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## 747-762 AND 777-792 MHz BAND AUCTION FILING DATES AND CHANGES TO ATTACHMENT J

### Report No. AUC-00-31-E (Auction No. 31)

The upcoming auction of licenses in the 747-762 and 777-792 MHz band has been postponed until June 7, 2000.<sup>1</sup> In the light of the postponement, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau ("Bureau") announces changes to related dates. The new dates and the dates already announced are as follows:

Deadline for Seminar Registration	April 21, 2000; 5:30 p.m. ET
Start Date for Submission of FCC Form 175	April 24, 2000
Seminar Date	April 24, 2000
Filing Deadline for FCC Form 175	May 8, 2000; 6:00 p.m.ET
Upfront Payments	May 22, 2000; 6:00 p.m. ET
Deadline for Submitting (via fax) Refund Wire Transfer Instructions	May 22, 2000; 6:00 p.m. ET
Deadline for Ordering Remote Bidding Software	May 23, 2000; 6:00 p.m. ET

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<sup>1</sup> See 747-762 and 777-792 MHz Band Auction Postponed Until June 7, 2000, *Public Notice*, DA 00-573 (rel. March 17, 2000) ("*Postponement Public Notice*").

Mock Auction Begins

June 2, 2000

Auction Begins

June 7, 2000

The Bureau also makes a minor correction to Attachment J of the Auction No. 31 *Announcing Public Notice*.<sup>2</sup> Attachment J has been amended to add the digital television stations that must also be protected from interference during the transitional period.<sup>3</sup> This minor change reinforces and highlights the requirement that new licensees in the 747-762 and 777-792 MHz bands must provide full protection to both analog television and digital television operations during the transitional period.<sup>4</sup>

The Commission delegated to the Bureau the authority to suspend payment deadlines and require that winning bidders on all licenses in the 700 MHz band pay the full balance of their winning bids upon submission of their long-form application.<sup>5</sup> The Bureau will announce in a *Public Notice* if it chooses to exercise this authority.

Finally, in light of upcoming auctions, the Bureau also reminds participants that under the anti-collusion rules,<sup>6</sup> after the short-form filing deadline, applicants may not discuss the substance of their bids or bidding strategies with other bidders that have applied to bid in the same geographic license areas, with the exception of those with whom they have entered into agreements and identified on the short-form application.<sup>7</sup>

For further information, contact Howard Davenport, Auctions Legal Branch at (202) 418-0660, or Kathy Garland, Auction Operations at (717) 338-2801.

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<sup>2</sup> See Auction of Licenses in the 747-762 and 777-792 MHz Bands Auction Notice and Filing Requirements for 12 Licenses in the 700 MHz Bands Auction Scheduled for May 10, 2000, Minimum Opening Bids and Other Procedural Issues, at Attachment J, DA 00-292 (rel. February 18, 2000) (“*Auction No. 31 Announcing Public Notice*”). The *Postponement Public Notice* changed the date of Auction No. 31 from May 10, 2000 to June 7, 2000. See note 1 *supra*.

<sup>3</sup> See Attachment J, as amended.

<sup>4</sup> See *Pub. Law 106-113, 113 Stat. 1501, Appendix E, Section 213; Consolidated Appropriations*, Appendix E, Sec 213. See also 145 Cong. Rec. at H12493-94, (Nov. 17, 1999); See also Service Rules for the 746-764 and 776-794 MHz Bands, and Revisions to Part 27 of the Commission’s Rules, *First Report and Order*, WT Docket No. 99-168, FCC 00-5 (rel. January 7, 2000) 65 Fed. Reg. 3139 (January 20, 2000) at ¶¶ 137-141.

<sup>5</sup> See Service Rules for the 746-764 and 776-794 MHz Bands, and Revisions to Part 27 of the Commission’s Rules, *Second Report and Order*, WT Docket No. 99-168, FCC 00-90 (rel. March 9, 2000) at ¶ 105.

<sup>6</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 1.2105 (c).

<sup>7</sup> See *e.g.*, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Provides Guidance on the Anti-Collusion Rule for D, E and F Block Bidders, *Public Notice*, DA 96-1460, (rel. August 28, 1996).