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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD05-3-000]

Promoting Regional Transmission Planning and Expansion to Facilitate Fuel Diversity Including Expanded Uses of Coal-Fired Resources; Second Supplemental Notice of Technical Conference

May 5, 2005.

As announced in a Notice of Technical Conference issued on February 16, 2005 and a Supplemental Notice issued March 21, 2005, a technical conference will be held on Friday, May 13, 2005, to identify regional solutions to promoting regional transmission planning, expansion and enhancement to facilitate fuel diversity including increased integration of coal-fired resources to the transmission grid. The conference will be held at the Charleston Marriott Town Center, 200 Lee Street East, Charleston, West Virginia 25301. The conference is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. (e.s.t.) and end at approximately 4:30 p.m. The Commissioners will attend and participate.

An agenda for this meeting is included as Attachment A. Although registration is not a strict requirement, in-person attendees are asked to register for the conference on-line by close of business on May 10, 2005 at <http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/coal-05-13-form.asp>.

Transcripts of the conference will be immediately available from Ace Reporting Company (202-347-3700 or 1-800-266-6646) for a fee. They will be available for the public on the Commission's eLibrary system and on the calendar page posting for this event seven calendar days after FERC receives the transcript. Additionally, Capitol Connection offers the opportunity for remote listening of the conference via Real Audio or a Phone Bridge Connection for a fee. Persons interested in making arrangements should contact David Reininger or Julia Morelli at Capitol Connection (703-933-3100) as soon as possible or visit the Capitol Connection Web site at <http://www.capitolconnection.org> and click on "FERC."

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[Report No. AUC-05-60-B; DA 05-737]

Auction of Lower 700 MHz Band Licenses Scheduled for July 20, 2005; Notice and Filing Requirements, Minimum Opening Bids, Upfront Payments and Other Auction Procedures

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document announces the procedures and minimum opening bids for the upcoming auction of five licenses in the Lower 700 MHz Band. This document is intended to familiarize prospective bidders with the procedures and minimum opening bids for this auction.

DATES: Auction No. 60 is scheduled for July 20, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *Auctions and Spectrum Access Division, WTB:* For legal questions: Howard Davenport at (202) 418-0660, for general auction questions: Ray Knowles or Lisa Stover at (717) 338-2888. *Media Contact:* Lauren Patrich at (202) 418-7944.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the *Auction No. 60 Procedures Public Notice* released on March 22, 2005. The complete text of the *Auction No. 60 Procedures Public Notice*, including attachments, is available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. The *Auction No. 60 Procedures Public Notice* may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc. ("BCPI"), Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone (202) 488-5300, facsimile (202) 488-5563, or you may contact BCPI at their Web site: <http://www.BCPIWEB.com>. When ordering a document from BCPI, please provide the appropriate FCC document number for

example DA 05-737 for a copy of this Public Notice. This document is also available on the Internet at the Commission's Web site: <http://wireless.fcc.gov/auctions/60/>.

I. General Information

A. Introduction

1. The *Auction No. 60 Procedures Public Notice* announces the procedures and minimum opening bid amounts for the upcoming auction of licenses in the Lower 700 MHz band C block (710-716/740-746 MHz) scheduled for July 20, 2005 (Auction No. 60). On January 26, 2005, in accordance with Section 309(j)(4) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau ("Bureau") released a public notice seeking comment on reserve prices or minimum opening bid amounts and the procedures to be used in Auction No. 60. The Bureau received no comments in response to the *Auction No. 60 Comment Public Notice*, 70 FR 6436, (February 7, 2005).

i. Background of Proceeding

2. On January 18, 2002, the Commission released the *Lower 700 MHz Report and Order*, 67 FR 45380 (July 9, 2002) which adopted allocation and service rules for the Lower 700 MHz Band. Specifically, the Commission reallocated the entire 48 megahertz of spectrum in the Lower 700 MHz band to fixed and mobile services and retained the existing broadcast allocation for both new broadcast services and incumbent broadcast services during their transition to digital television ("DTV"). The Commission established technical criteria designed to protect incumbent television operations in the band during the DTV transition period, allowed low power television ("LPTV") and TV translator stations to retain secondary status and operate in the band after the transition, and set forth a mechanism by which pending broadcast applications may be amended to provide analog or digital service in the core television spectrum or to provide digital service on TV Channels 52-58.

3. In its service rules, the Commission divided the Lower 700 MHz band into three 12-megahertz blocks, with each block consisting of a pair of 6-megahertz segments, and two 6-megahertz blocks of contiguous, unpaired spectrum. The Commission decided to divide the five blocks in the Lower 700 MHz band plan as follows: for the two 6-megahertz blocks of contiguous unpaired spectrum, as well as two of the three 12-megahertz blocks of paired spectrum,