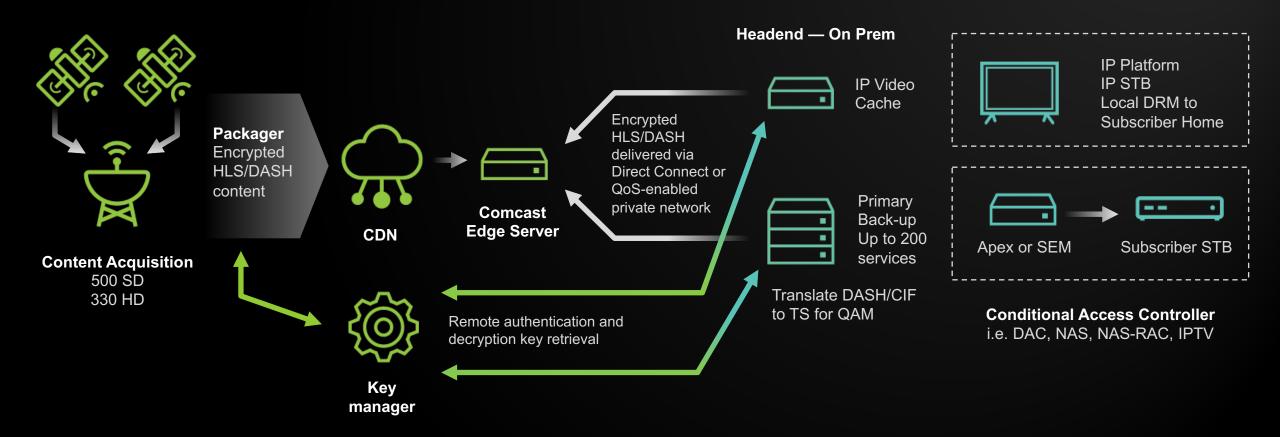
- Communication: Continue coordination with SES & Harmonic to complete transition activities
- Authorization: Activate new IRDs by contacting Managed Satellite Distribution (HITS) (beginning 3/1/21)
- Transition existing muxes (CommScope equipment) to AMC-11 (QSD 1, QSD 2, QSD 3, QSD 4, QHD 9 and QHD 10 beginning March 2021)
- Equipment: Continue receiving & installing equipment and filters at earth stations
- Agreement: 2021 Managed Satellite Distribution (HITS) renewal complete with affiliates

- Communication: Continue coordination with SES to complete transition activities
- Authorization: Activate new IRDs by contacting Managed Satellite Distribution (HITS)
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- Authorization: Activate new IRDs by contacting Managed Satellite Distribution (HITS) (ending no later than Sept 2021)



# TERRESTRIAL DISTRIBUTION

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Overview

**Product Differentiation** 

Benefits to MVPD

Future Growth Opportunities

- Extend video transport from QAM-based to IP-based
- Expand video distribution to satellite and terrestrial
- Increased channel offerings
- Path to IP video solutions
- Low entry expense

- Turn-key solution
- Minimal hardware
- Low cost connectivity
- Comcast video reliability
- Reduce headend costs: Less equipment and maintenance in headend
- Improve customer experience:
  - Increases services to available for customers
  - Transition to MPEG-4 services
- Strengthen your business through digital transformation: Path to IP platform

- Local ad insertion
- Customizable multiplex



## NEXT STEPS

CTS COMMUNICATION 2020

AFFILIATE RESPONSE 2020

PLANNING 2020

**EXECUTION** 

2021

- Review SES or Managed Satellite Distribution (HITS) survey received
- Complete information for each earth station
- Return survey for each earth station to SES or Managed Satellite Distribution (HITS)
- DUE AUGUST 31, 2020
- Coordinate activities with all entities (SES, Harmonic & CTS)
- Determine plans for internal personnel

- Finalize earth station updates
  - New antennas
  - Filters
- IRD and other equipment installations



## QUESTIONS?

