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The information received in response to this notice will be filed under docket number W-00-31, and includes referenced documents as well as printed, paper versions of electronic comments. The record is available for inspection from 9 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays at the Water Docket, EB57, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters, 401 M., Washington, DC. For access to docket materials, please call (202) 260-3027 to schedule an appointment.

Dated: November 28, 2000.

Robert H. Wayland III,

Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission, Comments Requested.

November 20, 2000.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before January 3, 2001. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Les Smith, Federal Communications Commissions, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 1-A804, Washington, DC 20554 or via the Internet to lesmith@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collections contact Les Smith at (202) 418-0217 or via the Internet at lesmith@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Approval No.: 3060-0032.

Title: Application for Consent to Transfer Control of Entity Holding Broadcast Station License Construction Permit or License.

Form No.: FCC 315.

Type of Review: Revision of currently approved collection.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 1,591.

Estimated Hours Per Response: 12-48 hours (the burden hour time and contracting time varies depending on the type of application filed).

Frequency of Response: on occasion.

Cost to Respondents: \$12,236,878.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 2,546.

Needs and Uses: FCC Form 315 and applicable exhibits/explanations are required to be filed when applying for transfer of control of a corporation holding an AM, FM or TV broadcast station construction permit or license. In addition, the applicant must notify the Commission when an approved transfer of control of a broadcast station construction permit or license has been consummated.

This collection also includes the third party disclosure requirement of Section 73.3580. This section requires local public notice in a newspaper of general circulation of the filing of all applications for transfer of control of license/permit. This notice must be completed within 30 days of the tendering of the application. This notice must be published at least twice a week for two consecutive weeks in a three-week period. A copy of this notice must be placed in the public inspection file along with the application. Additionally, an applicant for transfer of control of license must broadcast the same notice over the station at least once daily on four days in the second week immediately following the tendering for filing of the application.

On April 4, 2000, the Commission adopted a Report and Order in MM Docket No. 95-31 in the Matter of Reexamination of the Comparative Standards for Noncommercial Educational Applicants. This Report and Order adopted new procedures to select among competing applicants for noncommercial educational (NCE) broadcast channels. The new procedure will use points to compare objective characteristics whenever there are competing applications for full-service radio or television channels reserved for NCE use. The new procedure established a four-year holding period of on-air operations for licenses approved as a result of evaluation in a point system. The FCC 315 has been revised to reflect the new policy and to require stations authorized under the point system who have not operated for a four-year period to submit with their applications an exhibit demonstrating compliance with Section 73.7005.

The data is used by FCC staff to determine whether the applicants meet basic statutory requirements to become a Commission licensee/permittee and to assure that the public interest would be served by grant of the application.

OMB Approval No.: 3060-0031.

Title: Application for Consent to Assignment of Broadcast License Construction Permit or License.

Form No.: FCC 314.

Type of Review: Revision of currently approved collection.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 1,591.

Estimated Hours Per Response: 12-48 hours (the burden hour time and contracting time varies depending on the type of application filed).

Frequency of Response: on occasion.

Cost to Respondents: \$12,236,878.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 2,546.

Needs and Uses: FCC Form 314 and applicable exhibits/explanations are required to be filed when applying for consent for assignment of an AM, FM or TV broadcast station construction permit or license, along with applicable exhibits and explanations. In addition, the applicant must notify the Commission when an approved assignment of a broadcast station construction permit or license has been consummated.

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Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[Report No. AUC-00-35-E (Auction No. 35); DA 00-2259]

Notice and Filing Requirements for 422 Licenses in the C and F Block Broadband PCS Spectrum Auction Minimum Opening Bids, Upfront Payments and Other Procedural Issues For Final Auction Inventory

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document announces the procedures and minimum opening bids

for the upcoming auction of broadband Personal Communications Services (PCS) spectrum and also provides the final inventory of licenses to be made available for this auction; we will not add to this inventory for the December 12, 2000, auction.

DATES: Auction No. 35 is scheduled for December 12, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Auctions and Industry Analysis Division: Audrey Bashkin, Legal Branch, or Craig Bomberger, Auctions Operations Branch, at (202) 418-0660; Lisa Stover, Auctions Operations Branch, at (717) 338-2888. Commercial Wireless Division: Gary Oshinsky, Policy and Rules Branch, at (202) 418-7167 or JoAnn Epps, Licensing and Technical Analysis Branch, at (202) 418-0620. Media Contact: Meribeth McCarrick at (202) 418-0654.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of a Public Notice released October 5, 2000. The complete text of the public notice, including Attachments A through I, is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room CY-A257), 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC. It may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc. (ITS, Inc.) 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036, (202) 857-3800. It is also available on the Commission's web site at <http://www.fcc.gov>.

List of Attachments available at the FCC:

- Attachment A..... Upfront Payments and Minimum Opening Bids for Auction No. 35
- Attachment B..... FCC Auction Seminar Registration Form Auction No. 35
- Attachment C..... Electronic Filing and Review of the FCC Form 175
- Attachment D..... Guidelines for Completion of FCC Form 175 and Exhibits
- Attachment E..... Auction-Specific Instructions for FCC Remittance Advice (FCC Form 159-July 1997 edition)
- Attachment F..... FCC Bidding Preference/Remote Software Order Form Auction No. 35
- Attachment G..... Bid Increments and Exponential Smoothing
- Attachment H..... Accessing the FCC Network to File FCC Form 175
- Attachment I..... Summary Listing of Documents from the Commission and the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Addressing Application of the Anti-Collusion Rules

I. General Information

A. Introduction

1. By this public notice, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau ("Bureau") announces the procedures and minimum opening bids for the upcoming auction of broadband Personal Communications Services (PCS) spectrum in the C and F blocks (Auction No. 35) scheduled for December 12, 2000. The public notice also provides the final inventory of licenses to be made available for this auction; we will not add to this inventory for the December 12, 2000, auction.

2. On March 3, 2000, in accordance with the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, the Bureau released the *Auction No. 35 Public Notice* seeking comment on reserve prices or minimum opening bids and the procedures to be used in Auction No. 35. After the August 29, 2000 release of the *C/F Block Sixth Report and Order*, 65 FR 53624 (September 5, 2000), the Bureau released the *Auction No. 35 Comment Public Notice*, 65 FR 55243 (September 13, 2000) on September 6, 2000, revising the list of licenses available and again seeking comment on reserve prices or minimum opening bids and the procedures to be used in Auction No. 35. The Bureau received seven comments and two reply comments in response to the *Auction No. 35 Public Notice*, and three comments and two reply comments in response to the *Auction No. 35 Comment Public Notice*.

i. Background of Proceeding

3. Auction No. 35 will be the fourth auction of C block spectrum and the third auction of F block spectrum. In the past, these spectrum blocks were designated by the Commission as "entrepreneurs' blocks," meaning that participation in auctions of C and F block licenses was limited to entities qualifying under the Commission's rules as entrepreneurs. The initial C block licenses were awarded through two auctions, Auction No. 5, which ended on May 6, 1996, and Auction No. 10, which concluded on July 16, 1996. Auction No. 11, the initial F block auction, ended on January 14, 1997, and also included D and E block licenses. Auction No. 22, which concluded on April 15, 1999, made available C, E, and F block licenses that had been returned to, or reclaimed by, the Commission.

4. On August 29, 2000, the Commission released the *C/F Block Sixth Report and Order*, revising the service and auction rules for auction of C and F block PCS licenses. The Commission decided to reconfigure