

and applications may be filed at any time, subject to the following coverage requirements:

(1) Applicants for authority to operate a new Cellular system or expand an existing Cellular Geographic Service Area (CGSA) in Unserved Area must propose a CGSA or CGSA expansion of at least 130 contiguous square kilometers (50 contiguous square miles) using the methodology of § 22.911.

(2) Applicants for authority to operate a new Cellular system must not propose coverage of water areas only (or water areas and uninhabited islands or reefs only), except for Unserved Area in the Gulf of Mexico Service Area.

(b) There is no limit to the number of Unserved Area applications that may be granted on each channel block of each CMA that is subject to the procedures of this section. Consequently, Unserved Area applications are mutually exclusive only if the proposed CGSAs would overlap. Mutually exclusive applications are processed using the general procedures under § 22.131.

(c) Unserved Area applications under this section may propose a CGSA covering more than one CMA. Each Unserved Area application must request authorization for only one CGSA and must not propose a CGSA overlap with an existing CGSA.

(d) Settlements among some, but not all, applicants with mutually exclusive applications for Unserved Area (partial settlements) under this section are prohibited. Settlements among all applicants with mutually exclusive applications under this section (full settlements) are allowed and must be filed no later than the date that the FCC Form 175 (short-form) is filed.

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**§ 22.950 Provision of service in the Gulf of Mexico Service Area (GMSA).**

The GMSA has been divided into two areas for licensing purposes, the Gulf of Mexico Exclusive Zone (GMEZ) and the Gulf of Mexico Coastal Zone (GMCZ). This section describes these areas and sets forth the process for licensing facilities in these two respective areas within the GMSA.

(a) The GMEZ and GMCZ are defined as follows:

(1) *Gulf of Mexico Exclusive Zone.* The geographical area within the Gulf of Mexico Service Area that lies between the coastline line and the southern demarcation line of the Gulf of Mexico Service Area, excluding the area comprising the Gulf of Mexico Coastal Zone.

(2) *Gulf of Mexico Coastal Zone.* The geographical area within the Gulf of Mexico Service Area that lies between the coast line of Florida and a line extending approximately twelve nautical miles due south from the coastline boundary of the States of Florida and Alabama, and continuing along the west coast of Florida at a distance of twelve nautical miles from the shoreline. The line is defined by Great Circle arcs connecting the following points (geographical coordinates listed as North Latitude, West Longitude) consecutively in the order listed:

- (i) 30°16'49" N 87°31'06" W
- (ii) 30°04'35" N 87°31'06" W
- (iii) 30°10'56" N 86°26'53" W
- (iv) 30°03'00" N 86°00'29" W
- (v) 29°33'00" N 85°32'49" W
- (vi) 29°23'21" N 85°02'06" W
- (vii) 29°49'44" N 83°59'02" W
- (viii) 28°54'00" N 83°05'33" W
- (ix) 28°34'41" N 82°53'38" W
- (x) 27°50'39" N 83°04'27" W
- (xi) 26°24'22" N 82°23'22" W
- (xii) 25°41'39" N 81°49'40" W
- (xiii) 24°59'02" N 81°15'04" W
- (xiv) 24°44'23" N 81°57'04" W
- (xv) 24°32'37" N 82°02'01" W

(b) *Service Area Boundary Calculation.* The service area boundary of a cell site located within the Gulf of Mexico Service Area is calculated pursuant to § 22.911(a)(2). Otherwise, the service area boundary is calculated pursuant to § 22.911(a)(1) or § 22.911(b).

(c) *Gulf of Mexico Exclusive Zone (GMEZ).* GMEZ licensees have an exclusive right to provide Cellular service in the GMEZ, and may add, modify, or remove facilities anywhere within the GMEZ without prior FCC approval. There is no Unserved Area licensing procedure for the GMEZ.

(d) *Gulf of Mexico Coastal Zone (GMCZ).* The GMCZ is subject to the Unserved Area licensing procedures set forth in § 22.949.

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