

fails to complete a period of enrollment, an approved school-to-work program that receives a disbursement of education award funds from the Corporation must provide a refund to the Corporation determined under that program's published refund policy.

(2) If a school-to-work program does not have a published refund policy, the program must provide a pro-rata refund to the Corporation of the unused portion of the education award.

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PART 2550—REQUIREMENTS AND GENERAL PROVISION FOR STATE COMMISSIONS, ALTERNATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITIES AND TRANSITIONAL ENTITIES

1. The authority citation for part 2550 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 12501 *et seq.*

2. Amend § 2550.10 by revising paragraph (c) to read as follows:

§ 2550.10 What is the purpose of this part?

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(c) The Corporation will distribute grants of between \$125,000 and \$750,000 to States to cover the Federal share of operating the State Commissions, AAAs, or Transitional Entities.

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3. Amend § 2550.20 by revising paragraph (k) to read as follows:

§ 2550.20 Definitions.

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(k) *State*. As used in this part, the term State refers to each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Parts 1, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 73, 74, 80, 90, 95, 100, and 101

[DA 02-847]

Competitive Bidding Procedures

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document makes conforming edits to service-specific competitive bidding rules and portions of the part 1 general competitive bidding rules in accordance with the authority delegated by the Commission. These conforming edits further the Wireless Telecommunication Bureau's ("Bureau") continuing efforts to streamline its procedures in accordance with the Commission's biennial regulatory review obligations. In addition to making these conforming edits, the Bureau also exercises its delegated authority to make certain ministerial conforming amendments, including edits to correct competitive bidding provisions that were inadvertently altered or deleted. The intended effect of this action is to eliminate approximately 66 pages of redundant or unnecessary rules from the Code of Federal Regulations.

DATES: Effective August 8, 2002.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the *Competitive Bidding Order* adopted and released on April 11, 2002. After release of the order, the Bureau released three errata which made minor corrections to the order. The first two errata were incorporated into the version of the *Competitive Bidding Order* published in the FCC Record (17 FCC Rcd 6534 (WTB 2002)). The third erratum was released on June 14, 2002, DA 02-1414. All three errata have been incorporated in the text of the rules accompanying this **Federal Register** summary. The full text of these documents are 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. These documents may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC, 20554, telephone 202-863-2893, facsimile 202-863-2898, or via e-mail qualexint@aol.com.

I. Introduction

1. In the *Competitive Bidding Order*, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau ("Bureau") makes conforming edits to service-specific competitive bidding rules and portions of the part 1 general competitive bidding rules in accordance with the authority delegated by the Commission in the *Part 1 Fifth*

Report and Order, 65 FR 52323 (August 29, 2000). These conforming edits further the Bureau's continuing efforts to streamline its procedures in accordance with the Commission's biennial regulatory review obligations set forth at section 11(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and the recommendations contained in the *2000 Biennial Staff Report*. In addition to making these conforming edits, the Bureau also exercises its delegated authority to make certain ministerial conforming amendments, including edits to correct competitive bidding provisions that were inadvertently altered or deleted by the *Part 1 Third Report and Order*, 63 FR 2315 (January 15, 1998), and the *Competitive Bidding Sixth Report and Order*, 60 FR 37786 (July 21, 1995). The Bureau also removes service-specific provisions that are redundant with the Bureau's delegated authority to conduct auctions. The effect of today's action is to eliminate approximately 66 pages of redundant or unnecessary rules from the Code of Federal Regulations ("CFR").

II. Background

2. In the *Competitive Bidding Second Report and Order*, 59 FR 22980 (May 4, 1994), by amending part 1 of the Commission's rules to add a new subpart Q, the Commission established general competitive bidding rules that would apply to a variety of spectrum based services licensed by the Commission. In establishing these rules, the Commission intended that the general competitive bidding rules would apply to a particular service unless it adopted service-specific rules that varied from the part 1 general competitive bidding rules. Subsequently, the Commission adopted competitive bidding rules for a number of services. A consequence of the adoption of these service-specific competitive bidding rules was an unnecessary variation in procedures across services. Additionally, portions of the part 1 general competitive bidding rules were repeated almost verbatim in the service-specific competitive bidding rules. Accordingly, in 1997, based upon its experience with the competitive bidding process, the Commission initiated the part 1 proceeding to establish a uniform set of provisions for all services subject to competitive bidding, eliminate unnecessary rules, and provide for a more consistent and efficient licensing process.

3. In the *Part 1 Fifth Report and Order*, the most recent comprehensive Order in the part 1 proceeding, the Commission determined that it had

made the majority of the changes contemplated by its prior orders. Therefore, the Commission recognized that it was appropriate to commence the next step in the process, *i.e.*, eliminating service-specific competitive bidding rules from the CFR that have either been superseded by or are redundant with the part 1 general competitive bidding rules. Accordingly, the Commission delegated to the Bureau the authority to make conforming edits to the CFR consistent with the part 1 proceeding.

III. Discussion

4. Pursuant to our delegated authority, the *Competitive Bidding Order* identifies and removes service-specific competitive bidding rules that have been superseded or made redundant by the part 1 general competitive bidding rules. In those instances in which service-specific departures from the part 1 general competitive bidding rules were tailored for a particular service, the Bureau retains such rules. In addition, pursuant to the Bureau's delegated authority to make ministerial conforming edits to Commission rules, the Bureau restores and revises certain rule sections that were inadvertently altered, deleted, or misstated.

5. As explained, the Bureau modifies or removes service-specific competitive bidding rules in the following areas: (i) Scope of service-specific competitive bidding rules; (ii) competitive bidding design options; (iii) competitive bidding mechanisms; (iv) bidding application and certification procedures, and prohibition of collusion; (v) submission of upfront payments; (vi) submission of down and full payments, and filing of long-form applications; (vii) procedures for filing petitions to deny against long-form applications; (viii) license grant, denial, default, and disqualification; (ix) designated entities; (x) unjust enrichment in license assignment or transfer of control; (xi) ownership disclosure requirements for short- and long-form applications; and (xii) definitions. Also, technical edits are made to Commission rules that refer to service-specific competitive bidding rules that have been removed or modified.

6. *Scope of service-specific competitive bidding rules.* Each set of service-specific competitive bidding rules contains a provision that provides that the general competitive bidding rules set forth at part 1, subpart Q of the Commission's rules apply unless the service-specific rules indicate otherwise. This means that service-specific competitive bidding rules are necessary only to specify departures from or supplemental procedures to the

part 1 competitive bidding rules. The Bureau adopts uniform language stating this proposition in all services subject to competitive bidding and modifies the following service-specific rules: §§ 21.950; 22.201; 22.228; 22.960; 24.301; 24.701; 25.401; 27.201; 27.501(a); 27.701; 73.3572(e)(2), (f); 73.5000(a); 80.1251; 90.801; 90.901; 90.1001; 90.1101; 95.816(a); 100.71; 101.537; 101.1101; 101.1201; and 101.1317.

7. *Competitive bidding design options.* Section 1.2103 of the Commission's rules outlines the general competitive bidding design options (or the different competitive bidding methodologies) for services or classes of services subject to competitive bidding. These competitive bidding design options include: simultaneous multiple-round auctions (using remote or on-site electronic bidding); sequential multiple-round auctions (using either oral ascending or remote and/or on-site electronic bidding); sequential or simultaneous single-round auctions (using either sealed paper or remote and/or on-site electronic bidding); combinatorial (package/contingent) bidding auctions; and real-time bidding in all electronic auction designs. The following service-specific rules, which are redundant with all or part of § 1.2103, are removed: §§ 21.951(a)–(a)(1); 22.203; 22.961; 24.702; 90.802; 90.902; 90.1003; 100.72; 101.1102; and 101.1202.

8. *Competitive bidding mechanisms.* Section 1.2104 of the Commission's rules describes the mechanisms used to implement the Commission's competitive bidding design provisions. This rule also sets forth the treatment of bid withdrawal, down and full payment default, and bidder disqualification. The following service-specific rules redundant with all or part of the competitive bidding design mechanism provisions of § 1.2104 are modified or removed: §§ 21.951(a)(2)–(c); 22.205; 22.962; 25.402; 27.202; 73.5001; 90.803; 90.903(c)–(f); 90.1005; 90.1015(b); 100.73; 101.1103; and 101.1203. Also, the following service-specific rules, which conflict or are redundant with all or part of the bid withdrawal, down or full payment default, and disqualification payment rules of § 1.2104, are removed: §§ 21.959(a)–(b); 22.207; 22.215(b); 22.963; 24.704; 27.203; 73.5004(a); 90.805; 90.905; 90.1007; 100.74; and 100.78(b).

9. *Bidding application and certification procedures; prohibition of collusion.* Section 1.2105 of the Commission's rules describes the short-form application ("FCC Form 175") and certification procedures and the prohibition against applicant collusion.

Section 1.2105 sets forth the information and certifications that applicants must provide to participate in an auction. This section also prohibits applicants from communicating with each other about bids, bidding strategies, or settlements if the applicants are bidding on licenses in the same geographic area unless applicants are members of bidding arrangements identified on a bidder's short-form application. This prohibition period commences at the short-form application filing deadline and concludes at the post-auction down payment deadline. The following service-specific rules, which are redundant with all or part of the part 1 short-form application and certification procedures in § 1.2105, are removed in whole or in part: §§ 21.952; 22.209; 22.227; 22.964; 24.709(a)(4)–(5); 27.204(a)–(b); 90.806; 90.906; 90.1009; 100.75; 101.531(a); 101.1104; and 101.1204. Also, the following service-specific rules, which are redundant with all or part of the prohibition on collusion in § 1.2105, are modified or removed in whole or in part: §§ 21.953; 25.405; 27.204(c); and 100.79.

10. *Submission of upfront payments.* Section 1.2106 of the Commission's rules describes the procedures for submitting upfront payments, *i.e.*, the sums an applicant that complies with the short-form application requirements tenders to the Commission before an auction in order to be qualified to bid. The following service-specific rules, which conflict or are redundant with all or part of § 1.2106 of the Commission's rules, are removed in whole or in part: §§ 21.954; 22.211(a); 22.965(a); 24.706(a), (c); 24.711(a)(1); 24.716(a)(1); 27.205; 73.5003(a); 90.807(a); 90.907(a); 90.1011(a); 100.76(a); 101.1105(a); and 101.1205(a).

11. *Submission of down and full payments, and filing of long-form applications.* Section 1.2107 of the Commission's rules describes the procedures for submitting down and full payments and filing the long-form application ("FCC Form 601"). The Bureau recognizes that other licensing bureaus may use different FCC Forms for their long-form application. The down payment is the sum that the winning bidder(s) must tender to the Commission after the auction closes to bring its total deposit(s) up to twenty (20) percent of its high bid(s). This payment assures the Commission that the winning bidder is able to tender the full amount of its bid when it later comes due. Unless otherwise specified by public notice, the down payment must be made within ten (10) business days after the winning bidder is notified

that it is the high bidder for a license(s). The Commission relies upon the long-form application to determine whether the winning bidder is qualified to be a licensee. The long-form application must be submitted within ten (10) business days after the winning bidder is notified that it is the high bidder. After submission of the down payment and long-form application, the winning bidder must submit the full payment due on the license(s) within ten (10) business days of notification that the license(s) is ready for grant, unless it qualifies to make installment payments. If the winning bidder fails to make the full payment within this time period, it is afforded an additional ten (10) day period to make full payment, provided that it also pays a late fee equal to five (5) percent of the amount due. The following service-specific rules, which conflict or are redundant with all or part of § 1.2107 of the Commission's rules, are modified or removed in whole or in part: §§ 21.955(a), (c); 21.958; 22.211(b); 22.213; 22.965(b); 24.706(b); 24.711(a)(2); 24.716(a)(2); 25.404(a), (b); 27.206; 73.3573(f)(5)(i); 73.5003(b)–(c); 74.1233(d)(5)(i); 90.807(b); 90.808; 90.907(b); 90.908; 90.1011(b); 90.1013; 100.76(b); 101.531; 101.1105(b); 101.1205(b); and 101.1206.

12. *Procedures for filing petitions to deny against long-form applications.* Section 1.2108 of the Commission's rules describes the timing and procedures for filing petitions to deny a winning bidder's long-form application. The period for filing a petition to deny commences after the Commission releases a public notice announcing that a long-form application has been accepted for filing. Section 1.2108 also provides that the length of time to file a petition to deny may vary on a service-specific basis, but cannot exceed ten (10) days. The following service-specific rules, which conflict or are redundant with all or part of § 1.2108 of the Commission's rules, are modified or removed: §§ 21.957; 90.1025(a); 101.1110; and 101.1207.

13. *License grant, denial, default, and disqualification.* Section 1.2109 of the Commission's rules addresses the consequences for a winning bidder that fails to timely make a down payment or full payment on its winning bid(s), withdraws its bid(s) after the auction has closed, violates the federal antitrust laws, or is otherwise found unqualified to be a licensee. The following service-specific rules, which conflict or are redundant with all or part of § 1.2109 of the Commission's rules, are modified or removed: §§ 21.959(c)–(e); 22.207; 22.215; 22.967; 24.708; 24.711(a)(2); 24.716(a)(2); 25.406; 27.208; 73.5004;

90.809(a); 90.909(a)–(b); 90.1015; and 100.78(a).

14. *Designated entities.* Section 1.2110 of the Commission's rules sets forth certain provisions applicable to designated entities—small businesses, businesses owned by members of minority groups and/or women, and rural telephone companies. This section also provides the eligibility criteria for small businesses, defines terms specific to designated entities, and addresses bidding credits and other financial incentives available to certain designated entities. The following service-specific rules, which are redundant with certain portions of § 1.2110 of the Commission's rules, are removed: §§ 21.955(b); 24.321(a)(7); 24.716(c); 27.210(b)(3)(ii), (c); 27.502(a)(7); 90.812(a); and 101.538(a)(8). The Bureau also modifies or removes the following service-specific rules in whole or in part because they conflict or are redundant with § 1.2110(b) of the Commission's rules, the part 1 eligibility criteria for small business status: §§ 21.961(b)(2); 22.223(b)(2)–(4); 24.321(a)(3)–(5); 24.709(a)(2); 24.720(b)(3)–(4); 27.210(b)(3); 27.502(a)(3)–(5); 80.1252(b)(3)–(4); 90.814(b)(2); 90.912(b)(3); 90.1021(b)(3); 90.1103(b)(3)–(4); 95.816(c)(3)–(4); 101.538(a)(5)–(6); and 101.1209(b)(2). The Bureau modifies the following service-specific rules by changing the term “controlling principal” to “controlling interest” to conform the rules with the Commission's general competitive bidding rules: §§ 90.912(b)(1)–(2); 90.913(a)(1); 90.1021(b)(1)–(2); 90.1023(a)(1); 101.1109(a)(1); and 101.1112(b)–(e). Additionally, the Bureau modifies or removes the following service-specific rules in whole or in part because they conflict or are redundant with certain portions of § 1.2110(c)(2) of the Commission's rules, the part 1 definition of “controlling interest”: §§ 22.223(e); 22.225(e); 24.321(b); 27.502(b); 80.1252(c); 90.814(g); 90.1103(c); 95.816(d); and 101.538(b). The Bureau also modifies § 24.709 to clarify its applicability to existing licensees.

15. *Assignment or transfer of control: unjust enrichment.* Section 1.2111 of the Commission's rules contains the procedures and reporting requirements for assigning or transferring licenses. This section also contains the rules for partitioning a license and disaggregating spectrum, including the related matters of unjust enrichment, bidding credits, installment payments, the length of the license term, and construction requirements. The following service-

specific rules, which are redundant with all or part of § 1.2111 of the Commission's rules, are modified or removed in whole or in part: §§ 21.960(b)(5)(i)–(ii), (d)(1); 22.217(b); 24.711(c); 24.712(c); 24.714(c); 24.716(d); 24.717(c); 27.15(c); 27.209(d); 73.5009(a); 90.810(b); 90.812(b); 90.813(c), (d)(2)(i); 90.910(b); 90.911(c); 90.1017(b); 95.823(c)(1); 101.56(i); 101.535(a)(1), (c); 101.1107(e); 101.1208(b); 101.1319(c); and 101.1323(c).

16. *Ownership disclosure requirements for short- and long-form applications.* Section 1.2112 of the Commission's rules contains the Commission's ownership disclosure requirements for both the short-form application, which is a pre-requisite to participation in an auction, and the long-form application, which is filed by the winning bidder(s) to assist the Commission in determining whether the winning bidder is qualified to be a licensee. The Bureau modifies or removes §§ 22.225(b), 90.815(a)–(b), 90.913(a)–(b), 90.1023(a)–(b), and 101.1109(a)–(b) because these service-specific rules are redundant with the ownership disclosure requirements set forth in § 1.2112 of the Commission's rules. The Bureau also modifies § 73.5009(b) to indicate that the ownership disclosure requirements found at § 1.2112(a) do not apply to the assignment or transfer of licenses or construction permits in the broadcast services subject to competitive bidding.

17. *Definitions.* Section 1.2110 of the Commission's rules provides uniform definitions for “affiliate,” “audits,” “businesses owned by members of minority groups and/or women,” “controlling interests,” “eligibility for small business provisions,” “gross revenues,” and “rural telephone company.” The Bureau modifies or removes the following rules in whole or in part because they conflict or are redundant with § 1.2110(c)(5) of the Commission's rules, the part 1 definition of “affiliate”: §§ 21.961(d); 22.223(d); 22.225(e); 24.709(g); 24.720(l); 27.210(d); 90.814(h); 90.815(e); 90.912(d); 90.913(d)(3); 90.1021(d); 90.1023(e); 90.1323(e); 101.1112(h); and 101.1209(e). The Bureau modifies the definition of “audits” in § 1.2110(m) to clarify that all applicants and licensees claiming designated entity status are subject to audits. Accordingly, the following service-specific rules, which are redundant with § 1.2110(m) of the Commission's rules, are removed: §§ 21.960(g); 22.225(d); 24.709(d); 90.815(d); 90.913(d); 90.1023(d); and 101.1109(d). The Bureau also removes

the following service-specific rules because they conflict or are redundant with § 1.2110(c)(3) of the Commission's rules, the part 1 definition for "businesses owned by members of minority groups and/or women": §§ 24.709(g); 24.720(i); 90.814(e)–(f); and 90.815(e). The Bureau removes the following service-specific rules in whole or in part because they conflict or are redundant with § 1.2110(n) of the Commission's rules, the part 1 definition of "gross revenues": §§ 21.961(c); 22.223(c); 22.225(e); 24.709(g); 24.720(f); 27.210(c); 90.814(d); 90.815(e); 90.912(c); 90.913(d)(3); 90.1021(c); 90.1023(e); 90.1323(e); 101.1112(g); and 101.1209(d). The Bureau also modifies or removes the following service-specific rules in whole or in part because they are redundant with § 1.2110(c)(4) of the Commission's rules, the part 1 definition of "rural telephone company": §§ 24.720(e); 90.814(c); and 101.1209(c). The Bureau also adds a definition of "total assets" to § 1.2110 of the Commission's rules to address the circumstances in which "total assets" information is relevant to the determination of whether an applicant (or licensee) is eligible for status as an entrepreneur. Accordingly, the Bureau deletes the redundant portions of the following service-specific rules that pertain to "total assets": §§ 24.709(g); 24.720(g); and 90.815(e).

18. *Technical/ministerial edits to Commission rules.* As a result of the conforming edits made in this Order, some of the service-specific competitive bidding rules refer to sections of the part 1 general competitive bidding rules that have been removed or modified. Accordingly, the Bureau modifies the following rules to eliminate or correct references to rules that have been removed or modified: §§ 1.2107(e); 1.2110(f)(3)(ii)(B), (f)(3)(iii)–(iv), (vii); 21.956(b)(3); 21.960(b)(4); 22.223(b)(3); 24.321(c)(1); 24.709; 24.711(b)–(b)(2); 24.712(a)–(b); 24.714(d)(1), (d)(2)(i), (iii), (d)(3)(i), (ii); 24.716(b)–(b)(2); 24.717(a)–(b); 24.720(b)(5), (c)(2), (j)(2), (k)(4), (n)(3)–(4); 27.15(d)–(e); 73.3571(h)(4)(i); 73.3573(f)(5)(ii); 73.5005(a); 73.5006(d); 80.1252(d); 90.705; 90.813(d)(2)(ii)–(iv), (3)(ii), (e), (f); 90.814(a)(3); 90.910(a); 90.1017(a); 90.1025(b); 90.1103(d); 95.816(e); 95.823(c)(2), (c)(2)(iii), (c)(3); 101.538(c); and 101.1319(b). Finally, the Bureau corrects errors in the following rules pursuant to its delegated authority under § 0.331(d) to make ministerial conforming edits: §§ 22.227; 24.711(b)(3)–(5); 73.5009; 90.809(b); 90.813(a); 90.909(c); 90.913(a); 95.816(f); and 101.538(a)(7).

IV. Ordering Clause

19. Parts 1, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 73, 74, 80, 90, 95, 100, and 101 of the Commission's rules are amended in accordance with the foregoing *Competitive Bidding Order* and as set forth and becomes effective August 8, 2002. This action is taken pursuant to the authority delegated by the Commission in the *Part 1 Fifth Report and Order*, 47 U.S.C. 155(c), and 47 CFR 0.131(c) and 0.331(d).

List of Subjects

47 CFR Parts 1 and 27

Communications common carriers.

47 CFR Parts 21, 22, 24, 25, 73, 74, 80, 90, 95, 100, and 101

Communications equipment.

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Rule Changes

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission amends 47 CFR parts 1, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 73, 74, 80, 90, 95, 100, and 101 as follows:

PART 1—PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

1. The authority citation for part 1 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i), 154(j), 155, 225, 303(r), 309 and 325(e).

2. Amend § 1.2107 by revising paragraph (e) to read as follows:

§ 1.2107 Submission of down payment and filing of long-form applications.

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(e) A winning bidder that seeks a bidding credit to serve a qualifying tribal land, as defined in § 1.2110(f)(3)(i), within a particular market must indicate on the long-form application (FCC Form 601) that it intends to serve a qualifying tribal land within that market.

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3. Amend § 1.2110 by revising paragraphs (b) introductory text, (b)(1), (f)(3)(ii)(B), (f)(3)(iii), (f)(3)(iv), (f)(3)(vii), and (m)(1) and adding new paragraph (o) to read as follows:

§ 1.2110 Designated entities.

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(b) Eligibility for small business and entrepreneur provisions.

(1) *Size attribution.* (i) The gross revenues of the applicant (or licensee), its controlling interests and their

affiliates shall be attributed to the applicant and considered on a cumulative basis and aggregated for purposes of determining whether the applicant (or licensee) is eligible for status as a small business. An applicant seeking status as a small business must disclose on its short- and long-form applications, separately and in the aggregate, the gross revenues of the applicant (or licensee), its controlling interests and their affiliates for each of the previous three years.

(ii) If applicable, the total assets of the applicant (or licensee), its controlling interests and their affiliates shall be attributed to the applicant and considered on a cumulative basis and aggregated for purposes of determining whether the applicant (or licensee) is eligible for status as an entrepreneur. An applicant seeking status as an entrepreneur must disclose on its short- and long-form applications, separately and in the aggregate, the gross revenues of the applicant (or licensee), its controlling interests and their affiliates for each of the previous two years.

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(B) In addition, within ninety (90) days after the filing deadline for long-form applications, the winning bidder must amend its long-form application and file a certification that it will comply with the buildout requirements set forth in § 1.2110(f)(vi) and consult with the tribal government regarding the siting of facilities and deployment of service on the tribal land.

(iii) *Bidding credit formula.* Subject to the applicable bidding credit limit set forth in § 1.2110(f)(3)(iv), the bidding credit shall equal three hundred thousand (300,000) dollars for the first two hundred (200) square miles (518 square kilometers) of qualifying tribal land, and fifteen hundred (1500) dollars for each additional square mile (2.590 square kilometers) of qualifying tribal land above two hundred (200) square miles (518 square kilometers).

(iv) *Bidding credit limit.* If the high bid is equal to or less than one million (1,000,000) dollars, the maximum bidding credit calculated pursuant to § 1.2110(f)(3)(iii) shall not exceed fifty (50) percent of the high bid. If the high bid is greater than one million (1,000,000) dollars, but equal to or less than two million (2,000,000) dollars, the maximum bidding credit calculated pursuant to § 1.2110(f)(3)(iii) shall not exceed five hundred thousand (500,000) dollars. If the high bid is greater than two million (2,000,000) dollars, the

maximum bidding credit calculated pursuant to § 21.2110(f)(3)(iii) shall not exceed twenty-five (25) percent of the high bid.

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(vii) *Performance penalties.* If a recipient of a bidding credit under this section fails to provide the post-construction certification required by § 21.2110(f)(3)(vi), then it shall repay the bidding credit amount in its entirety, plus interest. The interest will be based on the rate for ten-year U.S. Treasury obligations applicable on the date the license is granted. Such payment shall be made within thirty (30) days of the third anniversary of the initial grant of its license.

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(1) Applicants and licensees claiming eligibility shall be subject to audits by the Commission, using in-house and contract resources. Selection for audit may be random, on information, or on the basis of other factors.

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(o) *Total assets.* Total assets shall mean the book value (except where generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) require market valuation) of all property owned by an entity, whether real or personal, tangible or intangible, as evidenced by the most recently audited financial statements or certified by the applicant's chief financial officer or its equivalent if the applicant does not otherwise use audited financial statements.

PART 21—DOMESTIC PUBLIC FIXED RADIO SERVICES

4. The authority citation for part 21 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Secs. 1, 2, 4, 201–205, 208, 215, 218, 303, 307, 313, 403, 404, 410, 602, 48 Stat. as amended, 1064, 1066, 1070–1073, 1076, 1077, 1080, 1082, 1083, 1087, 1094, 1098, 1102; 47 U.S.C. 151, 154, 201–205, 208, 215, 218, 303, 307, 313, 314, 403, 404, 602; 47 U.S.C. 552, 554.

5. Revise § 21.950 to read as follows:

§ 21.950 MDS subject to competitive bidding.

Mutually exclusive initial applications for MDS licenses are subject to competitive bidding. The general competitive bidding procedures set forth in part 1, subpart Q of this chapter will apply unless otherwise provided in this part.

§ 21.951 through § 21.953 [Removed and Reserved]

6. Remove and reserve § 21.951 through § 21.953.

7. Revise § 21.954 to read as follows:

§ 21.954 Submission of upfront payments.

Applicants who are small businesses eligible for reduced upfront payments will be required to submit an upfront payment amount in accordance with § 21.960(c).

§ 21.955 [Removed and Reserved]

8. Remove and reserve § 21.955.

9. Amend § 21.956 by revising paragraph (b)(3) to read as follows:

§ 21.956 Filing of long-form applications or statements of intention.

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(3) An exhibit complying with §§ 1.2110(j) of this chapter and 21.960(e), if the winning bidder submitting the long-form application or statement of intention claims status as a designated entity.

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10. Revise § 21.957 to read as follows:

§ 21.957 Comments on statements of intention.

In addition to the provisions of § 21.30, parties wishing to comment or oppose the issuance of a BTA authorization in connection with the filing of a statement of intention by a winning bidder must do so prior to the Commission's issuance of the BTA authorization.

11. Revise § 21.958 to read as follows:

§ 21.958 Issuance of BTA licenses.

A winning bidder who submitted a long-form application for an MDS station license within its BTA service area pursuant to § 21.956(a) will receive its BTA authorization concurrent with the grant of its MDS conditional station license within its BTA service area. A winning bidder who submitted a statement of intention with regard to its BTA service area pursuant to § 21.956(a) will receive its BTA authorization following the Commission's review of its statement of intention. The Commission will issue a BTA authorization to a winning bidder within ten (10) business days following notification of receipt of full payment of the amount of the winning bid.

§ 21.959 [Removed and Reserved]

12. Remove and reserve § 21.959.

13. Amend § 21.960 by revising paragraph (b)(5) and removing paragraphs (d)(1), (d)(2) and (g) to read as follows:

§ 21.960 Designated entity provisions for MDS.

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(b) * * *

(5) Unjust enrichment. If an eligible BTA authorization holder that utilizes

installment financing under this subsection seeks to partition, pursuant to § 21.931, a portion of its BTA containing one-third or more of the population of the area within its control in the licensed BTA to an entity not meeting the eligibility standards for installment payments, the holder must make full payment of the remaining unpaid principal and any unpaid interest accrued through the date of partition as a condition of approval.

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§ 21.961 [Amended]

14. Amend § 21.961 by removing paragraphs (b)(2), (c) and (d) and by redesignating paragraph (b)(3) as (b)(2).

PART 22—PUBLIC MOBILE SERVICES

15. The authority citation for part 22 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 222, 303, 309, and 332.

16. Revise § 22.201 to read as follows:

§ 22.201 Paging geographic area authorizations are subject to competitive bidding.

Mutually exclusive initial applications for paging geographic area licenses are subject to competitive bidding. The general competitive bidding procedures set forth in part 1, subpart Q of this chapter will apply unless otherwise provided in this subpart and part 90 of this chapter.

§ 22.203 through § 22.211 [Removed and Reserved]

17. Remove and reserve § 22.203 and § 22.211.

18. Revise § 22.213 to read as follows:

§ 22.213 Filing of long-form applications.

After an auction, the Commission will not accept long form applications for paging geographic authorizations from anyone other than the auction winners and parties seeking partitioned authorizations pursuant to agreements with auction winners under § 22.221.

§ 22.215 [Removed and Reserved]

19. Remove and reserve § 22.215.

20. Revise § 22.217 to read as follows:

§ 22.217 Bidding credit for small businesses.

A winning bidder that qualifies as a small business or a consortium of small businesses as defined in § 22.223(b)(1)(i) may use a bidding credit of thirty-five (35) percent to lower the cost of its winning bid. A winning bidder that qualifies as a small business or consortium of small businesses as defined in § 22.223(b)(1)(ii) may use a bidding credit of twenty-five (25)

percent to lower the cost of its winning bid.

21. Amend § 22.223 by removing paragraphs (b)(2), (b)(4), (c), (d) and (e), redesignating paragraph (b)(3) as (b)(2) and by revising newly redesignated paragraph (b)(2) to read as follows:

§ 22.223 Definitions concerning competitive bidding process.

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(b) * * *

(2) A consortium of small businesses is a conglomerate organization formed as a joint venture between or among mutually independent business firms, each of which individually satisfies the definition of a small business in paragraph (b)(1)(i) or (b)(1)(ii) of this section. Each individual member must establish its eligibility as a small business, as defined in this section.

22. Revise § 22.225 to read as follows:

§ 22.225 Certifications, disclosures, records maintenance, and definitions.

(a) *Short-form applications: certifications and disclosure.* In addition to certifications and disclosures required by part 1, subpart Q of this chapter, each applicant for a paging license which qualifies as a small business or consortium of small businesses shall append the following information as an exhibit to its FCC Form 175: the identity of the applicant's controlling interest and affiliates, and, if a consortium of small businesses, the members of the joint venture.

(b) *Records maintenance.* All winning bidders qualifying as small businesses shall maintain at their principal place of business an updated file of ownership, revenue, and asset information, including any documents necessary to establish small businesses under § 22.223. Licensees (and their successors-in-interest) shall maintain such files for the term of the license. Applicants that do not obtain the license(s) for which they applied shall maintain such files until the grant of such license(s) is final, or one year from the date of the filing of their short-form application (FCC Form 175), whichever is earlier.

(c) *Definitions.* The terms small business and consortium of small businesses used in this section are defined in § 22.223.

23. Revise § 22.227 to read as follows:

§ 22.227 Petitions to deny and limitations on settlements.

(a) Procedures regarding petitions to deny long-form applications in the paging service will be governed by § 1.939 of this chapter.

(b) The consideration that an individual or an entity will be permitted

to receive for agreeing to withdraw an application or petition to deny will be limited by the provisions set forth in § 1.935 of this chapter.

24. Revise § 22.228 to read as follows:

§ 22.228 Cellular rural service area licenses subject to competitive bidding.

Mutually exclusive initial applications for Cellular Rural Service Area licenses are subject to competitive bidding. The general competitive bidding procedures set forth in part 1, subpart Q of this chapter will apply unless otherwise provided in this subpart.

25. Revise § 22.960 to read as follows:

§ 22.960 Cellular unserved area radiotelephone licenses subject to competitive bidding.

Mutually exclusive initial applications for cellular unserved area Phase I and Phase II licenses filed after July 26, 1993 are subject to competitive bidding. The general competitive bidding procedures set forth in part 1, subpart Q of this chapter will apply unless otherwise provided in this subpart.

§§ 22.961 through 22.967 [Removed and Reserved]

26. Remove and reserve §§ 22.961 through 22.967.

PART 24—PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

27. The authority citation for part 24 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 301, 302, 303, 309 and 332.

28. Revise § 24.301 to read as follows:

§ 24.301 Narrowband PCS subject to competitive bidding.

Mutually exclusive initial applications for narrowband PCS service licenses are subject to competitive bidding. The general competitive bidding procedures set forth in part 1, subpart Q of this chapter will apply unless otherwise provided in this subpart.

29. Revise § 24.321 to read as follows:

§ 24.321 Designated entities.

(a) *Eligibility for small business provisions.* (1) A small business is an entity that, together with its controlling interests and affiliates, has average gross revenues not exceeding \$ 40 million for the preceding three years.

(2) A very small business is an entity that, together with its controlling interests and affiliates, has average gross revenues not exceeding \$ 15 million for the preceding three years.

(3) A consortium of small businesses (or a consortium of very small

businesses) is a conglomerate organization formed as a joint venture between or among mutually independent business firms, each of which individually satisfies the definition in paragraph (a)(1) of this section (or each of which individually satisfies the definition in paragraph (a)(2) of this section). Where an applicant or licensee is a consortium of small businesses (or very small businesses), the gross revenues of each small business (or very small business) shall not be aggregated.

(b) *Bidding credits.* (1) After August 7, 2000, a winning bidder that qualifies as a small business or a consortium of small businesses as defined in this section may use the bidding credit specified in § 1.2110(f)(2)(iii) of this chapter. A winning bidder that qualifies as a very small business or a consortium of very small businesses as defined in this section may use the bidding credit specified in § 1.2110(f)(2)(ii) of this chapter.

(2)(i) Businesses owned by members of minority groups and women, including small businesses owned by members of minority groups and women, that are winning bidders on nationwide licenses on Channel 5, Channel 8, and Channel 11 prior to August 7, 2000 will be eligible for a twenty-five (25) percent bidding credit.

(ii) Businesses owned by members of minority groups and women, including small businesses owned by members of minority groups and women, that are winning bidders on regional licenses on Channel 13 and Channel 17 prior to August 7, 2000 will be eligible for a forty (40) percent bidding credit.

(c) *Installment payments.* Small businesses, including small businesses owned by members of minority groups and women, that are winning bidders on any regional license prior to August 7, 2000 will be eligible to pay the full amount of their winning bids in installments over the term of the license pursuant to the terms set forth in § 1.2110(g) of this chapter.

30. Revise § 24.701 to read as follows:

§ 24.701 Broadband PCS subject to competitive bidding.

Mutually exclusive initial applications for broadband PCS service licenses are subject to competitive bidding. The general competitive bidding procedures set forth in part 1, subpart Q of this chapter will apply unless otherwise provided in this subpart.

§ 24.702 [Removed and Reserved]

31. Remove and reserve § 24.702.

§ 24.704 [Removed and Reserved]

32. Remove and reserve § 24.704.

§ 24.706 [Removed and Reserved]

33. Remove and reserve § 24.706.

§ 24.708 [Removed and Reserved]

34. Remove and reserve § 24.708.

35. Revise § 24.709 to read as follows:

§ 24.709 Eligibility for licenses for frequency Blocks C or F.

(a) *General rule for licenses offered for closed bidding.* (1) No application is acceptable for filing and no license shall be granted to a winning bidder in closed bidding for frequency block C or frequency block F, unless the applicant, together with its affiliates and persons or entities that hold interests in the applicant and their affiliates, have had gross revenues of less than \$125 million in each of the last two years and total assets of less than \$500 million at the time the applicant's short-form application (Form 175) is filed.

(2) Any licensee awarded a license won in closed bidding pursuant to the eligibility requirements of this section (or pursuant to § 24.839(a)(2)) shall maintain its eligibility until at least five years from the date of initial license grant, except that a licensee's (or other attributable entity's) increased gross revenues or increased total assets due to nonattributable equity investments (i.e., from sources whose gross revenues and total assets are not considered under paragraph (b) of this section), debt financing, revenue from operations or other investments, business development, or expanded service shall not be considered.

(3) Tiers. (i) For purposes of determining spectrum to which the eligibility requirements of this section are applicable, the BTA service areas (see § 24.202(b)) are divided into two tiers according to their population as follows:

(A) *Tier 1:* BTA service areas with population equal to or greater than 2.5 million;

(B) *Tier 2:* BTA service areas with population less than 2.5 million.

(ii) For Auction No. 35, the population of individual BTA service areas will be based on the 1990 census. For auctions beginning after the start of Auction No. 35, the population of individual BTA service areas will be based on the most recent available decennial census.

(4) Application of eligibility requirements. (i) The following categories of licenses will be subject to closed bidding pursuant to the eligibility requirements of this section in auctions that begin after the effective date of this paragraph.

(A) For Tier 1 BTAs, one of the 10 MHz C block licenses (1895–1900 MHz paired with 1975–1980 MHz);

(B) For Tier 2 BTAs, two of the 10 MHz C block licenses (1895–1900 MHz paired with 1975–1980 MHz; 1900–1905 MHz paired with 1980–1985 MHz) and all 15 MHz C block licenses.

(ii) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a)(4)(i) of this section, any C block license for operation on spectrum that has been offered, but not won by a bidder, in closed bidding in any auction beginning on or after March 23, 1999, will not be subject in a subsequent auction to closed bidding pursuant to the eligibility requirements of this section.

(5) Special rule for licensees disaggregating or returning certain spectrum in frequency block C.

(i) In addition to entities qualifying for closed bidding under paragraph (a)(1) of this section, any entity that was eligible for and participated in the auction for frequency block C, which began on December 18, 1995, or the reauction for frequency block C, which began on July 3, 1996, will be eligible to bid for C block licenses offered in closed bidding in any reauction of frequency block C spectrum that begins within two years of March 23, 1999.

(ii) In cases of merger, acquisition, or other business combination of entities, where each of the entities is eligible to bid for C block licenses offered in closed bidding in any reauction of C block spectrum on the basis of the eligibility exception set forth in paragraph (a)(5)(i) of this section, the resulting entity will also be eligible for the exception specified in paragraph (a)(5)(i) of this section.

(iii) In cases of merger, acquisition, or other business combination of entities, where one or more of the entities are ineligible for the exception set forth in paragraph (a)(5)(i) of this section, the resulting entity will not be eligible pursuant to paragraph (a)(5)(i) of this section unless an eligible entity possesses *de jure* and *de facto* control over the resulting entity.

(iv) The following restrictions will apply for any reauction of frequency block C spectrum conducted after March 24, 1998:

(A) Applicants that elected to disaggregate and surrender to the Commission 15 MHz of spectrum from any or all of their frequency block C licenses, as provided in Amendment of the Commission's Rules Regarding Installment Payment Financing for Personal Communications Services (PCS) Licensees, Second Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making, WT Docket No. 97–82, 12

FCC Rcd 16,436 (1997), as modified by the Order on Reconsideration of the Second Report and Order, WT Docket No. 97–82, FCC 98–46 (rel. Mar. 24, 1998), will not be eligible to apply for such disaggregated spectrum until 2 years from the start of the reauction of that spectrum.

(B) Applicants that surrendered to the Commission any of their frequency block C licenses, as provided in Amendment of the Commission's Rules Regarding Installment Payment Financing for Personal Communications Services (PCS) Licensees, Second Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making, WT Docket No. 97–82, 12 FCC Rcd 16,436 (1997), as modified by the Order on Reconsideration of the Second Report and Order, WT Docket No. 97–82, FCC 98–46 (rel. Mar. 24, 1998), will not be eligible to apply for the licenses that they surrendered to the Commission until 2 years from the start of the reauction of those licenses if they elected to apply a credit of 70% of the down payment they made on those licenses toward the prepayment of licenses they did not surrender.

(b) *Exceptions to general rule.*

(1) *Scope.* The following provisions apply to licenses acquired in Auctions No. 5, 10, 11 or 22, or pursuant to § 24.839(a)(2) or (a)(3) prior to October 30, 2000.

(i) *Small business consortia.* Where an applicant (or licensee) is a consortium of small businesses, the gross revenues and total assets of each small business shall not be aggregated.

(ii) *Publicly-traded corporations.* Where an applicant (or licensee) is a publicly traded corporation with widely dispersed voting power, the gross revenues and total assets of a person or entity that holds an interest in the applicant (or licensee), and its affiliates, shall not be considered.

(iii) *25 Percent equity exception.* The gross revenues and total assets of a person or entity that holds an interest in the applicant (or licensee), and its affiliates, shall not be considered so long as:

(A) Such person or entity, together with its *affiliates*, holds only *nonattributable equity* equaling no more than 25 percent of the applicant's (or licensee's) total equity;

(B) Except as provided in paragraph (b)(1)(v) of this section, such person or entity is not a member of the applicant's (or licensee's) *control group*; and

(C) The applicant (or licensee) has a *control group* that complies with the minimum equity requirements of paragraph (b)(1)(v) of this section, and, if the applicant (or licensee) is a

corporation, owns at least 50.1 percent of the applicant's (or licensee's) voting interests, and, if the applicant (or licensee) is a partnership, holds all of its general partnership interests.

(iv) *49.9 Percent equity exception.* The gross revenues and total assets of a person or entity that holds an interest in the applicant (or licensee), and its affiliates, shall not be considered so long as:

(A) Such person or entity, together with its affiliates, holds only *nonattributable equity* equaling no more than 49.9 percent of the applicant's (or licensee's) total equity;

(B) Except as provided in paragraph (b)(1)(vi) of this section, such person or entity is not a member of the applicant's (or licensee's) *control group*; and

(C) The applicant (or licensee) has a *control group* that complies with the minimum equity requirements of paragraph (b)(1)(vi) of this section and, if the applicant (or licensee) is a corporation, owns at least 50.1 percent of the applicant's (or licensee's) voting interests, and, if the applicant (or licensee) is a partnership, holds all of its general partnership interests.

(v) *Control group minimum 25 percent equity requirement.* In order to be eligible to exclude gross revenues and total assets of persons or entities identified in paragraph (b)(1)(iii) of this section, and applicant (or licensee) must comply with the following requirements:

(A) Except for an applicant (or licensee) whose sole control group member is a *preexisting entity*, as provided in paragraph (b)(1)(v)(B) of this section, at the time the applicant's short-form application (Form 175) is filed and until at least three years following the date of initial license grant, the applicant's (or licensee's) control group must own at least 25 percent of the applicant's (or licensee's) total equity as follows:

(1) At least 15 percent of the applicant's (or licensee's) total equity must be held by *qualifying investors*, either unconditionally or in the form of options exercisable, at the option of the holder, at any time and at any exercise price equal to or less than the market value at the time the applicant files its short-form application (Form 175);

(2) Such *qualifying investors* must hold 50.1 percent of the voting stock and all general partnership interests within the control group, and must have *de facto* control of the control group and of the applicant;

(3) The remaining 10 percent of the applicant's (or licensee's) total equity may be owned, either unconditionally or in the form of stock options, by any

of the following entities, which may not comply with § 24.720(i)(1):

(i) *Institutional Investors*;

(ii) Noncontrolling *existing investors* in any *preexisting entity* that is a member of the *control group*;

(iii) Individuals that are members of the applicant's (or licensee's) management; or

(iv) *Qualifying investors*, as specified in § 24.720(i)(4).

(4) Following termination of the three-year period specified in paragraph

(b)(1)(v)(A) of this section, *qualifying investors* must continue to own at least 10 percent of the applicant's (or licensee's) total equity unconditionally or in the form of stock options subject to the restrictions in paragraph (b)(1)(v)(A)(1) of this section. The restrictions specified in paragraphs (b)(1)(v)(A)(3)(i) through

(b)(1)(v)(A)(3)(iv) of this section no longer apply to the remaining equity after termination of such three-year period.

(B) At the election of an applicant (or licensee) whose *control group's* sole member is a *preexisting entity*, the 25 percent minimum equity requirements set forth in paragraph (b)(1)(v)(A) of this section shall apply, except that only 10 percent of the applicant's (or licensee's) total equity must be held in *qualifying investors*, and that the remaining 15 percent of the applicant's (or licensee's) total equity may be held by *qualifying investors*, or noncontrolling *existing investors* in such *control group* member or individuals that are members of the applicant's (or licensee's) management. These restrictions on the identity of the holder(s) of the remaining 15 percent of the licensee's total equity no longer apply after termination of the three-year period specified in paragraph (b)(1)(v)(A) of this section.

(vi) *Control group minimum 50.1 percent equity requirement.* In order to be eligible to exclude gross revenues and total assets of persons or entities identified in paragraph (b)(1)(iv) of this section, an applicant (or licensee) must comply with the following requirements:

(A) Except for an applicant (or licensee) whose sole control group member is a *preexisting entity*, as provided in paragraph (b)(1)(vi)(B) of this section, at the time the applicant's short-form application (Form 175) is filed and until at least three years following the date of initial license grant, the applicant's (or licensee's) control group must own at least 50.1 percent of the applicant's (or licensee's) total equity as follows:

(1) At least 30 percent of the applicant's (or licensee's) total equity

must be held by *qualifying investors*, either unconditionally or in the form of options, exercisable at the option of the holder, at any time and at any exercise price equal to or less than the market value at the time the applicant files its short-form application (Form 175);

(2) Such *qualifying investors* must hold 50.1 percent of the voting stock and all general partnership interests within the control group and must have *de facto* control of the control group and of the applicant;

(3) The remaining 20.1 percent of the applicant's (or licensee's) total equity may be owned by *qualifying investors*, either unconditionally or in the form of stock options not subject to the restrictions of paragraph (b)(1)(vi)(A)(1) of this section, or by any of the following entities which may not comply with § 24.720(i)(1):

(i) *Institutional investors*, either unconditionally or in the form of stock options;

(ii) Noncontrolling *existing investors* in any *preexisting entity* that is a member of the *control group*, either unconditionally or in the form of stock options;

(iii) Individuals that are members of the applicant's (or licensee's) management, either unconditionally or in the form of stock options; or

(iv) *Qualifying investors*, as specified in § 24.720(i)(4).

(4) Following termination of the three-year period specified in paragraph (b)(1)(vi)(A) of this section, *qualifying investors* must continue to own at least 20 percent of the applicant's (or licensee's) total equity unconditionally or in the form of stock options subject to the restrictions in paragraph (b)(1)(vi)(A)(1) of this section. The restrictions specified in paragraph (b)(1)(vi)(A)(3)(i) through (b)(1)(vi)(A)(3)(iv) of this section no longer apply to the remaining equity after termination of such three-year period.

(B) At the election of an applicant (or licensee) whose *control group's* sole member is a *preexisting entity*, the 50.1 percent minimum equity requirements set forth in paragraph (b)(1)(vi)(A) of this section shall apply, except that only 20 percent of the applicant's (or licensee's) total equity must be held by *qualifying investors*, and that the remaining 30.1 percent of the applicant's (or licensee's) total equity may be held by *qualifying investors*, or noncontrolling *existing investors* in such *control group* member or individuals that are members of the applicant's (or licensee's) management. These restrictions on the identity of the holder(s) of the remaining 30.1 percent

of the licensee's total equity no longer apply after termination of the three-year period specified in paragraph (b)(1)(vi)(A) of this section.

(vii) *Calculation of certain interests.* Except as provided in paragraphs (b)(1)(v) and (b)(1)(vi) of this section, ownership interests shall be calculated on a fully diluted basis; all agreements such as warrants, stock options and convertible debentures will generally be treated as if the rights thereunder already have been fully exercised, except that such agreements may not be used to appear to terminate or divest ownership interests before they actually do so, in order to comply with the *nonattributable equity* requirements in paragraphs (b)(1)(iii)(A) and (b)(1)(iv)(A) of this section.

(viii) *Aggregation of affiliate interests.* Persons or entities that hold interest in an applicant (or licensee) that are affiliates of each other or have an identify of interests identified in § 1.2110(c)(5)(iii) will be treated as though they were one person or entity and their ownership interests aggregated for purposes of determining an applicant's (or licensee's) compliance with the *nonattributable equity* requirements in paragraphs (b)(1)(iii)(A) and (b)(1)(iv)(A) of this section.

Example 1 for paragraph (b)(1)(viii). ABC Corp. is owned by individuals, A, B, and C, each having an equal one-third voting interest in ABC Corp. A and B together, with two-thirds of the stock have the power to control ABC Corp. and have an identity of interest. If A & B invest in DE Corp., a broadband PCS applicant for block C, A and B's separate interests in DE Corp. must be aggregated because A and B are to be treated as one person.

Example 2 for paragraph (b)(1)(viii). ABC Corp. has subsidiary BC Corp., of which it holds a controlling 51 percent of the stock. If ABC Corp. and BC Corp., both invest in DE Corp., their separate interests in DE Corp. must be aggregated because ABC Corp. and BC Corp. are affiliates of each other.

(2) *The following provisions apply to licenses acquired pursuant to § 24.839(a)(2) or (a)(3) on or after October 30, 2000.* In addition to the eligibility requirements set forth at 24.709(a) and (b), applicants and/or licensees seeking to acquire C and/or F block licenses pursuant to 24.839(a)(2) or (a)(3) will be subject to the controlling interest standard in 1.2110(c)(2) of this chapter for purposes of determining unjust enrichment payment obligations. See § 1.2111 of this chapter.

(c) *Short-form and long-form applications: Certifications and disclosure.*

(1) *Short-form application.* In addition to certifications and

disclosures required by part 1, subpart Q of this chapter, each applicant to participate in closed bidding for frequency block C or frequency block F shall certify on its short-form application (Form 175) that it is eligible to bid on and obtain such license(s), and (if applicable) that it is eligible for designated entity status pursuant to this section and § 24.720, and shall append the following information as an exhibit to its Form 175:

(i) *For all applicants:* The applicant's gross revenues and total assets, computed in accordance with paragraphs (a) of this section and § 1.2110(b)(1) through (b)(2) of this chapter.

(ii) For all applicants that participated in Auction Nos. 5, 10, 11, and/or 22:

(A) The identity of each member of the applicant's *control group*, regardless of the size of each member's total interest in the applicant, and the percentage and type of interest held;

(B) The citizenship and the gender or minority group classification for each member of the applicant's *control group* if the applicant is claiming status as a *business owned by members of minority groups and/or women*;

(C) The status of each *control group* member that is an *institutional investor*, an *existing investor*, and/or a member of the applicant's management;

(D) The identify of each *affiliate* of the applicant and each affiliate of individuals or entities identified pursuant to paragraphs (c)(1)(ii)(A) and (c)(1)(ii)(C) of this section;

(E) A certification that the applicant's sole *control group* member is a *preexisting entity*, if the applicant makes the election in either paragraph (b)(1)(v)(B) or (b)(1)(vi)(B) of this section; and

(F) For an applicant that is a *publicly traded corporation with widely disbursed voting power*:

(1) A certified statement that such applicant complies with the requirements of the definition of *publicly traded corporation with widely disbursed voting power* set forth in § 24.720(h);

(2) The identify of each *affiliate* of the applicant.

(iii) For each applicant claiming status as a *small business consortium*, the information specified in paragraph (c)(1)(ii) of this section, for each member of such consortium.

(2) *Long-form application.* In addition to the requirements in subpart I of this part and other applicable rules (e.g., §§ 20.6(e) and 20.9(b) of this chapter), each applicant submitting a long-form application for a license(s) for frequency

block C or F shall in an exhibit to its long-form application:

(i) Disclose separately and in the aggregate the *gross revenues* and *total assets*, computed in accordance with paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section, for each of the following: The applicant; the applicant's *affiliates*, the applicant's *control group* members; the applicant's attributable investors; and *affiliates* of its attributable investors;

(ii) List and summarize all agreements or other instruments (with appropriate references to specific provisions in the text of such agreements and instruments) that support the applicant's eligibility for a license(s) for frequency block C or frequency block F and its eligibility under §§ 24.711, 24.712, 24.714 and 24.720, including the establishment of *de facto* and *de jure* control; such agreements and instruments include articles of incorporation and bylaws, shareholder agreements, voting or other trust agreements, partnership agreements, management agreements, joint marketing agreements, franchise agreements, and any other relevant agreements (including letters of intent), oral or written; and

(iii) List and summarize any investor protection agreements and identify specifically any such provisions in those agreements identified pursuant to paragraph (c)(2)(ii) of this section, including rights of first refusal, supermajority clauses, options, veto rights, and rights to hire and fire employees and to appoint members to boards of directors or management committees.

(3) *Records maintenance.* All applicants, including those that are winning bidders, shall maintain at their principal place of business an updated file of ownership, revenue and asset information, including those documents referenced in paragraphs (c)(2)(ii) and (c)(2)(iii) of this section and any other documents necessary to establish eligibility under this section or under the definitions of *small business* and/or *business owned by members of minority groups and/or women*. Licensees (and their successors in interest) shall maintain such files for the term of the license. Applicants that do not obtain the license(s) for which they applied shall maintain such files until the grant of such license(s) is final, or one year from the date of the filing of their short-form application (Form 175), whichever is earlier.

(d) *Definitions.* The terms consortium of small businesses, control group, existing investor, institutional investor, nonattributable equity, preexisting entity, publicly traded corporation with

widely dispersed voting power, qualifying investor, and small business used in this section are defined in § 24.720.

36. Revise § 24.711 to read as follows:

§ 24.711 Installment payments for licenses for frequency Block C.

Installment payments. Each eligible licensee of frequency Block C may pay the remaining 90 percent of the net auction price for the license in installment payments pursuant to § 1.2110(f) of this chapter and under the following terms:

(a) For an eligible licensee with gross revenues exceeding \$75 million (calculated in accordance with § 1.2110(b) of this chapter and § 24.709(b)) in each of the two preceding years (calculated in accordance with § 1.2110(o) of this chapter), interest shall be imposed based on the rate for ten-year U.S. Treasury obligations applicable on the date the license is granted, plus 3.5 percent; payments shall include both principal and interest amortized over the term of the license.

(b) For an eligible licensee with gross revenues not exceeding \$75 million (calculated in accordance with § 1.2110(b) of this chapter and § 24.709(b)) in each of the two preceding years, interest shall be imposed based on the rate for ten-year U.S. Treasury obligations applicable on the date the license is granted, plus 2.5 percent; payments shall include interest only for the first year and payments of interest and principal amortized over the remaining nine years of the license term.

(c) For an eligible licensee that qualifies as a small business or as a consortium of small businesses, interest shall be imposed based on the rate for ten-year U.S. Treasury obligations applicable on the date the license is granted; payments shall include interest only for the first six years and payments of interest and principal amortized over the remaining four years of the license term.

37. Revise 24.712 to read as follows:

§ 24.712 Bidding credits for licenses won for frequency Block C.

(a) Except with respect to licenses won in closed bidding in auctions that begin after March 23, 1999, a winning bidder that qualifies as a small business or a consortium of small businesses as defined in § 24.720(b)(1) or § 24.720(b)(3) may use a bidding credit of fifteen percent, as specified in § 1.2110(f)(2)(iii) of this chapter, to lower the cost of its winning bid.

(b) Except with respect to licenses won in closed bidding in auctions that

begin after March 23, 1999, a winning bidder that qualifies as a very small business or a consortium of very small businesses as defined in § 24.720(b)(2) or § 24.720(b)(4) may use a bidding credit of twenty-five percent as specified in § 1.2110(f)(2)(ii) of this chapter, to lower the cost of its winning bid.

(c) *Unjust enrichment.* The unjust enrichment provisions of § 1.2111(d) and (e)(2) of this chapter shall not apply with respect to licenses acquired in either the auction for frequency block C that began on December 18, 1995, or the reauction of block C spectrum that began on July 3, 1996.

38. Amend § 24.714 by removing paragraph (c), redesignating paragraphs (d), (e), and (f) as paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) and revising newly redesignated paragraphs (c)(1), (c)(2)(i), (c)(2)(iii), (c)(3)(i), and (c)(3)(ii) to read as follows:

§ 24.714 Partitioned licenses and disaggregated spectrum.

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(c) * * *

(1) *Apportioning the balance on installment payment plans.* When a winning bidder elects to pay for its license through an installment payment plan pursuant to §§ 1.2110(g) of this chapter or 24.716, and partitions its licensed area or disaggregates spectrum to another party, the outstanding balance owed by the licensee on its installment payment plan (including accrued and unpaid interest) shall be apportioned between the licensee and partitionee or disaggregatee. Both parties will be responsible for paying their proportionate share of the outstanding balance to the U.S. Treasury. In the case of partitioning, the balance shall be apportioned based upon the ratio of the population of the partitioned area to the population of the entire original license area calculated based upon the most recent census data. In the case of disaggregation, the balance shall be apportioned based upon the ratio of the amount of spectrum disaggregated to the amount of spectrum allocated to the licensed area.

(2) * * *

(i) When a winning bidder elects to pay for its license through an installment payment plan, and partitions its license or disaggregates spectrum to another party that would not qualify for an installment payment plan or elects not to pay its share of the license through installment payments, the outstanding balance owed by the licensee (including accrued and unpaid interest) shall be apportioned according to § 24.714(c)(1).

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(iii) The licensee shall be permitted to continue to pay its pro rata share of the outstanding balance and shall receive new financing documents (promissory note, security agreement) with a revised payment obligation, based on the remaining amount of time on the original installment payment schedule. These financing documents will replace the licensee's existing financing documents, which shall be marked "superseded" and returned to the licensee upon receipt of the new financing documents. The original interest rate, established pursuant to § 1.2110(g)(3)(i) of this chapter at the time of the grant of the initial license in the market, shall continue to be applied to the licensee's portion of the remaining government obligation. The Bureau will require, as a further condition to approval of the partial assignment application, that the licensee execute and return to the U.S. Treasury the new financing documents within 30 days of the Public Notice conditionally granting the partial assignment application. Failure to meet this condition will result in the automatic cancellation of the grant of the partial assignment application.

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(3) * * *

(i) Where both parties to a partitioning or disaggregation agreement qualify for installment payments, the partitionee or disaggregatee will be permitted to make installment payments on its portion of the remaining government obligations, as calculated according to § 24.714(c)(1).

(ii) Each party will be required, as a condition to approval of the partial assignment application, to execute separate financing documents (promissory note, security agreement) agreeing to pay their pro rata portion of the balance due (including accrued and unpaid interest) based upon the installment payment terms for which they qualify under the rules. The financing documents must be returned to the U.S. Treasury within thirty (30) days of the Public Notice conditionally granting the partial assignment application. Failure by either party to meet this condition will result in the automatic cancellation of the grant of the partial assignment application. The interest rate, established pursuant to § 1.2110(g)(3)(i) of this chapter at the time of the grant of the initial license in the market, shall continue to be applied to both parties' portion of the balance due. Each party will receive a license for their portion of the partitioned market or disaggregated spectrum.

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39. Revise § 24.716 to read as follows:

§ 24.716 Installment payments for licenses for frequency Block F.

Installment Payments. Each eligible licensee of frequency Block F may pay the remaining 80 percent of the net auction price for the license in installment payments pursuant to § 1.2110(g) of this chapter and under the following terms:

(a) For an eligible licensee with gross revenues exceeding \$75 million (calculated in accordance with § 1.2110(b) of this chapter and, when applicable, § 24.709(b)) in each of the two preceding years (calculated in accordance with § 1.2110(o) of this chapter), interest shall be imposed based on the rate for ten-year U.S. Treasury obligations applicable on the date the license is granted, plus 3.5 percent; payments shall include both principal and interest amortized over the term of the license;

(b) For an eligible licensee with gross revenues not exceeding \$75 million (calculated in accordance with § 1.2110(b) of this chapter and, when applicable, § 24.709(b)) in each of the two preceding years (calculated in accordance with § 1.2110(o) of this chapter), interest shall be imposed based on the rate for ten-year U.S. Treasury obligations applicable on the date the license is granted, plus 2.5 percent; payments shall include interest only for the first year and payments of interest and principal amortized over the remaining nine years of the license term; or

(c) For an eligible licensee that qualifies as a small business or as a consortium of small businesses, interest shall be imposed based on the rate for ten-year U.S. Treasury obligations applicable on the date the license is granted; payments shall include interest only for the first two years and payments of interest and principal amortized over the remaining eight years of the license term.

40. Revise § 24.717 to read as follows:

§ 24.717 Bidding credits for licenses for frequency Block F.

(a) Except with respect to licenses won in closed bidding in auctions that begin after March 23, 1999, a winning bidder that qualifies as a small business or a consortium of small businesses as defined in § 24.720(b)(1) or § 24.720(b)(3) may use a bidding credit of fifteen percent, as specified in § 1.2110(f)(2)(iii) of this chapter, to lower the cost of its winning bid.

(b) Except with respect to licenses won in closed bidding in auctions that begin after March 23, 1999, a winning bidder that qualifies as a very small business or a consortium of very small

businesses as defined in § 24.720(b)(2) or § 24.720(b)(4) may use a bidding credit of twenty-five percent as specified in § 1.2110(f)(2)(ii) of this chapter, to lower the cost of its winning bid.

41. Revise § 24.720 to read as follows:

§ 24.720 Definitions.

(a) *Scope.* The definitions in this section apply to §§ 24.709 through 24.717, unless otherwise specified in those sections.

(b) *Small business; very small business; consortia.*

(1) A *small business* is an entity that, together with its *affiliates* and persons or entities that hold interest in such entity and their *affiliates*, has average annual *gross revenues* that are not more than \$40 million for the preceding three years.

(2) A *very small business* is an entity that, together with its *affiliates* and persons or entities that hold interests in such entity and their *affiliates*, has average annual *gross revenues* that are not more than \$15 million for the preceding three years.

(3) A *small business consortium* is a conglomerate organization formed as a joint venture between or among mutually independent business firms, each of which individually satisfies the definition of a *small business* in paragraph (b)(1) of this section.

(4) A *very small business consortium* is a conglomerate organization formed as a joint venture between or among mutually independent business firms, each of which individually satisfies the definition of a *very small business* in paragraph (b)(2) of this section.

(c) *Business Owned by Members of Minority Groups and/or Women.* A *business owned by members of minority groups and/or women* is an entity:

(1) In which the *qualifying investor* members of an applicant's *control group* are members of minority groups and/or women who are United States citizens; and

(2) That complies with the requirements of §§ 24.709(b)(1)(iii) and (b)(1)(v) or § 24.709(b)(1)(iv) and (b)(vi).

(d) *Small Business Owned by Members of Minority Groups and/or Women: Consortium of Small Businesses Owned by Members of Minority and/or Women.* A *Small business owned by members of minority groups and/or women* is an entity that meets the definitions in both paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section. A *consortium of small businesses owned by members of minority groups and/or women* is a conglomerate organization formed as a joint venture between mutually-independent business firms, each of

which individually satisfies the definitions in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section.

(e) *Institutional Investor.* An *institutional investor* is an insurance company, a bank holding stock in trust accounts through its trust department, or an investment company as defined in 15 U.S.C. 80a-3(a), including within such definition any entity that would otherwise meet the definition of investment company under 15 U.S.C. 80a-3(a) but is excluded by the exemptions set forth in 15 U.S.C. 80a-3(b) and (c), without regard to whether such entity is an issuer of securities; provided that, if such investment company is owned, in whole or in part, by other entities, such investment company, such other entities and the *affiliates* of such other entities, taken as a whole, must be primarily engaged in the business of investing, reinvesting or trading in securities or in distributing or providing investment management services for securities.

(f) *Nonattributable Equity.* (1) *Nonattributable equity* shall mean:

(i) For corporations, voting stock or non-voting stock that includes no more than twenty-five percent of the total voting equity, including the right to vote such stock through a voting trust or other arrangement;

(ii) For partnerships, joint ventures and other non-corporate entities, limited partnership interests and similar interests that do not afford the power to exercise control of the entity.

(2) For purposes of assessing compliance with the equity limits in §§ 24.709 (b)(1)(iii)(A) and (b)(1)(iv)(A), where such interests are not held directly in the applicant, the total equity held by a person or entity shall be determined by successive multiplication of the ownership percentages for each link in the vertical ownership chain.

(g) *Control Group.* A *control group* is an entity, or a group of individuals or entities, that possesses *de jure* control and *de facto* control of an applicant or licensee, and as to which the applicant's or licensee's charters, bylaws, agreements and any other relevant documents (and amendments thereto) provide:

(1) That the entity and/or its members own unconditionally at least 50.1 percent of the total voting interests of a corporation;

(2) That the entity and/or its members receive at least 50.1 percent of the annual distribution or any dividends paid on the voting stock of a corporation;

(3) That, in the event of dissolution or liquidation of a corporation, the entity and/or its members are entitled to

receive 100 percent of the value of each share of stock in its possession and a percentage of the retained earnings of the concern that is equivalent to the amount of equity held in the corporation; and

(4) That, for other types of businesses, the entity and/or its members have the right to receive dividends, profits and regular and liquidating distributions from the business in proportion to the amount of equity held in the business.

Note to Paragraph (g): Voting control does not always assure *de facto* control, such as for example, when the voting stock of the control group is widely dispersed (see e.g., § 1.2110(c)(5)(ii)(C) of this chapter).

(h) *Publicly Traded Corporation with Widely Dispersed Voting Power.* A publicly traded corporation with widely dispersed voting power is a business entity organized under the laws of the United States:

(1) Whose shares, debt, or other ownership interests are traded on an organized securities exchange within the United States;

(2) In which no person:

(i) Owns more than 15 percent of the equity; or

(ii) Possesses, directly or indirectly, through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise, the power to control the election of more than 15 percent of the members of the board of directors or other governing body of such publicly traded corporation; and

(3) Over which no person other than the management and members of the board of directors or other governing body of such publicly traded corporation, in their capacities as such, has *de facto* control.

(4) The term *person* shall be defined as in section 13(d) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (15 U.S.C. 78(m)), and shall also include investors that are commonly controlled under the indicia of control set forth in the definition of affiliate in § 1.2110(c)(5) of the Commission's rules.

(i) *Qualifying Investor; Qualifying Minority and/or Woman Investor.*

(1) A *qualifying investor* is a person who is (or holds an interest in) a member of the applicant's (or licensee's) control group and whose gross revenues and total assets, when aggregated with those of all other attributable investors and affiliates, do not exceed the gross revenues and total assets limits specified in § 24.709(a), or, in the case of an applicant (or licensee) that is a small business, do not exceed the gross revenues limit specified in paragraph (b) of this section.

(2) A *qualifying minority and/or woman investor* is a person who is a

qualifying investor under paragraph (i)(1) of this section, who is (or holds an interest in) a member of the applicant's (or licensee's) *control group* and who is a *member of a minority group* or a woman and a United States citizen.

(3) For purposes of assessing compliance with the minimum equity requirements of § 24.709(b)(1)(v) and (b)(1)(vi), where such equity interests are not held directly in the applicant, interests held by qualifying investors or qualifying minority and/or woman investors shall be determined by successive multiplication of the ownership percentages for each link in the vertical ownership chain.

(4) For purposes of § 24.709 (b)(1)(v)(A)(3) and (b)(1)(vi)(A)(3), a *qualifying investor* is a person who is (or holds an interest in) a member of the applicant's (or licensee's) control group and whose gross revenues and total assets do not exceed the gross revenues and total assets limits specified in § 24.709(a).

(j) *Preexisting entity; Existing investor.* A *preexisting entity* is an entity that was operating and earning revenues for at least two years prior to December 31, 1994. An *existing investor* is a person or entity that was an owner of record of a preexisting entity's equity as of November 10, 1994, and any person or entity acquiring *de minimis* equity holdings in a *preexisting entity* after that date.

Note to Paragraph (j): In applying the term *existing investor* to *de minimis* interests in preexisting entities obtained or increased after November 10, 1994, the Commission will scrutinize any significant restructuring of the *preexisting entity* that occurs after that date and will presume that any change of equity that is five percent or less of the *preexisting entity's* total equity is *de minimis*. The burden is on the applicant (or licensee) to demonstrate that changes that exceed five percent are not significant.

PART 25—SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS

42. The authority citation for part 25 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 701–744. Interprets or applies Sections 4, 301, 302, 303, 307, 309 and 332 of the Communications Act, as amended, 47 U.S.C. Sections 154, 301, 302, 303, 307, 309 and 332, unless otherwise noted.

43. Revise § 25.401 to read as follows:

§ 25.401 Satellite DARS applications subject to competitive bidding.

Mutually exclusive initial applications for DARS service licenses are subject to competitive bidding. The general competitive bidding procedures

set forth in part 1, subpart Q of this chapter will apply unless otherwise provided in this part.

§ 25.402 [Removed and Reserved]

44. Remove and reserve § 25.402.

45. Revise § 25.404 to read as follows:

§ 25.404 Submission of down payment and filing of long-form applications.

A high bidder that meets its down payment obligations in a timely manner must, within thirty (30) business days after being notified that it is a high bidder, submit an amendment to its pending application to provide the information required by § 25.144.

§ 25.405 through § 25.406 [Removed and Reserved]

46. Remove and reserve § 25.405 through § 25.406.

PART 27—MISCELLANEOUS WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

47. The authority citation for part 27 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 301, 302, 303, 307, 309, 332, 336, and 337 unless otherwise noted.

48. Amend § 27.15 by removing paragraph (c) and redesignating paragraphs (d) and (e) as (c) and (d).

49. Revise § 27.201 to read as follows:

§ 27.201 WCS in the 2305–2320 MHz and 2345–2360 MHz bands subject to competitive bidding.

Mutually exclusive initial applications for WCS licenses in the 2305–2320 MHz and 2345–2360 MHz bands are subject to competitive bidding. The general competitive bidding procedures set forth in part 1, subpart Q of this chapter will apply unless otherwise provided in this subpart.

§ 27.202 through § 27.206 [Removed and Reserved]

50. Remove and reserve § 27.202 through § 27.206.

§ 27.208 [Removed and Reserved]

51. Remove and reserve § 27.208.

§ 27.209 [Amended]

52. Amend § 27.209 by removing paragraph (d).

53. Revise § 27.210 to read as follows:

§ 27.210 Definitions

(a) *Scope.* The definitions in this section apply to § 27.209, unless otherwise specified in those sections.

(b) *Small Business; Very Small Business; Consortia.*

(1) A *small business* is an entity that, together with its affiliates and controlling principals, has average

annual gross revenues that are not more than \$40 million for the preceding three years.

(2) A *very small business* is an entity that, together with its affiliates and controlling principals, has average annual gross revenues that are not more than \$15 million for the preceding three years.

(3) For purposes of paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2) of this section, the personal net worth of an applicant and its affiliates is not included in the applicant's gross revenues.

(4) A consortium of small businesses (or a consortium of very small businesses) is a conglomerate organization formed as a joint venture between or among mutually independent business firms, each of which individually satisfies the definition in paragraph (b)(1) of this section or each of which satisfies the definition in paragraph (b)(2) of this section. Where an applicant (or licensee) is a consortium of small businesses, the gross revenues of each small business shall not be aggregated.

54. Amend § 27.501 by revising paragraph (a) to read as follows:

§ 27.501 746–764 MHz and 776–794 MHz bands subject to competitive bidding.

(a) Mutually exclusive initial applications for licenses in the 746–764 MHz and 776–794 MHz bands are subject to competitive bidding. The general competitive bidding procedures set forth in part 1, subpart Q of this chapter will apply unless otherwise provided in this subpart.

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55. Revise § 27.502 to read as follows:

§ 27.502 Designated entities.

Eligibility for small business provisions.

(a) A *small business* is an entity that, together with its controlling interests and affiliates, has average gross revenues not exceeding \$40 million for the preceding three years.

(b) A *very small business* is an entity that, together with its controlling interests and affiliates, has average gross revenues not exceeding \$15 million for the preceding three years.

(c) A *consortium of small businesses* (or a *consortium of very small businesses*) is a conglomerate organization formed as a joint venture between or among mutually independent business firms, each of which individually satisfies the definition in paragraph (a)(1) of this section (or each of which individually satisfies the definition in paragraph (a)(2) of this section).

56. Revise § 27.701 to read as follows:

§ 27.701 698–746 MHz bands subject to competitive bidding.

Mutually exclusive initial applications for licenses in the 698–746 MHz band are subject to competitive bidding. The general competitive bidding procedures set forth in part 1, subpart Q of this chapter will apply unless otherwise provided in this subpart.

PART 73—RADIO BROADCAST SERVICES

57. The authority citation for part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 303, 334 and 336.

58. Amend § 73.3571 by revising paragraph (h)(4)(i) to read as follows:

§ 73.3571 Processing of AM broadcast station applications.

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(h) * * *

(4)(i) The auction will be held pursuant to the procedures set forth in §§ 1.2101 *et seq.* and 73.5000 *et seq.* Subsequent to the auction, the FCC will release a Public Notice announcing the close of the auction and identifying the winning bidders. Winning bidders will be subject to the provisions of § 1.2107 of this chapter regarding down payments and will be required to submit the appropriate down payment within 10 business days of the Public Notice. Pursuant to § 1.2107 of this chapter and § 73.5005, a winning bidder that meets its down payment obligations in a timely manner must, within 30 days of the release of the Public Notice announcing the close of the auction, submit the appropriate long-form application for each construction permit for which it was the winning bidder. Long-form applications filed by winning bidders shall include the exhibits identified in § 73.5005(a).

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59. Amend § 73.3572 by revising paragraphs (e) and (f) to read as follows:

§ 73.3572 Processing of TV broadcast, Class A TV broadcast, low power TV, TV translator and TV booster station applications.

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(e) The FCC will specify by Public Notice, pursuant to § 73.5002, a period for filing applications for a new non-reserved television, low power TV and TV translator stations or for major modifications in the facilities of such authorized stations and major modifications in the facilities of Class A TV stations.

(f) Applications for minor modification of Class A TV, low power TV, TV translator and TV booster

stations may be filed at any time, unless restricted by the FCC, and will be processed on a “first-come/first-served” basis, with the first acceptable application cutting off the filing rights of subsequent, competing applicants. Provided, however, that applications for minor modifications of Class A TV and those of TV broadcast stations may become mutually exclusive until grant of a pending Class A TV or TV broadcast minor modification application.

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60. Amend § 73.3573 by revising paragraph (f)(5)(i) and (f)(5)(ii) to read as follows:

§ 73.3573 Processing FM broadcast station applications.

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(f) * * *

(5) * * *

(i) Pursuant to § 1.2107 of this chapter and § 73.5005, a winning bidder that meets its down payment obligations in a timely manner must, within 30 days of the release of the public notice announcing the close of the auction, submit the appropriate long-form application for each construction permit for which it was the winning bidder. Long-form applications filed by winning bidders shall include the exhibits identified in § 73.5005(a).

(ii) These applications will be processed and the FCC will periodically release a Public Notice listing such applications that have been accepted for filing and announcing a date by which petitions to deny must be filed in accordance with the provisions of §§ 73.5006 and 73.3584 of this chapter. If the applicant is duly qualified, and upon examination, the FCC finds that the public interest, convenience and necessity will be served by the granting of the winning bidder's long-form application, a Public Notice will be issued announcing that the construction permit is ready to be granted. Each winning bidder shall pay the balance of its winning bid in a lump sum within 10 business days after release of the Public Notice, as set forth in § 1.2109(a) of this chapter and § 73.5003. Construction permits will be granted by the Commission following the receipt of the full payment.

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61. Amend § 73.5000 by revising paragraph (a) to read as follows:

§ 73.5000 Services subject to competitive bidding.

(a) Mutually exclusive applications for new facilities and for major changes to existing facilities in the following broadcast services are subject to competitive bidding: AM; FM; FM

translator; analog television; low power television; television translator; Instructional Television Fixed Service (ITFS); and Class A television. Mutually exclusive applications for minor modifications of Class A television and television broadcast are also subject to competitive bidding. The general competitive bidding procedures set forth in part 1, subpart Q of this chapter will apply unless otherwise provided in part 73 or part 74 of this chapter.

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§ 73.5001 [Removed and Reserved]

62. Remove and reserve § 73.5001.

63. Revise § 73.5003 to read as follows:

§ 73.5003 Submission of full payments.

If a winning bidder fails to pay the balance of its winning bid in a lump sum by the applicable deadline as specified by the Commission, it will be allowed to make payment within ten (10) business days after the payment deadline, provided that it also pays a late fee equal to five (5) percent of the amount due. Broadcast construction permits and ITFS licenses will be granted by the Commission following the receipt of full payment.

§ 73.5004 [Removed and Reserved]

64. Remove and reserve § 73.5004.

65. Amend § 73.5005 by revising paragraph (a) to read as follows:

§ 73.5005 Filing of long-form applications.

(a) Within thirty (30) days following the close of bidding and notification to the winning bidders, each winning bidder must submit an appropriate long-form application (FCC Form 301, FCC Form 346, FCC Form 349 or FCC Form 330) for each construction permit or license for which it was the high bidder. Long-form applications filed by winning bidders shall include the exhibits required by 47 CFR 1.2107(d) (concerning any bidding consortia or joint bidding arrangements); § 1.2110(j) (concerning designated entity status, if applicable); and § 1.2112 (a) and (b) (concerning disclosure of ownership and real party in interest information, and, if applicable, disclosure of gross revenue information for small business applicants).

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66. Amend § 73.5006 by revising paragraph (d) to read as follows:

§ 73.5006 Filing of petitions to deny against long-form applications

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(d) If the Commission denies or dismisses all petitions to deny, if any are filed, and is otherwise satisfied that

an applicant is qualified, a public notice will be issued announcing that the broadcast construction permit(s) or ITFS license(s) is ready to be granted, upon full payment of the balance of the winning bid(s). See 47 CFR 73.5003. Construction of broadcast stations or ITFS facilities shall not commence until the grant of such permit or license to the winning bidder.

67. Revise § 73.5009 to read as follows:

§ 73.5009 Assignment or transfer of control.

(a) The unjust enrichment provisions found at §§ 1.2111(b) through (e) of this chapter shall not apply to applicants seeking approval of a transfer of control or assignment of a broadcast construction permit or license within three years of receiving such permit or license by means of competitive bidding.

(b) The ownership disclosure requirements found at § 1.2112(a) of this chapter shall not apply to an applicant seeking consent to assign or transfer control of a broadcast construction permit or license awarded by competitive bidding.

PART 74—EXPERIMENTAL RADIO, AUXILIARY, SPECIAL BROADCAST AND OTHER PROGRAM DISTRIBUTIONAL SERVICES

68. The authority citation for part 74 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 303, 307, 336(f), 336(h) and 554.

69. Amend § 74.1233 by revising paragraph (d)(5)(i) to read as follows:

§ 74.1233 Processing FM translator and booster station applications.

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(d) * * *

(5)(i) Pursuant to § 1.2107 of this chapter, a winning bidder that meets its down payment obligations in a timely manner must, within 30 days of the release of the public notice announcing the close of the auction, submit the appropriate long-form application for each construction permit for which it was the winning bidder. Long-form applications filed by winning bidders shall include the exhibits identified in § 73.5005 of this chapter.

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PART 80—STATIONS IN THE MARITIME SERVICES

70. The authority citation for part 80 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Secs. 4, 303, 307(e), 309, and 332, 48 Stat. 1066, 1082, as amended; 47

U.S.C. 154, 303, 307(e), 309, and 332, unless otherwise noted. Interpret or apply 48 Stat. 1064–1068, 1081–1105, as amended; 47 U.S.C. 151–155, 301–609; 3 UST 3450, 3 UST 4726, 12 UST 2377.

71. Revise § 80.1251 to read as follows:

§ 80.1251 Maritime communications subject to competitive bidding.

Mutually exclusive initial applications for VPCSA licenses and AMTS coast station licenses are subject to competitive bidding. The general competitive bidding procedures set forth in part 1, subpart Q of this chapter will apply unless otherwise provided in this part.

72. Amend § 80.1252 by removing paragraph (b)(4), redesignating paragraphs (b)(5) and (d) as paragraphs (b)(3) and (c), and revising newly redesignated paragraph (c) to read as follows:

§ 80.1252 Designated entities.

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(c) A winning bidder that qualifies as a small business or consortium of small businesses as defined in § 80.1252(b)(1) or § 80.1252(b)(3) may use the bidding credit specified in § 1.2110(f)(2)(ii) of this chapter. A winning bidder that qualifies as a very small business or consortium of very small businesses as defined in § 80.1252(b)(2) or § 80.1252(b)(3) may use the bidding credit specified in § 1.2110(f)(2)(i) of this chapter.

PART 90—PRIVATE LAND MOBILE RADIO SERVICES

73. The authority citation for part 90 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Sections 4(i), 11, 303(g), 303(r), and 332(c)(7) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 154(i), 161, 303(g), 303(r), 332(c)(7).

74. Amend § 90.705 by revising the first sentence to read as follows:

§ 90.705 Forms to be used.

Phase II applications for EA, Regional, or Nationwide radio facilities under this subpart must be prepared in accordance with §§ 1.2105 and 1.2107 of this chapter. * * *

75. Revise § 90.801 to read as follows:

§ 90.801 900 MHz SMR spectrum subject to competitive bidding.

Mutually exclusive initial applications for 900 MHz SMR service licenses are subject to competitive bidding. The general competitive bidding procedures set forth in part 1, subpart Q of this chapter will apply unless otherwise provided in this subpart.

§ 90.802 through § 90.803 [Removed and Reserved]

76. Remove and reserve § 90.802 through § 90.803.

§ 90.805 through § 90.806 [Removed and Reserved]

77. Remove and reserve § 90.805 through § 90.806.

78. Revise § 90.807 to read as follows:

§ 90.807 Submission of upfront payments.

Each bidder in the 900 MHz SMR auction will be required to submit an upfront payment of \$0.02 per MHz per pop, for the maximum number of licenses (in terms of MHz-pops) on which it intends to bid.

§ 90.808 [Removed and Reserved]

79. Remove and reserve § 90.808.

80. Revise § 90.809 to read as follows:

§ 90.809 License grants.

MTA licenses pursued through competitive bidding will be granted pursuant to the requirements specified in § 1.945 of this chapter.

81. Revise § 90.810 to read as follows:

§ 90.810 Bidding credits for small businesses.

A winning bidder that qualifies as a small business or a consortium of small businesses, as defined in § 90.814(b)(1)(i), may use a bidding credit of 15 percent to lower the cost of its winning bid on any of the blocks identified in § 90.617(d), Table 4B. A winning bidder that qualifies as a small business or a consortium of small businesses, as defined in § 90.814(b)(1)(ii), may use a bidding credit of 10 percent to lower the cost of its winning bid on any of the blocks identified in § 90.617(d), Table 4B.

§ 90.812 [Removed and Reserved]

82. Remove and reserve § 90.812.

83. Amend § 90.813 by removing paragraph (c), redesignating paragraphs (d), (e), and (f) as paragraphs (c), (d), and (e), and by revising paragraph (a) and newly redesignated paragraph (c) to read as follows:

§ 90.813 Partitioned licenses and disaggregated spectrum.

(a) *Eligibility.* Parties seeking approval for partitioning and disaggregation shall request an authorization for partial assignment of a license pursuant to § 1.948 of this chapter.

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(c) *Installment payments—(1) Apportioning the balance on installment payment plans.* When a winning bidder elects to pay for its license through an installment payment plan pursuant to § 90.812, and partitions

its licensed area or disaggregates spectrum to another party, the outstanding balance owed by the licensee on its installment payment plan (including accrued and unpaid interest) shall be apportioned between the licensee and partitionee or disaggregatee. Both parties will be responsible for paying their proportionate share of the outstanding balance to the U.S. Treasury. In the case of partitioning, the balance shall be apportioned based upon the ratio of the population of the partitioned area to the population of the entire original license area calculated based upon the most recent census data. In the case of disaggregation, the balance shall be apportioned based upon the ratio of the amount of spectrum disaggregated to the amount of spectrum allocated to the licensed area.

(2) Parties not qualified for installment payment plans.

(i) The partitionee or disaggregatee shall, as a condition of the approval of the partial assignment application, pay its entire pro rata amount within 30 days of Public Notice conditionally granting the partial assignment application. Failure to meet this condition will result in a rescission of the grant of the partial assignment application.

(ii) The licensee shall be permitted to continue to pay its pro rata share of the outstanding balance and shall receive new financing documents (promissory note, security agreement) with a revised payment obligation, based on the remaining amount of time on the original installment payment schedule. These financing documents will replace the licensee's existing financing documents which shall be marked "superseded" and returned to the licensee upon receipt of the new financing documents. The original interest rate, established pursuant to § 1.2110(g)(3)(i) of this chapter at the time of the grant of the initial license in the market, shall continue to be applied to the licensee's portion of the remaining government obligation. The Bureau will require, as a further condition to approval of the partial assignment application, that the licensee execute and return to the U.S. Treasury the new financing documents within 30 days of the Public Notice conditionally granting the partial assignment application. Failure to meet this condition will result in the automatic cancellation of the grant of the partial assignment application.

(iii) A default on the licensee's payment obligation will only affect the licensee's portion of the market.

(3) Parties qualified for installment payment plans.

(i) Where both parties to a partitioning or disaggregation agreement qualify for installment payments, the partitionee or disaggregatee will be permitted to make installment payments on its portion of the remaining government obligation, as calculated according to paragraph (d)(1) of this section.

(ii) Each party will be required, as a condition to approval of the partial assignment application, to execute separate financing documents (promissory note, security agreement) agreeing to pay their pro rata portion of the balance due (including accrued and unpaid interest) based upon the installment payment terms for which they qualify under the rules. The financing documents must be returned to the U.S. Treasury within thirty (30) days of the Public Notice conditionally granting the partial assignment application. Failure by either party to meet this condition will result in the automatic cancellation of the grant of the partial assignment application. The interest rate, established pursuant to § 1.2110(g)(3)(i) of this chapter at the time of the grant of the initial license in the market, shall continue to be applied to both parties' portion of the balance due. Each party will receive a license for their portion of the partitioned market or disaggregated spectrum.

(iii) A default on an obligation will only affect that portion of the market area held by the defaulting party.

(iv) Partitionees and disaggregatees that qualify for installment payment plans may elect to pay some of their pro rata portion of the balance due in a lump sum payment to the U.S. Treasury and to pay the remaining portion of the balance due pursuant to an installment payment plan.

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84. Amend § 90.814 by removing paragraphs (b)(2), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), and (h), redesignating paragraph (b)(3) as (b)(2), and by revising newly redesignated paragraph (b)(2) to read as follows:

§ 90.814 Definitions.

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(b) * * *

(2) A small business consortium is a conglomerate organization formed as a joint venture between or among mutually independent business firms, each of which individually satisfies either definition of a small business in paragraph (b)(1) of this section. In a consortium of small businesses, each individual member must establish its eligibility as a small business, as defined in this section.

85. Revise § 90.815 to read as follows:

§ 90.815 Certifications, disclosures, records maintenance, and definitions.

(a) *Short-Form Applications: certifications and disclosure.* Each applicant for an MTA license which qualifies as a small business or consortium of small businesses shall append the following information as an exhibit to its short-form application (Form 175): The identity of the applicant's affiliates, persons or entities that hold attributable interests in such entity, and their affiliates, and, if a consortium of small businesses, the members in the joint venture.

(b) *Records maintenance.* All winning bidders qualifying as small businesses, shall maintain at their principal place of business an updated file of ownership, revenue and asset information, including any documents necessary to establish eligibility as a small business and/or consortium of small businesses under § 90.814. Licensees (and their successors in interest) shall maintain such files for the term of the license.

(c) *Definitions.* The terms affiliate, business owned by members of minority groups and/or women, consortium of small businesses, gross revenues, members of minority groups, nonattributable equity, small business and total assets used in this section are defined in § 90.814.

86. Revise § 90.901 to read as follows:

§ 90.901 900 MHz SMR spectrum subject to competitive bidding.

Mutually exclusive initial applications for 800 MHz band licenses in Spectrum Blocks A through V are subject to competitive bidding. The general competitive bidding procedures set forth in part 1, subpart Q of this chapter will apply unless otherwise provided in this subpart.

§ 90.902 [Removed and Reserved]

87. Remove and reserve § 90.903.

88. Revise § 90.903 to read as follows:

§ 90.903 Competitive bidding mechanisms.

(a) *Sequencing.* The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau will establish and may vary the sequence in which 800 MHz SMR licenses for Spectrum Blocks A through V will be auctioned.

(b) *Grouping.* (1) All EA licenses for Spectrum Blocks A through V will be auctioned simultaneously, unless the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau announces, by Public Notice prior to the auction, an alternative method of grouping these licenses for auction.

(2) *Spectrum blocks D through V.* All EA licenses for Spectrum Blocks D

through V will be auctioned by the following Regions:

(i) Region 1 (Northeast): The Northeast Region consists of the following MTAs: Boston-Providence, Buffalo-Rochester, New York, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh.

(ii) Region 2 (South): The South Region consists of the following MTAs: Atlanta, Charlotte-Greensboro-Greenville-Raleigh, Jacksonville, Knoxville, Louisville-Lexington-Evansville, Nashville, Miami-Fort Lauderdale, Richmond-Norfolk, Tampa-St. Petersburg-Orlando, and Washington-Baltimore; and, Puerto Rico and United States Virgin Islands.

(iii) Region 3 (Midwest): The Midwest Region consists of the following MTAs: Chicago, Cincinnati-Dayton, Cleveland, Columbus, Des Moines-Quad Cities, Detroit, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Minneapolis-St. Paul, and Omaha.

(iv) Region 4 (Central): The Central Region consists of the following MTAs: Birmingham, Dallas-Fort Worth, Denver, El Paso-Albuquerque, Houston, Kansas City, Little Rock, Memphis-Jackson, New Orleans-Baton Rouge, Oklahoma City, San Antonio, St. Louis, Tulsa, and Wichita.

(v) Region 5 (West): The West Region consists of the following MTAs: Honolulu, Los Angeles-San Diego, Phoenix, Portland, Salt Lake City, San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, Seattle (including Alaska), and Spokane-Billings; and, American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

§ 90.905 through § 90.908 [Removed and Reserved]

89. Remove and reserve § 90.905 through § 90.908.

90. Revise § 90.909 to read as follows:

§ 90.909 License grants.

EA licenses pursued through competitive bidding procedures will be granted pursuant to the requirements specified in § 1.945 of this chapter.

91. Revise § 90.910 to read as follows:

§ 90.910 Bidding credits.

A winning bidder that qualifies as a very small business or a consortium of very small businesses, as defined in §§ 90.912(b)(2) and (b)(4), may use a bidding credit of 35 percent to lower the cost of its winning bid on Spectrum Blocks A through V. A winning bidder that qualifies as a small business or a consortium of small businesses, as defined in §§ 90.912(b)(1) or (b)(3), may use a bidding credit of 25 percent to lower the cost of its winning bid on Spectrum Blocks A through V.

§ 90.911 [Amended]

92. Amend § 90.911 by removing paragraph (c) and redesignating paragraphs (d), (e), (f) and (g) as (c), (d), (e) and (f).

93. Amend § 90.912 by removing paragraphs (b)(3), (c) and (d), redesignating paragraphs (b)(4) and (b)(5) as paragraphs (b)(3) and (b)(4) and revising paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2) to read as follows:

§ 90.912 Definitions.

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(b) * * *

(1) A *small business* is an entity that together with its affiliates and controlling interests, has average gross revenues that do not exceed \$15 million for the three preceding years; or

(2) A *very small business* is an entity that together with its affiliates and controlling interests, has average gross revenues that do not exceed \$3 million for the three preceding years.

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94. Revise § 90.913 to read as follows:

§ 90.913 Certifications, disclosures, records maintenance, and definitions.

(a) *Short-form applications: certifications and disclosure.* Each applicant for an EA license which qualifies as a small business or consortium of small businesses under § 90.912(b) shall append as an exhibit to its short-form application (FCC Form 175): The identity of the applicant's affiliates and controlling principals, and, if a consortium of small businesses (or a consortium of very small businesses), the members of the joint venture.

(b) *Records maintenance.* All winning bidders qualifying as small businesses or very small businesses, shall maintain at their principal place of business an updated file of ownership, revenue and asset information, including any document necessary to establish eligibility as a small business, very small business and/or consortium of small businesses (or consortium of very small businesses) under § 90.912. Licensees (and their successors in interest) shall maintain such files for the term of the license.

(c) *Definitions.* The terms small business, very small business, consortium of small businesses, and consortium of very small businesses used in this section are defined in § 90.912.

95. Revise § 90.1001 to read as follows:

§ 90.1001 220 MHz service subject to competitive bidding.

Mutually exclusive initial applications for 200 MHz geographic

area licenses are subject to competitive bidding. The general competitive bidding procedures set forth in part 1, subpart Q of this chapter will apply unless otherwise provided in this subpart.

§ 90.1003 through § 90.1015 [Removed and Reserved]

96. Remove and reserve § 90.1003 through § 90.1015.

97. Revise § 90.1017 to read as follows:

§ 90.1017 Bidding credits for small businesses and very small businesses.

A winning bidder that qualifies as a small business or a consortium of small businesses, as defined in §§ 90.1021(b)(1) or 90.1021(b)(3), may use a bidding credit of 25 percent to lower the cost of its winning bid. A winning bidder that qualifies as a very small business or a consortium of very small businesses, as defined in §§ 90.1021(b)(2) or 90.1021(b)(3), may use a bidding credit of 35 percent to lower the cost of its winning bid.

98. Amend § 90.1021, by removing paragraphs (b)(3), (c) and (d), redesignating paragraph (b)(4) as paragraph (b)(3) and revising paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2) to read as follows:

§ 90.1021 Definitions concerning competitive bidding process.

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(b) * * *

(1) A *small business* is an entity that, together with its affiliates and controlling interests, has average gross revenues that are not more than \$15 million for the preceding three years.

(2) A *very small business* is an entity that, together with its affiliates and controlling interests, has average gross revenues that are not more than \$3 million for the preceding three years.

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99. Revise § 90.1023 to read as follows:

§ 90.1023 Certifications, disclosures, and records maintenance.

(a) *Short-form applications: certifications and disclosure.* In addition to certifications and disclosures required in part 1, subpart Q, of this chapter, each applicant for a 220 MHz service geographic area license which qualifies as a small business, very small business, consortium of small businesses, or consortium of very small businesses, shall append the following information as an exhibit to its FCC Form 175: the identity of the applicant's affiliates and controlling interests, and, if a consortium of small businesses (or consortium of very small businesses), the members of the joint venture.

(b) *Records maintenance.* All winning bidders qualifying as small businesses or very small businesses shall maintain at their principal place of business an updated file of ownership, revenue, and asset information, including any documents necessary to establish eligibility as a small business or very small business and/or consortium of small businesses (or consortium of very small businesses) under § 90.1021. Licensees (and their successors-in-interest) shall maintain such files for the term of the license. Applicants that do not obtain the license(s) for which they applied shall maintain such files until the grant of such license(s) is final, or one year from the date of the filing of their short-form application (FCC Form 175), whichever is earlier.

(c) *Definitions.* The terms affiliate, small business, very small business, consortium of small businesses (or consortium of very small businesses), and gross revenues used in this section are defined in § 90.1021.

100. Revise § 90.1025 to read as follows:

§ 90.1025 Limitations on settlements.

The consideration that an individual or an entity will be permitted to receive for agreeing to withdraw an application or a petition to deny will be limited by the provisions set forth in § 1.2105(c) of this chapter.

101. Revise § 90.1101 to read as follows:

§ 90.1101 Location and Monitoring Service subject to competitive bidding.

Mutually exclusive initial applications for multilateration Location and Monitoring Service licenses are subject to competitive bidding. The general competitive bidding procedures set forth in part 1, subpart Q of this chapter will apply unless otherwise provided in this subpart.

102. Amend § 90.1103 by removing paragraphs (b)(3), (b)(4), and (c), redesignating paragraphs (b)(5) and (d) as paragraphs (b)(3) and (c), and revising newly redesignated paragraph (c) to read as follows:

§ 90.1103 Designated entities.

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(c) A winning bidder that qualifies as a small business or a consortium of small businesses as defined in paragraphs (b)(1) or (b)(3) of this section may use the bidding credit specified in § 1.2110(f)(2)(ii) of this chapter. A winning bidder that qualifies as a very small business or a consortium of very small businesses as defined in paragraph (b)(2) or (b)(3) of this section may use the bidding credit specified in § 1.2110(f)(2)(i) of this chapter.

PART 95—PERSONAL RADIO SERVICES

103. The authority citation for part 95 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Secs. 4, 303, 48 Stat. 1066, 1082, as amended; 47 U.S.C. 154, 303.

104. Amend § 95.816 by removing paragraphs (c)(3), (c)(4), and (d), redesignating paragraphs (c)(5), (e), and (f) as paragraphs (c)(3), (d), and (e), revising paragraph (a) and newly redesignated paragraphs (d) and (e) to read as follows:

§ 95.816 Competitive bidding proceedings.

(a) Mutually exclusive initial applications for 218–219 MHz Service licenses are subject to competitive bidding. The general competitive bidding procedures set forth in part 1, subpart Q of this chapter will apply unless otherwise provided in this part.

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(d) *Bidding credits.* A winning bidder that qualifies as a small business or a consortium of small businesses as defined in this subsection may use the bidding credit specified in § 1.2110(f)(2)(ii) of this chapter. A winning bidder that qualifies as a very small business or a consortium of very small businesses as defined in this subsection may use the bidding credit specified in accordance with § 1.2110(f)(2)(i) of this chapter.

(e) Winning bidders in Auction No. 2, which took place on July 28–29, 1994, that, at the time of auction, met the qualifications under the Commission's rules then in effect, for small business status will receive a twenty-five percent bidding credit pursuant to Amendment of Part 95 of the Commission's Rules to Provide Regulatory Flexibility in the 218–219 MHz Service, Report and Order and Memorandum Opinion and Order, FCC 99–239 (released September 10, 1999).

105. Amend § 95.823 by removing paragraph (c)(1), redesignating paragraphs (c)(2) and (c)(3) as paragraphs (c)(1) and (c)(2), and revising newly redesignated paragraph (c)(1)(iii) to read as follows:

§ 95.823 Geographic partitioning and spectrum disaggregation.

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(c) * * *

(1) * * *

(i) * * *

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(iii) The partitionor or disaggregator shall be permitted to continue to pay its pro rata share of the outstanding balance and, if applicable, shall receive loan documents evidencing the partitioning and disaggregation. The original interest

rate, established pursuant to § 1.2110(g)(3)(i) of this chapter at the time of the grant of the initial license in the market, shall continue to be applied to the partitionor's or disaggregator's portion of the remaining government obligation.

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PART 100—DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITE SERVICE

106. The authority citation for part 100 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 303, 335, 309 and 554.

107. Revise § 100.71 to read as follows:

§ 100.71 DBS subject to competitive bidding.

Mutually exclusive initial applications for DBS service licenses are subject to competitive bidding. The general competitive bidding procedures set forth in part 1, subpart Q of this chapter will apply unless otherwise provided in this part.

§ 100.72 through § 100.76 [Removed and Reserved]

108. Remove and reserve § 100.72 through § 100.76.

§ 100.78 through § 100.79 [Removed and Reserved]

109. Remove and reserve § 100.78 through § 100.79.

PART 101—FIXED MICROWAVE SERVICES

110. The authority citation for part 101 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 303.

111. Amend § 101.56 by revising paragraph (i) to read as follows:

§ 101.56 Partitioned service areas (PSAs) and disaggregated spectrum.

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(i) Licensees, including those using bidding credits in a competitive bidding procedure, shall have the authority to partition service areas or disaggregate spectrum.

§ 101.531 [Removed and Reserved]

112. Remove and reserve § 101.531.

§ 101.535 [Amended]

113. Amend § 101.535 by removing paragraphs (a)(1) and (c), redesignating paragraphs (a)(2), (a)(3), (d), and (e) as (a)(1), (a)(2), (c), and (d).

114. Revise § 101.537 to read as follows:

§ 101.537 24 GHz band subject to competitive bidding.

Mutually exclusive initial applications for 24 GHz band licenses are subject to competitive bidding. The general competitive bidding procedures set forth in part 1, subpart Q of this chapter will apply unless otherwise provided in this subpart.

115. Amend § 101.538 by removing paragraphs (a)(5), (a)(6), (a)(8), and (b), and redesignating paragraphs (a)(7) and (c) as paragraphs (a)(5) and (b), and revising newly redesignated paragraphs (a)(5) and (b) to read as follows:

§ 101.538 Designated entities.

(a) * * *

(5) A consortium of very small businesses, a consortium of small businesses, or a consortium of entrepreneurs is a conglomerate organization formed as a joint venture between or among mutually independent business firms, each of which individually satisfies the applicable definition in paragraphs (a)(1), (a)(2) or (a)(3) of this section. Where an applicant or licensee is a consortium of very small businesses, a consortium of small businesses, or a consortium of entrepreneurs, the gross revenues of each very small business, small business, or entrepreneur shall not be aggregated.

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(b) *Bidding credits.* A winning bidder that qualifies as a very small business or a consortium of very small businesses as defined in this section may use the bidding credit specified in § 1.2110(f)(2)(i) of this chapter. A winning bidder that qualifies as a small business or a consortium of small businesses as defined in this section may use the bidding credit specified in § 1.2110(f)(2)(ii) of this chapter. A winning bidder that qualifies as an entrepreneur or a consortium of entrepreneurs as defined in this section may use the bidding credit specified in § 1.2110(f)(2)(iii) of this chapter.

116. Revise § 101.1101 to read as follows:

§ 101.1101 LMDS service subject to competitive bidding.

Mutually exclusive initial applications for LMDS licenses are subject to competitive bidding procedures. The general competitive bidding procedures set forth in part 1, subpart Q of this chapter will apply unless otherwise provided in this subpart.

§ 101.1102 through § 101.1105 [Removed and Reserved]

117. Remove and reserve § 101.1102 through § 101.1105.

118. Revise § 101.1107 to read as follows:

§ 101.1107 Bidding credits for very small businesses, small businesses and entrepreneurs.

(a) A winning bidder that qualifies as a very small business or a consortium of very small businesses pursuant to § 101.1112 may use a bidding credit of 45 percent to lower the cost of its winning bid.

(b) A winning bidder that qualifies as a small business or a consortium of small businesses pursuant to § 101.1112 may use a bidding credit of 35 percent to lower the cost of its winning bid.

(c) A winning bidder that qualifies as an entrepreneur or a consortium of entrepreneurs pursuant to § 101.1112 may use a bidding credit of 25 percent to lower the cost of its winning bid.

(d) The bidding credits referenced in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this section are not cumulative.

119. Revise § 101.1109 to read as follows:

§ 101.1109 Certifications, disclosures, and records maintenance.

(a) *Short-form applications: certifications and disclosure.* In addition to certifications and disclosures required in part 1, subpart Q, of this chapter, each applicant for an LMDS license which qualifies as a very small business, small business or entrepreneurs pursuant to § 101.1112 shall append the following information as an exhibit to its short-form applications (FCC Form 175): The identities of the applicant's affiliates and controlling interests.

(b) *Records maintenance.* All winning bidders qualifying as very small businesses, small businesses or entrepreneurs shall maintain at their principal place of business an updated file of ownership, revenue, and asset information, including any document necessary to establish eligibility as a very small business, small business or entrepreneur. Licensees (and their successors-in-interest) shall maintain such files for the term of the license. Applicants that do not obtain the license(s) for which they applied shall maintain such files until the grant of such license(s) is final, or one year from the date of the filing of their short-form application (FCC Form 175), whichever is earlier.

§ 101.1110 [Removed and Reserved]

120. Remove and reserve § 101.1110.

121. Revise § 101.1112 to read as follows:

§ 101.1112 Definitions.

(a) *Scope.* The definitions in this section apply to §§ 101.1101 through 101.1112, unless otherwise specified in those sections.

(b) *Very small business.* A very small business is an entity that, together with its affiliates and controlling interests, has average gross revenues for the three preceding years of not more than \$15 million.

(c) *Small business.* A small business is an entity that, together with its affiliates and controlling interests, has average gross revenues for the three preceding years of more than \$15 million but not more than \$40 million.

(d) *Entrepreneur.* An entrepreneur is an entity that, together with its affiliates and controlling interests, has average gross revenues for the three preceding years of more than \$40 million but not more than \$75 million.

(e) For purposes of determining whether an entity meets the definition of very small business, small business or entrepreneur, the gross revenues of the applicant, its affiliates and controlling interests shall be considered on a cumulative basis and aggregated.

(f) *Consortium.* A consortium of very small businesses, small businesses or entrepreneurs is a conglomerate organization formed as a joint venture between or among mutually independent business firms, each of which individually satisfies the definition of a very small business, small business or entrepreneur. Each individual member must establish its eligibility as a very small business, small business or entrepreneur. Where an applicant (or licensee) is a consortium of very small businesses, small businesses or entrepreneurs, the gross revenues of each business shall not be aggregated.

122. Revise § 101.1201 to read as follows:

§ 101.1201 38.6–40.0 GHz subject to competitive bidding.

Mutually exclusive initial applications for 38.6–40.0 GHz band licenses are subject to competitive bidding. The general competitive bidding procedures set forth in part 1, subpart Q of this chapter will apply unless otherwise provided in this subpart.

§ 101.1202 through § 101.1207 [Removed and Reserved]

123. Remove and reserve § 101.1202 through § 101.1207.

124. Revise § 101.1208 to read as follows:

§ 101.1208 Bidding credits for small businesses.

A winning bidder that qualifies as a small business or a consortium of small businesses, (as defined in § 101.1209(b)(1)(i) may use a bidding credit of 25 percent to lower the cost of its winning bid on any of the licenses in this part. A winning bidder that qualifies as a very small business or a consortium of very small businesses, as defined in § 101.1209(b)(1)(ii), may use a bidding credit of 35 percent to lower the cost of its winning bid on any of the licenses in this part.

125. Amend § 101.1209 by removing paragraphs (b)(2), (c), (d), and (e), and redesignating paragraph (b)(3) as (b)(2), and revising newly redesignated paragraph (b)(2) to read as follows:

§ 101.1209 Definitions.

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(b) * * *

(2) A small business consortium is a conglomerate organization formed as a joint venture between or among mutually independent business firms, each of which individually satisfies either definition of a small business in paragraphs (b)(1) of this section.

126. Revise § 101.1317 to read as follows:

§ 101.1317 Competitive bidding procedures for mutually exclusive MAS EA applications.

Mutually exclusive initial applications for licenses in the portions of the MAS bands licensed on a geographic area basis are subject to competitive bidding procedures. The general competitive bidding procedures set forth in part 1, subpart Q of this chapter will apply unless otherwise provided in this subpart.

127. Amend § 101.1319 by removing paragraph (c) and revising paragraph (b) to read as follows:

§ 101.1319 Competitive bidding provisions.

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(b) *Bidding credits.* A winning bidder that qualifies as a small business, as defined in this section, or a consortium of small businesses, may use the bidding credit specified in § 1.2110(f)(2)(ii) of this chapter. A winning bidder that qualifies as a very small business, as defined in this section, or a consortium of very small businesses, may use the bidding credit specified in § 1.2110(f)(2)(i) of this chapter.

§ 101.1323 [Amended]

128. Amend § 101.1323 by removing paragraph (c) and redesignating

paragraphs (d) and (e) as paragraphs (c) and (d).

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**47 CFR Parts 2, 27 and 73**

[GN Docket No. 01–74; FCC 02–185]

Reallocation and Service Rules for the 698–746 MHz Spectrum Band (Television Channels 52–59)

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Commission addresses petitions for reconsideration filed by eight parties. The Commission affirms its prior decisions regarding issues relating to the transition to DTV service and the rules for auctioning and licensing of new services on the 698–746 MHz spectrum band (Lower 700 MHz Band), which has been reallocated pursuant to statutory requirements. The Commission takes these actions to promote the transition to DTV, meet its statutory mandate to reclaim and license this spectrum by competitive bidding, and enable the flexible use of the Lower 700 MHz Band for a wide range of new services.

DATES: Effective June 18, 2002.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Federal Communications Commission's *Memorandum Opinion and Order (MO&O)*, FCC 02–185, in GN Docket No. 01–74, adopted on June 14, 2002, and released on June 14, 2002. The full text of this *MO&O* is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY–A257, Washington, DC 20554. The complete text may be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Qualex International, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY–B402, Washington, DC 20554, (202) 863–2893. The complete text may also be downloaded at: <http://www.fcc.gov>.

Synopsis of MO&O

In the *MO&O*, the Commission: (1) Affirms the band plan and geographic license areas adopted in the *Report and Order (Lower 700 MHz R&O)* (67 FR 5491, February 6, 2002); (2) affirms the