



Canada's Wireless Policy

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2500 Mhz Auction



Mobile Spectrum

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When it comes to wireless services, Canadians have been clear: They want more choice.

As of summer 2015, the amount of spectrum available to provide mobile services to consumers has grown by almost 60 percent since early 2014. This is the largest amount of spectrum ever released in such a short time in Canada, allowing Canadians and their families to benefit from the latest technologies and world-class services. From January 2014 to May 2015, the Government held three major spectrum auctions to help put more of this valuable public resource into the hands of wireless companies.

The auction of 2500 MHz spectrum, which ended in May 2015, gave wireless companies the additional spectrum they need to continue to improve service as consumer demand for wireless offerings rises. It provided advantages for Canadians living in rural areas, who will benefit from better wireless broadband service offerings as a result of the auction.

In March 2015, the Government's auction of valuable Advanced Wireless Services-3 (AWS-3) spectrum was held. It included provisions to increase the amount of spectrum held by new competitors. These new competitors emerged as the winning bidders on most of the AWS-3 spectrum in the auction, putting more of this valuable public resource in the hands of those companies that need it to compete.

The two auctions in 2015 built on the momentum from the 700 MHz auction, which ended in February 2014. These high-quality airwaves were made available to carriers to provide Canadians with high-speed wireless services on the latest technologies. Consumers were the big winners in that auction. A fourth wireless service provider obtained spectrum in every region of the country, delivering on the Government's commitment to encourage more competition in Canada's wireless industry.