

will make the presentation, the organization (if any) they will represent, any requirements for audio visual equipment (e.g., overhead projector, 35mm projector, chalkboard, easel, etc), and at least 35 copies of an outline of the issues to be addressed or the presentation itself. Further information pertaining to the meeting may be obtained directly from Dr. K. Jack Kooyoomjian, Designated Federal Official for the Radiation Advisory Committee, Science Advisory Board (1400), U.S. EPA, Washington, DC 20460, phone (202)-260-2560; fax (202)-260-7118; or via E-mail at: kooyoomjian.jack@epamail.epa.gov.

For questions pertaining to the review of uncertainty analysis for estimating radiogenic cancer risks, and to obtain copies of the draft document being reviewed, as well as background documents provided to the SAB's RAC, please contact Dr. Jerome S. Puskin, (6602J), ORIA/EPA at (202) 233-9212. To discuss any other aspects of this review or any supporting or background information, please contact Mr. Brian Littleton, (6601J), ORIA, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460, tel. (202) 233-9216; fax (202) 233-9651; or E-mail: littleton.brian@epamail.epa.gov. After November 1, 1997 please call Mr. Littleton at (202) 564-9216.

For questions pertaining to the ERAMS advisory review, and to obtain copies of the draft document being reviewed, as well as background documents provided to the SAB's RAC, please contact LT. Rhonda Cook, US Public Health Service (PHS)/EPA at (334) 270-3413. The SAB's RAC conducted an earlier advisory on ERAMS on July 13 and 14, 1995 and produced an SAB advisory (EPA-SAB-RAC-ADV-96-003, April 5, 1996). For copies of this earlier SAB report, please contact the SAB's Committee Evaluation Support Staff (CESS) at (202) 260-8414; FAX (202) 260-7118. For additional information or to discuss technical aspects of any of the other ORIA agenda topics, or any supporting or background information, please contact Mr. Brian Littleton, (6601J), Office of Radiation and Indoor Air (ORIA), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460, tel. (202) 233-9216; fax (202) 233-9651; or E-mail: littleton.brian@epamail.epa.gov. After November 1, 1997 please call Mr. Littleton at (202) 564-9216.

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Dated: October 17, 1997.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval

October 17, 1997.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that

does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before November 24, 1997. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Judy Boley, Federal Communications Commission, Room 234, 1919 M St., N.W., Washington, DC 20554 or via internet to jboley@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collection(s) contact Judy Boley at 202-418-0214 or via internet at jboley@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Approval Number: 3060-0370.

Title: Part 32, Uniform System of Accounts for Telecommunications Companies.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 239.

Estimated Time Per Response: 12,685 hours per recordkeeper/response.

Cost to Respondents: N/A.

Total Annual Burden: 3,028,768 hours.

Needs and Uses: The Uniform System of Accounts is a historical financial accounting system which reports the results of operational and financial events in a manner which enables both management and regulators to assess these results within a specified accounting period. Subject respondents are telecommunications companies. Entities having annual revenues from regulated telecommunications operations of less than \$100 million are designated as Class B companies and are subject to a less detailed accounting system than those designated as Class A companies. Part 32 imposes essentially recordkeeping requirements. The

reporting requirements contained in the rulepart are sporadic or initiated by the carriers. Part 32 has been revised. For example, in the Report and Order in CC Docket 95-60, the Commission raised the expense limit in Section 32.2000(a)(4) from \$500 to \$200, with one exception related to personal computers recorded in Account 1212, General purpose computers. This will reduce the Continuing Property Records required to be maintained by the carriers. By eliminating the requirement for detailed property records for certain items costing less than the new \$2,000 threshold amount, the Commission has provided the carriers with substantial relief from the administrative cost previously proposed. Also, in the Report and Order, the Commission adopted a five-year amortization period during which incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs) may recover the undepreciated portion of embedded assets affected by this rule change. The parties comments and replies were carefully considered in the formulation of the final rule.

Federal Communications Commission.

Shirley S. Suggs,

Chief, Publications Branch.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[DA 97-2147]

800 MHz Specialized Mobile Radio Service; Minimum Opening Bid Requirements for Auction of 525 Licenses in Upper 10 MHz Band

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: By this Order, the Commission establishes minimum opening bid requirements for the auction of 525 licenses in the upper 10 MHz of the 800 MHz Specialized Mobile Radio Service ("SMR") set to begin October 28, 1997. This Order effectuates directives of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. Accordingly, the Commission adopts minimum opening bids subject to reduction; sets minimum opening bids equal to the established upfront payments; and declines to adopt caps on minimum opening bids.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 23, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: D. Anthony Mastando or Alice Elder at 202-418-0660.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of an Order adopted October

6, 1997, and released October 6, 1997. The text of the Order is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. and also may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc. (ITS, Inc.) 1231 20th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036, (202) 857-3800.

Synopsis of the Order

Background

1. The recently enacted Balanced Budget Act of 1997 directs the Commission to prescribe methods by which to establish reasonable reserve prices or minimum opening bids for licenses subject to auction, unless the Commission determines that such reserve prices or minimum opening bids are not in the public interest. The Commission recently announced the auction of 525 licenses in the upper 10 MHz of the 800 MHz SMR set to begin October 28, 1997. On September 5, 1997, the Commission sought comment by Public Notice regarding the establishment of reserve prices or minimum opening bids, 62 FR 49241 (September 19, 1997). The Commission received six sets of comments.

2. In the September 5th Public Notice, the Commission proposed that the licenses in the 800 MHz auction not be sold for less than the amount of the upfront payment specified for the licenses in the Public Notice released August 6, 1997, 62 FR 49228 (September 19, 1997). The Commission requested comment on whether the amount of the upfront payments should be considered reserve prices or minimum opening bids for this auction. Commenters were asked to address whether reserve prices or minimum opening bids should be capped to ensure that bidding is not deterred on high valuation markets. Assuming reserve prices were implemented, commenters were also asked to address whether these prices should be published.

3. On September 12, 1997, the Personal Communication Industry Association ("PCIA"), Nextel, the American Mobile Telecommunications Association ("AMTA") Tel/Logic, Pass Word, Inc. ("Pass Word") and Motorola submitted comments in response to the Public Notice. All commenting parties specifically opposed the establishment of reserve prices and more generally opposed minimum opening bids.

4. Commenters assert that minimum opening bids and reserve prices are inconsistent with the notion that market forces should determine the value of

auctioned spectrum and are therefore contrary to the public interest. They believe that bidders—not the Commission—are in the best position to assess the value of the spectrum. Nextel posits that the spectrum's value should be determined by bidders' evaluations of each license on the basis of incumbency, not by what the Commission sees as the overall market for 800 MHz SMR spectrum.

5. AMTA contends that overvalued spectrum and, concomitantly, high reserve prices will preclude small businesses from participation in the auction. Pass Word cautions that reserve prices either will reduce small business participation or result in unsound economic decisions leading to a scenario similar to the one facing the Commission and the defaulting C-Block PCS winners. Nextel believes that a reserve price is justified where spectrum is plentiful and the price is therefore depressed, but that this is not true of the heavily encumbered 800 MHz spectrum. The variation in incumbent systems, according to Motorola, makes impossible the development of an arbitrary price floor with sufficient flexibility. Tel/Logic notes that neither the Commission nor bidders should be able to project demand or prices.

6. PCIA considers minimum bids to be "inappropriate" because incumbent licensees will be forced to pay substantial fees for spectrum on which they already have operating systems and for which there may be no competing bidders. Pass Word also believes that minimum opening bids are inappropriate and that the spectrum will be fairly valued by the bidders because, unlike the Wireless Communications Service auction, spectrum, technology and equipment usage is well-defined for 800 MHz SMR systems and potential bidders have received adequate notice of this auction.

7. Were the Commission to establish minimum opening bids, AMTA maintains that the Commission should reserve the right to lower them in the event it has overestimated the licenses' value. Tel/Logic adds that minimum opening bids should not be linked to upfront payment levels because the two are based on different policy objectives and, therefore, should be determined separately in order to maintain Commission policy and auction administration flexibility. It contends that the upfront payment amount is set in order to encourage the participation of smaller entities and to discourage frivolous bidders, whereas a minimum opening bid should be established in order to avoid selling licenses below value. Pass Word urges the Commission