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Message:

The trial seeks to compare and contrast the 3550-3650 MHz band to other bands that SmarterBroadband uses to connect its customers. Our access points operate in different environments (i.e., heights, topography, foliage, etc.), so it is essential for SmarterBroadband to determine, on a site by site basis, what spectrum bands work best and in a most cost-effective manner. For instance, will will be testing multiple 3550-3650 MHz band channel widths, also we may decide that 5 GHz is the best solution in some areas, whereas 3550-3650 MHz works best in other areas. This will also inform our decision to acquire Priority Access License spectrum on a targeted basis.

SmarterBroadband understands that if the market trial is granted it would not be extended. We do not anticipate a longer trial period than the two-year term requested.