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Spectrum Auction Schedule for 1998

In 1998, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau ("WTB") will conduct numerous spectrum auctions. Some of these auctions are contingent on the completion of rulemaking actions at the agency. Specifically, during the first quarter of 1998, the WTB tentatively plans to auction:

220 MHz Service: This auction will consist of 908 licenses in the Phase II 220 MHz service, with three nationwide, 30 Regional Economic Area Groupings ("REAGs") and 875 Economic Area ("EA") licenses.

Paging Service (929 and 931 MHz): This auction will consist of 2,754 licenses to provide Common Carrier Paging ("CCP," with 37 channels offered) and Private Carrier Paging ("PCP," with 17 channels offered) services in the 929 and 931 MHz bands. One license will be granted for each channel in 51 Major Trading Areas ("MTAs") authorizing service on unpaired 25 kHz channels of spectrum.

The list below are additional services that potentially will be auctioned in 1998. Some of these services are subject to the outcome of rulemaking proceedings or resolution of other contingent matters prior to auction.

- ***Lower 200 Channels (800 MHz)***
- ***Lower Band Paging (35-36, 43-44, 152-159 and 454-460 MHz)***
- ***General Wireless Communications Services (4660-4685 MHz)***
- ***Narrowband Personal Communication Services (901-902, 930-931 and 940-941 MHz)***
- ***Multiple Address Systems (928-929, 932-932.5, 941-941.5, 952-952.85, 956.25-956.45 and 959.85-960 MHz)***

- **Location and Monitoring Services (904-909.750, 927.750-928, 919.750-921.750, 927.500-927.750, 921.750-927.250 and 927.250-927.500 MHz)**
- **Public Coast Stations (2-26, 156-162 and 217-220 MHz)**
- **Pending Analog Broadcast Channels for Commercial Radio and Television Stations**
- **39 GHz Service (38.6-40.0 GHz)**

All interested parties should contact the FCC's Auction staff at **(888) CALL-FCC** or 888-225-5322 (please press option #2 at the prompt) to request to be put on the mailing list for the auction or auctions in which they are interested in participating. By doing so, potential applicants ensure that they will receive information detailing the specific terms and conditions of the auction. Calling this telephone number is the only way to be placed on a mailing list for our upcoming auctions.

In order to keep apprised of the FCC's auction schedule (which is subject to change), Report & Orders, Public Notices, and all other relevant documents, we strongly advise that all interested parties regularly visit our web site. The World Wide Web ("www") URL address for the Auctions Home Page is: **<http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/auctions/>**

Bidder Alerts:

- **The Commission does not approve any individual investment proposal, nor does it provide a warranty with respect to any license being auctioned. Potential applicants and investors are reminded that winning a license in an FCC spectrum auction is not a guarantee of success in the marketplace.**
- **The FCC makes no representations or warranties about the use of spectrum for particular services. Applicants should be aware that an FCC auction represents an opportunity to become an FCC licensee in this service, subject to certain conditions and regulations. An FCC auction does not constitute an endorsement by the FCC of any particular services, technologies or products, nor does an FCC license constitute a guarantee of business success. Applicants should perform their individual due diligence before proceeding as they would with any new business venture.**
- **The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has found that some unscrupulous individuals have designed investment schemes around licenses auctioned or to be auctioned by the FCC. If you have an inquiry or complaint about a specific investment offering, call the National Fraud Information Center, 1-800-876-7060, or www.fraud.org. You also may contact your state attorney general or state corporations office. The Federal Trade Commission and Securities and Exchange**

Commission receive complaints on investment fraud and offer consumer education materials. Contact the FTC at 202-326-3128 or at www.ftc.gov. Contact the SEC at 202-942-7040 or at www.sec.gov.

- **Potential bidders should also be aware that pending rulemaking proceedings¹ are considering changes to the Commission's auctions, including whether to continue to permit small businesses to pay for licenses in installment payments.**

For further information contact LaVonia Connelly, Auctions and Industry Analysis Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau at (202) 418-0660.

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¹ See, e.g., *Amendment of Part 1 of the Commission's Rules -- Competitive Bidding Proceeding*, WT Docket No. 97-82, *Order, Memorandum Opinion and Order and Notice of Proposed Rule Making*, 12 FCC Rcd 5686 (1997).