

**AVAILABILITY:** The proposed prospective purchaser agreement and additional background documentation relating to the settlement are available for public inspection at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. A copy of the proposed settlement may be obtained from Danita Yocom, Assistant Regional Counsel (RC-3), Office of Regional Counsel, U.S. EPA Regional IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. Comments should reference "Jay Paul, MEW Regional Study Area" and "Docket No. 00-01" and should be addressed to Danita Yocom at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Danita Yocom, Assistant Regional Counsel (RC-3), Office of Regional Counsel, U.S. EPA Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105; E-mail: YOCOM.DANITA@EPA.GOV; phone: (415) 744-1347.

Dated: November 12, 1999.

**Michael Feeley,**

*Acting Division Director, Superfund Division, Region IX.*

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## OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

### Meeting of the President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology

**AGENCY:** Office of Science and Technology Policy.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for a meeting of the President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST), and describes the functions of the Committee. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

**DATES AND PLACE:** December 10, 1999, Washington, DC. This meeting will take place in the Truman Room (Third Floor) of the White House Conference Center, 726 Jackson Place, NW, Washington, DC.

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*Proposed Schedule and Agenda:* The President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) is tentatively scheduled to meet in open session on Friday, December 10, 1999, at approximately 9:15 a.m., to discuss (1) The Science and Technology Priorities for FY2001; (2) Department of State Science and Technology Issues; (3)

The work of the PCAST panels. This session will end at approximately 12:30 p.m.

**Public Comments:** There will be a time allocated for the public to speak on any of the above agenda items. Please make your request for the opportunity to make a public comment five (5) days in advance of the meeting. Written comments are welcome any time prior to or following the meeting. Please notify Joan P. Porter, PCAST Executive Secretary, at (202) 456-6101 or fax your requests/comments to (202) 456-6026.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information regarding time, place, and agenda, please call Joan P. Porter, PCAST Executive Secretary, at (202) 456-6101, prior to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 7, 1999. Information may also be available at the PCAST website at [http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/EOP/PCAST/htm/PCAST\\_home.html](http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/EOP/PCAST/htm/PCAST_home.html). Please note that public seating for this meeting is limited, and is available on a first-come first served basis.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology was established by Executive Order 12882, as amended, on November 23, 1993. The purpose of PCAST is to advise the President on matters of national importance that have significant science and technology content, and to assist the President's National Science and Technology Council in securing private sector participation in its activities. The Committee members are distinguished individuals appointed by the President from non-Federal sectors. The PCAST is co-chaired by the Assistant to the President for Science and Technology and, by John Young, former President and CEO of the Hewlett-Packard Company.

**Barbara Ann Ferguson,**

*Assistant Director, Budget and Administration, Office of Science and Technology Policy.*

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## EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Export-Import Bank of the United States.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 the Export-Import Bank of the United States

is submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve a revised exporter and banker survey which expired on February 28, 1999. The purpose of the survey is to fulfill a statutory mandate (the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 635) which directs Export-Im Bank to report annually to the U.S. Congress any action taken toward providing export credit programs that are competitive with those offered by official foreign export credit agencies. The Act further stipulates that the annual report on competitiveness should include the results of a survey of lending institutions to determine whether their export financing is competitive with that of their foreign counterparts.

Accordingly, Ex-Im Bank is requesting that the proposed survey (EIB No. 00-02) be sent to approximately 50 respondents, split equally between banker and exporters. The new survey is the same as in previous years as it asks bankers and exporters to evaluate the competitiveness of Ex-Im Bank's programs vis-a-vis foreign export credit agencies. However, it has been modified in order to account for newer policies and to capture enough information to provide better analysis of our competitiveness.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before January 31, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments or requests for additional information to Carlita Robinson, Export-Import Bank of the United States, Room 764, 811 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20571, (202) 565-3351.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carlita Robinson (202) 565-3351.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Type of Request:* Revision.

*Annual Number of Respondents:* 50.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 50.

*Frequency of Reporting or Use:*

Annual survey.

Dated: November 29, 1999.

**Carlita Robinson,**

*Agency Clearance Officer.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

**[Report No. AUC-99-28-A (Auction No. 28); DA 99-2594]**

### Supplemental Closed Broadcast Auction Scheduled for March 21, 2000

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice; seeking comment.

**SUMMARY:** This Public Notice announces the auction of certain AM, FM, LPTV and TV broadcast construction permits to commence March 21, 2000. All spectrum to be auctioned is the subject of pending, mutually exclusive applications for referenced broadcast services for which the Commission has not approved settlement agreements obviating the need for an auction. This Supplemental Closed Broadcast Auction shall dispose of the remaining broadcast applications not included in earlier Auctions. In addition, included in the Supplemental Closed Broadcast Auction are certain mutually exclusive LPTV and TV translator displacement relief applications. Pursuant to the *Broadcast First Report and Order*, participation in the auction will be limited to those applicants identified in this Public Notice and applicants will be eligible to bid only on those construction permits for which they previously filed long form applications (FCC Forms 301 or 349).

**DATES:** Comments are due on or before December 6, 1999 and reply comments are due on or before December 16, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** To file formally, parties must submit an original and four copies to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 Twelfth Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition, parties must submit one copy to Amy Zoslov, Chief, Auctions and Industry Analysis Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 Twelfth Street, SW, Room No. 4-A760, Washington, DC 20554.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shaun Maher, Video Services Division, Mass Media Bureau at (202) 418-1600, Lisa Scanlan, Audio Services Division, Mass Media Bureau at (202) 418-2700 or Bob Reagle, Auctions and Industry Analysis Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, at (717) 338-2807.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of a Public Notice released November 19, 1999. The complete text of the public notice is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room CY-A257), 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC. It may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc., (ITS, Inc.) 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20035, (202) 857-3800. It is also available on the Commission's website at <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/auctions>.

1. Construction permits will be auctioned for each of the mutually exclusive applicant groups ("MX Groups"). In some, but not all, of the MX Groups listed on Attachment A, a "daisy chain" of mutual exclusivity exists whereby applications are directly mutually exclusive with certain applications in the MX Group but not others ("Daisy Chain MX Groups"). A "daisy chain" occurs when two or more non-table, site-based applications propose service areas that do not directly overlap, but are linked together into a chain by the overlapping proposal(s) of other(s). In such cases, the potential exists to grant more than one application and issue more than one construction permit per MX Group and remain consistent with the Commission's separation requirements relating to site-based services. The identification of "daisy chains" on Attachment A is provisional in nature, since the final configuration of groups cannot be ascertained until after the filing of short-form (FCC Form 175) applications, at which point mutual exclusivity for auction purposes arises. At that time, a final identification and enumeration of "daisy chain" MX Groups will be made and a public notice will be released providing this information ("Status PN"). It is possible that some MX Groups provisionally identified here as constituting a daisy chain may, after the short form-filing deadline, become directly mutually exclusive. In such case(s), the proposal in this notice pertaining to applications that are directly mutually exclusive with each other ("Direct MX Groups") become applicable.

2. The MX Groups are categorized on a service-by-service basis, accompanied by the respective reserve prices/minimum opening bids and upfront payments. The groups involving provisional daisy chain situations are noted. All MX Groups identified in (Attachment A) have been subject to competition through the opening and closing of the period for filing competing applications through the two-step cut-off list procedures, or through an application filing window. Pursuant to the *Broadcast First Report and Order*, 63 FR 48615 (September 11, 1998) in those specific situations where both non-commercial and commercial applicants for full power stations filed mutually exclusive long form applications for non-reserved band channels, auctions shall not be conducted at this time and these applications are not included on Attachment A.

3. The total number of long form applications being disposed of in this

proceeding is 60. These long form applications are grouped together in a total of 14 MX groups, 8 of which are provisional daisy chain groups.

#### **I. Reserve Price or Minimum Opening Bid**

4. The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (section 30002(a), Balanced Budget Act of 1997, Public Law 105-33, 111 Stat. 251) calls upon the Commission to prescribe methods by which a reasonable reserve price will be required or a minimum opening bid established when FCC licenses or construction permits are subject to auction (*i.e.*, because the applications are mutually exclusive), unless the Commission determines that a reserve price or minimum bid is not in the public interest. Consistent with this mandate, the Commission has directed the Bureaus, *Part One Third Report and Order*, 63 FR 770 (January 7, 1998) to seek comment on the use of minimum opening bids and/or reserve prices prior to the start of each broadcast auction. This is consistent with policy applied in earlier spectrum auctions, including the recently completed Closed Broadcast Auctions. These auctions (Nos. 25 and 27) concluded October 8, 1999, after 35 rounds and 15 rounds, respectively. The Commission has concluded that either or both of these mechanisms may be employed for auctions and has delegated the requisite authority to make determinations regarding the appropriateness of employing either or both.

5. Normally, a reserve price is an absolute minimum price below, which an item will not be sold in a given auction. Reserve prices can be either published or unpublished. A minimum-opening bid, on the other hand, is the minimum acceptable bid price set at the beginning of a multiple round auction. It too constitutes a minimum amount below which no bids are accepted and is generally used to accelerate the competitive bidding process. Also, in a minimum opening bid scenario, the auctioneer generally has the discretion to lower the amount later in the auction.

6. In anticipation of these auctions and in light of the Balanced Budget Act, the Bureaus propose to establish minimum opening bids for Direct MX Groups and reserve prices for the Daisy Chain MX Groups. The Bureaus believe that use of minimum opening bids, which have been utilized in other simultaneous, multiple round auctions, is an effective practice for conducting the auction of the Direct MX Groups, since the competitive bidding design the Commission proposes for those groups features simultaneous, multiple rounds.

For the Daisy Chain MX Groups, on the other hand, where a single round format is proposed, the Commission will utilize published reserve prices, which will function in a single round context much like the minimum opening bids in the multiple round format.

7. Minimum opening bids for the Direct MX Groups will help to regulate the pace of the auction. The proposed minimum opening bids were determined by taking into account various factors related to the efficiency of the auction and the potential value of the spectrum. For the television construction permits, the Commission has based the proposed minimum opening bids upon the type of service that will be offered, market size, industry cash flow data and recent broadcast transactions. For the radio construction permits, the Commission has based the proposed minimum opening bids upon the service and class of facility that will be offered, the population covered by the proposed facilities for which parties intend to bid and recent broadcast transactions.

8. Comment is sought on this proposal. If commenters believe the reserve prices and minimum opening bids proposed will result in a substantial number of unsold construction permits, or, in particular instances, do not constitute reasonable amounts, they should explain why this is so, and comment on the desirability of an alternative approach. Commenters are advised to support their claims with specific valuation analyses and suggested reserve prices or minimum opening bid levels or formulas. Commenters should detail any alternative method they propose for valuing given spectrum, providing examples and citations for each part of their formula. Alternatively, comment is sought on whether, consistent with the Balanced Budget Act, the public interest would be served by having no minimum opening bids or reserve prices.

## II. Other Auction Procedural Issues

9. The Balanced Budget Act, at section 3002(a)(E)(I), requires the Commission to "ensure that, in the scheduling of any competitive bidding under this subsection, an adequate period is allowed \* \* \* before issuance of bidding rules, to permit notice and comment on proposed auction procedures \* \* \*." Consistent with the provisions of the Balanced Budget Act and to ensure that potential bidders have adequate time to familiarize themselves with the specific provisions that will govern the day-to-day conduct of an auction, the Commission directed the Bureaus, under their existing

delegated authority, to seek comment on a variety of auction-specific issues prior to the start of each auction. Pursuant to our delegated authority as contained in the *Broadcast First Report and Order*, the Commission seeks comment on the following issues.

### a. Auction Sequence, License Groupings and Auction Design

10. The Commission proposes two separate auction designs to award these construction permits, one for the Daisy Chain MX Groups and one for Direct MX Groups. For the Daisy Chain MX Groups, the Commission will employ an electronic single round auction to determine the winner(s). The Commission has concluded that the disposition of these construction permits in this manner is most appropriate because of the complexity of the overlapping nature of the permits in these groups.

11. For Direct MX Groups, the Commission will employ an electronic simultaneous multiple round auction format. The Commission has concluded that the disposition of these construction permits in this manner is the most administratively appropriate and allows bidders to utilize the same competitive bidding design option successfully employed in the recently concluded Closed Broadcast Auction.

12. The Commission believes that the use of these designs furthers the public interest by enhancing efficient spectrum usage and seeks comment on these proposals.

### b. Structure of Bidding Rounds

13. For the Daisy Chain MX Groups, the Commission proposes that there will be a single round in which each bidder must place a bid that meets or exceeds the established reserve price. Bidders will enter their bids in whole dollar amounts. The determination of the winning bidder in each of the Daisy Chain MX Groups shall be made by finding the set of bids on non-overlapping coverage areas that accrue to the greatest amount. For example, consider the case of an MX Group consisting of a "daisy chain" of three potential bidders (Bidders 1, 2 and 3) interested in three construction permits in the MX Group (respectively Construction Permits A, B and C) such that A is MX'ed with B and B is MX'ed with C. This means that either A and C can both be assigned or B can be assigned, but not A and B, B and C or A, B and C. In order for Bidder 2 to win construction permit B, its bid would have to exceed the combined bids of Bidders 1 and 3 on construction permits A and C, respectively. All bids will be

time-stamped and in the case of tie bids, the first complete combination of bids placed first in time shall be considered the winning bid combination.

14. For the Direct MX Groups, the Commission proposes a single stage, simultaneous multiple round auction. In order to ensure that the auction closes within a reasonable period, an activity rule requires bidders to bid actively on a percentage of their maximum bidding eligibility during each round of the auction rather than waiting until the end to participate. A bidder that does not satisfy the activity rule will either lose bidding eligibility in the next round or use an activity rule waiver. The Commission proposes that, in each round of the auction, a bidder desiring to maintain its current eligibility is required to be active on construction permits encompassing one hundred (100) percent of its current bidding eligibility. Failure to maintain the requisite activity level will result in a reduction in the bidder's bidding eligibility in the next round of bidding (unless an activity rule waiver is used, see Section e.). The Commission seeks comments on these proposals.

### c. Reserve Prices and Minimum Accepted Bids

15. For the Daisy Chain MX Groups, each bidder must place a bid that meets or exceeds the established reserve price. Bidders will enter their bids in whole dollar amounts.

16. For the Direct MX Groups, the bid level will begin at the established minimum opening bid. Once there is a standing, high bid on a construction permit, a bid increment will be applied to that construction permit to establish a minimum acceptable bid for the following round. The Commission proposes to set a minimum 10% increment. This means that a new bid placed by a bidder must be at least 10% greater than the previous bid received on that construction permit. The Bureaus retain the discretion to change the methodology for determining the minimum bid increment if they determine the circumstances so dictate. Bidders will enter their bids as multiples of the bid increment (*i.e.*, with a 10% bid increment, a bid of 1 increment will place a bid 10% above the previous high bid, a bid of 2 increments will place a bid 20% above the previous high bid). The Commission seeks comment on these proposals.

### d. Initial Maximum Eligibility for Each Bidder

17. Bidders will be required to submit an upfront payment for each construction permit for which they are

qualified and interested in placing a bid. The Bureaus have delegated authority and discretion to determine an appropriate upfront payment for each construction permit being auctioned, taking into account such factors as efficiency of the auction process and the potential value of the spectrum. Eligibility for participation depends on whether an applicant has timely tendered its upfront payment and has otherwise complied with all of the Commission's rules relating to participation. Bidders will be required to submit an upfront payment for each construction permit for which they are qualified and interested in placing a bid. With these guidelines in mind, the Commission proposes the schedule of upfront payments. The Commission seeks comment on this proposal.

*e. Activity Rule Waivers and Reducing Eligibility*

18. *For the Daisy Chain MX Groups*, because of the single round format, activity rule waivers and reducing eligibility are not applicable.

19. *For the Direct MX Groups*, use of an activity rule waiver preserves the bidder's current bidding eligibility despite the bidder's activity in the current round being below the required minimum level. An activity rule waiver applies to an entire round of bidding and not to a particular construction permit. Activity waivers are principally a mechanism for auction participants to avoid the loss of auction eligibility in the event that exigent circumstances prevent them from placing a bid in a particular round.

20. The automated auction system assumes that bidders with insufficient activity at the close of a round would prefer to use an activity rule waiver (if available) rather than lose bidding eligibility. Therefore, the system will automatically apply a waiver (known as an "automatic waiver") at the end of any bidding round where a bidder's activity level is below the minimum required unless: (1) there are no more activity rule waivers available; or (2) the bidder overrides the automatic application of a waiver by reducing eligibility thereby meeting the minimum requirements.

21. The Commission proposes that a bidder with insufficient activity that wants to reduce its bidding eligibility rather than use an activity rule waiver, must affirmatively override the automatic waiver mechanism during the bidding period by using the reduce eligibility function in the software. In this case, the bidder's eligibility would be permanently reduced to bring the bidder into compliance with the activity

rules as described above. Once eligibility has been reduced, a bidder would not be permitted to regain its lost bidding eligibility.

22. The Commission proposes that a bidder may proactively use an activity rule waiver as a means to keep the auction open without placing a bid. If a bidder submits a proactive waiver (using the proactive waiver function in the bidding software) during a bidding period in which no bids are submitted, the auction will remain open and the bidder's eligibility will be preserved. An automatic waiver invoked in a round in which there are no new valid bids will not keep the auction open, under the simultaneous stopping rule. The submission of a proactive waiver cannot occur after a bid has been submitted in a round and will preclude a bidder from placing any bids later in that round.

23. The Commission proposes that each bidder be provided with five activity rule waivers that may be used in any round during the course of the simultaneous multi-round auction. The Commission seeks comment on these proposals.

*f. Bid Removal and Bid Withdrawal*

24. *For the Daisy Chain MX Groups*, the Commission proposes the following bid removal and bid withdrawal procedures. Before the close of the bidding period, a bidder has the option of removing any bids placed. By using the remove bid function in the software, a bidder may effectively "unsubmit" any of its bids placed in the single round auction. A bidder removing a bid is not subject to withdrawal payments. Bid withdrawals after the close of the bidding round are not applicable to the single round auction. The Commission seeks comment on this proposal.

25. *For the Direct MX Groups*, the Commission proposes the following bid removal and bid withdrawal procedures. Before the close of a bidding period, a bidder has the option of removing any bids placed in that round. By using the remove bid function in the software, a bidder may effectively "unsubmit" any bid placed within that round. A bidder removing a bid placed in the same round is not subject to withdrawal payments.

26. Once a round closes, a bidder may no longer remove a bid. However, in the next round, a bidder may withdraw standing high bids. A high bidder that withdraws its standing high bid from a previous round is subject to the bid withdrawal payment provisions (see 47 CFR 1.2104(g); 1.2109). The Commission seeks comment on these bid removal and bid withdrawal procedures.

27. In the *Part 1 Third Report and Order*, the Commission explained that allowing bid withdrawals facilitates efficient aggregation of licenses and the pursuit of efficient backup strategies as information becomes available during the course of an auction. The Commission noted, however, that in some instances bidders might seek to withdraw bids for improper reasons, including delaying the close of the auction for strategic purposes. The WTB, therefore, has discretion, in managing the auction, to limit the number of withdrawals to prevent strategic delay of the close of the auction or other abuses. The Commission stated that the WTB should assertively exercise its discretion, consider limiting the number of rounds in which bidders may withdraw bids, and prevent bidders from bidding on a particular market it finds that a bidder is abusing the Commission's bid withdrawal procedures.

28. Applying this reasoning, the Commission proposes to limit each bidder in the auction to withdrawals in no more than two rounds during the course of the auction. To permit a bidder to withdraw bids in more than two rounds would likely encourage insincere bidding or the use of withdrawals for anti-competitive strategic purposes. The two rounds in which withdrawals are utilized will be at the bidder's discretion; withdrawals otherwise must be in accordance with the Commission's rules. There is no limit on the number of standing high bids that may be withdrawn in either of the rounds in which withdrawals are utilized. Withdrawals will remain subject to the bid withdrawal payment provisions specified in the Commission's rules. The Commission seeks comment on these proposals.

*g. Stopping Rule and Waivers*

29. *For the Daisy Chain MX Groups*, the Bureaus propose to conduct a single round of bidding and declare the auction over at the conclusion of this bidding period. The Bureaus propose a single, two-hour bidding period. The Bureaus retain the discretion to increase or decrease this time limit by announcement before the auction if circumstances so dictate. The Commission seeks comment on this proposal, and, specifically, whether a bidding period of greater or less than two hours should be employed.

30. *For the Direct MX Groups*, the Bureaus propose to employ a simultaneous stopping approach. The Bureaus have discretion to establish stopping rules before or during multiple round auctions in order to terminate the

auction within a reasonable time (see 47 CFR 1.2104(e) and 73.5001(b)). A simultaneous stopping rule means that all construction permits remain open until the first round in which no new acceptable bids, proactive waivers or withdrawals are received. After the first such round, bidding closes simultaneously on all construction permits. Thus, unless circumstances dictate otherwise, bidding would remain open on all construction permits until bidding stops on every construction permit.

31. The Bureaus seek comment on a modified version of the simultaneous stopping rule. The modified stopping rule would close the auction for all construction permits after the first round in which no bidder submits a proactive waiver, a withdrawal, or a new bid on any constructions on which it is not the standing high bidder. Thus, absent any other bidding activity, a bidder placing a new bid on a construction permit for which it is the standing high bidder would not keep the auction open under this modified stopping rule. The Bureaus further seek comment on whether this modified stopping rule should be utilized.

32. The Commission proposes that the Bureaus retain the discretion to keep an auction open even if no new acceptable bids or proactive waivers are submitted

and no previous high bids are withdrawn. In this event, the effect will be the same as if a bidder had submitted a proactive waiver. The activity rule, therefore, will apply as usual and a bidder with insufficient activity will either lose bidding eligibility or use a remaining activity rule waiver.

33. Finally, the Commission proposes that the Bureaus reserve the right to declare that the auction will end after a specified number of additional rounds ("special stopping rule"). If the Bureaus invoke this special stopping rule, it will accept bids in the final round(s) only for construction permits on which the high bid increased in at least one of the preceding specified number of rounds. The Bureaus propose to exercise this option only in certain circumstances, such as, for example, where the auction is proceeding very slowly, there is minimal overall bidding activity, or it appears likely that the auction will not close within a reasonable period of time. Before exercising this option, the Bureaus are likely to attempt to increase the pace of the auction by, for example, increasing the number of bidding rounds per day, and/or increasing the amount of the minimum bid increments for the limited number of construction permits where there is still a high level of bidding activity. The Commission seeks comment on these proposals.

#### *h. Information Relating to Auction Delay, Suspension or Cancellation*

34. The Commission proposes that, by Public Notice or by announcement during the auction, the Bureaus may delay, suspend or cancel the auction in the event of natural disaster, technical obstacle, evidence of an auction security breach, unlawful bidding activity, administrative or weather necessity, or for any other reason that affects the fair and competitive conduct of competitive bidding (see 47 CFR 1.2104(i)). In such cases, the Bureaus, in their sole discretion, may elect to: resume the auction starting from the beginning of the current bidding period; resume the auction starting from some previous bidding period; or cancel the auction in its entirety. Network interruption may cause the Bureaus to delay or suspend the auction. The Commission emphasizes that exercise of this authority is solely within the discretion of the Bureaus, and its use is not intended to be a substitute for situations in which bidders may wish to apply their activity rule waivers. The Commission seeks comment on this proposal.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Louis Sigalos,**

*Deputy Chief, Auctions & Industry Analysis Division.*

#### ATTACHMENT A.—VIDEO SERVICE CONSTRUCTION PERMIT: MINIMUM OPENING BIDS/RESERVE PRICES AND UPFRONT PAYMENTS

MX group	Location	Channel/FX	Bidding units	Upfront payment	Minimum opening bid/reserve price	Applicants	Daisy chain	Case file numbers
PST1	El Dorado, Arkansas	43	100,000	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	Agape Church, Inc. ....	No	BPCT-960628KF
	El Dorado, Arkansas	43	100,000	100,000.00	100,000.00	KB Communications, Inc. ...	No	BPCT-960710KW
	El Dorado, Arkansas	43	100,000	100,000.00	100,000.00	Sioux Falls 64, LLC ....	No	BPCT-960930KR
	El Dorado, Arkansas	43	100,000	100,000.00	100,000.00	KM Communications, Inc. ..	No	BPCT-960930KV
	El Dorado, Arkansas	43	100,000	100,000.00	100,000.00	United Television, Inc. ....	No	BPCT-961001LE
	El Dorado, Arkansas	43	100,000	100,000.00	100,000.00	Cardinal Broadcasting Corp	No	BPCT-961001XN
SST1	Glide, Oregon .....	49	1,000	1,000.00	1,000.00	3 Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc.	No	BPTTL-JG0601ZX
	Roseburg, Oregon ..	49	1,000	1,000.00	1,000.00	Trinity Broadcasting Network.	No	BPTT-980601VD
SST2	Knoxville, Tennessee.	46	1,000	1,000.00	1,000.00	Trinity Broadcasting Network.	Yes	BPTT-JG0601PJ
	Knoxville, Tennessee.	46	1,000	1,000.00	1,000.00	Dwight R. Magnuson .....	Yes	BPTTL-980601RL
	Knoxville, Tennessee.	45	1,000	1,000.00	1,000.00	Dwight R. Magnuson .....	Yes	BPTTL-980601TJ
SST3	Yorktown, Virginia ...	53	60,000	60,000.00	60,000.00	JBS, Inc. ....	Yes	BMPTTL-JG0601MN

## ATTACHMENT A.—VIDEO SERVICE CONSTRUCTION PERMIT: MINIMUM OPENING BIDS/RESERVE PRICES AND UPFRONT PAYMENTS—Continued

MX group	Location	Channel/FX	Bidding units	Upfront payment	Minimum opening bid/reserve price	Applicants	Daisy chain	Case file numbers
	Virginia Beach, Virginia.	52	60,000	60,000.00	60,000.00	B.N. Viswanath .....	Yes	BPTTL-JG0601XW
	Hampton, Virginia ...	53	60,000	60,000.00	60,000.00	Lockwood Broadcasting, Inc.	Yes	BPTTL-JG0601ZI
	Hampton, Virginia ...	53	60,000	60,000.00	60,000.00	LWWI Broadcasting, Inc. ....	Yes	BPTTL-980601UH
	Suffolk, Virginia .....	52	60,000	60,000.00	60,000.00	LWWI Broadcasting, Inc. ....	Yes	BMPTTL-980601UI
SST4	Rochester, New York.	35	30,000	30,000.00	30,000.00	Tony J. Fant .....	Yes	BMPTTL-JG0601AG
	Buffalo, New York ...	36	30,000	30,000.00	30,000.00	Tony J. Fant .....	Yes	BMPTTL-JG0601AH
	Rochester, New York.	36	30,000	30,000.00	30,000.00	Metro TV, Inc. ....	Yes	BPTTL-980601QQ
SST5	Wichita Falls, Texas	46	10,000	10,000.00	10,000.00	Barbara Sharfstein .....	Yes	BPTTL-940415L4
	Wichita Falls, Texas	60	10,000	10,000.00	10,000.00	James W. Satterfield .....	Yes	BPTTL-JD0415BJ
	Ardmore, Oklahoma	60	10,000	10,000.00	10,000.00	Buddy L. Watson .....	Yes	BPTTL-JD0415NZ
	Seminole, Oklahoma	60	10,000	10,000.00	10,000.00	Bryan Westbrook .....	Yes	BPTTL-JD0415SE
	Wichita Falls, Texas	61	10,000	10,000.00	10,000.00	Terri Harris .....	Yes	BPTTL-JE0415FB
SST6	Eagle Pass, Texas ..	52	60,000	60,000.00	60,000.00	American Christian TV System.	Yes	BPTTL-820616TQ
	Eagle Pass, Texas ..	52	60,000	60,000.00	60,000.00	Minerva Rodriguez Frias ....	Yes	BPTTL-EO0307PJ
	Eagle Pass, Texas ..	52	60,000	60,000.00	60,000.00	Jose Armando Tamez .....	Yes	BPTTL-GC0308XV
	Eagle Pass, Texas ..	52	60,000	60,000.00	60,000.00	Lidia Rodriguez .....	Yes	BPTTL-GD0308XI
	Eagle Pass, Texas ..	51	60,000	60,000.00	60,000.00	American Lo-Power TV Network.	Yes	BPTTL-GK0308PJ
	Eagle Pass, Texas ..	49	60,000	60,000.00	60,000.00	American Lo-Power TV Network.	Yes	BPTTL-GK0308PK
	Eagle Pass, Texas ..	50	60,000	60,000.00	60,000.00	Jo Ann's Balloon Boutique, Inc.	Yes	BPTTL-GQ0308TT
	Eagle Pass, Texas ..	50	60,000	60,000.00	60,000.00	Raul Francisco Rivas .....	Yes	BPTTL-GU0308RK
SST7	Eagle Pass, Texas ..	44	60,000	60,000.00	60,000.00	Mike A. Mendoza .....	Yes	BPTTL-GE0308NW
	Uvalde, Texas .....	43	60,000	60,000.00	60,000.00	Evarista Romero .....	Yes	BPTTL-GG0308LQ
	Uvalde, Texas .....	45	60,000	60,000.00	60,000.00	Mike A. Mendoza .....	Yes	BPTTL-GJ0308ME
	Uvalde, Texas .....	45	60,000	60,000.00	60,000.00	Evarista Romero .....	Yes	BPTTL-GJ0308VE
	Eagle Pass, Texas ..	45	60,000	60,000.00	60,000.00	American Lo-Power TV Network.	Yes	BPTTL-GK0308PL
	Eagle Pass, Texas ..	43	60,000	60,000.00	60,000.00	American Lo-Power TV Network.	Yes	BPTTL-GK0308PM
	Uvalde, Texas .....	43	60,000	60,000.00	60,000.00	Mike A. Mendoza .....	Yes	BPTTL-GK0308RC
	Eagle Pass, Texas ..	44	60,000	60,000.00	60,000.00	Jo Ann's Boutique, Inc. ....	Yes	BPTTL-GU0308SG
	Eagle Pass, Texas ..	44	60,000	60,000.00	60,000.00	Raul Francisco Rivas .....	Yes	BPTTL-HD0308RT
	Uvalde, Texas .....	43	60,000	60,000.00	60,000.00	Evangelina Garcia Garza ...	Yes	BPTTL-HO0308VN
SST8	Twin Falls, Idaho ....	28	8,000	8,000.00	8,000.00	Marcie Hillyard .....	Yes	BPTTL-JD0415EA

## ATTACHMENT A.—VIDEO SERVICE CONSTRUCTION PERMIT: MINIMUM OPENING BIDS/RESERVE PRICES AND UPFRONT PAYMENTS—Continued

MX group	Location	Channel/FX	Bidding units	Upfront payment	Minimum opening bid/reserve price	Applicants	Daisy chain	Case file numbers
	Twin Falls, Idaho .....	44	8,000	8,000.00	8,000.00	Marcie Hillyard .....	Yes	BPTTL-JD0415EB
	Twin Falls/Jerome, Idaho.	29	8,000	8,000.00	8,000.00	Idaho Independent Television, Inc.	Yes	BPTTL-JD0415CW
	Twin Falls, Idaho .....	29	8,000	8,000.00	8,000.00	Kevin Hillyard .....	Yes	BPTTL-JE0415MC
SST9	Summerville, S. Carolina.	26	1,000	1,000.00	1,000.00	Towers, Inc. ....	No	BMPTTL-JG0601EV
	Charleston, S. Carolina.	26	1,000	1,000.00	1,000.00	Charles S. Namey .....	No	BMPTTL-980601JR
SST10	Bakersfield, California.	20	20,000	1,000.00	1,000.00	3 Angles Broadcasting Network, Inc.	No	BPTTL-980601VG
	Bakersfield, California.	19	20,000	1,000.00	1,000.00	Trinity Broadcasting Network.	No	BPTT-980601ZL
	Bakersfield, California.	19	20,000	1,000.00	1,000.00	Valley Public Television, Inc	No	BPTT-9JG0601TQ

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## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

## Sunshine Act Meeting; Notice

**AGENCY:** Federal Election Commission.

**DATE AND TIME:** Tuesday, December 7, 1999, 10:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

**STATUS:** This Meeting Will Be Closed to the Public.

## ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Compliance matters pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g.

Audits conducted pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g, § 438(b), and Title 26, U.S.C.

Matters concerning participation in civil actions or proceedings or arbitration.

Internal personnel rules and procedures or matters affecting a particular employee.

**DATE AND TIME:** Thursday, December 9, 1999 at 10:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. (Ninth Floor).

**STATUS:** This Meeting Will be Open to The Public.

## ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Correction and Approval of Minutes.  
Advisory Opinion 1999-32: Tohono O'odham Nation by counsel, William C. Oldaker.

Voluntary Performance Standards for Voting Systems.

Administrative Matters.

## PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:

Mr. Ron Harris, Press Officer,  
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**Mary W. Dove,**

*Acting Secretary of the Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

## Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 99N-4397]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Announcement of OMB Approval; Survey of Food Manufacturing Facilities for Year 2000 Compliance**

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that a collection of information entitled "Survey of Food Manufacturing Facilities for Year 2000 Compliance" has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Peggy Schlosburg, Office of Information Resources Management (HFA-250), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-1223.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the **Federal Register** of October 27, 1999 (64 FR 57892), the agency announced that

the proposed information collection had been submitted to OMB for review and clearance under 44 U.S.C. 3507. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. OMB has now approved the information collection and has assigned OMB control number 0910-0425. The approval expires on February 29, 2000. A copy of the supporting statement for this information collection is available on the Internet at <http://www.fda.gov/ohrms/dockets>.

Dated: November 26, 1999.

**William K. Hubbard,**

*Senior Associate Commissioner for Policy, Planning, and Legislation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

## Food And Drug Administration

[Docket No. 99F-5111]

**Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.; Filing of Food Additive Petition**

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of acid-catalyzed condensation reaction