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**DA 00-145**  
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## **WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON SBC COMMUNICATIONS INC.'S REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE UPCOMING PCS C AND F BLOCK AUCTION**

**Comment Date: February 10, 2000**

**Reply Date: February 15, 2000**

SBC Communications Inc. ("SBC") has filed a request for waiver of the eligibility requirements under Section 24.709 of the Commission's rules to allow it to participate in the PCS C and F block auction scheduled to begin on July 26, 2000.<sup>1</sup> Section 24.709 of the Commission's rules restricts the eligibility for C and F block licenses to entities with total assets and gross revenues below specified levels.<sup>2</sup> SBC requests a waiver under Section 1.925 of the Commission's rules to allow companies other than such entities to participate in the upcoming C and F block auction.<sup>3</sup>

SBC argues that granting its waiver request and allowing it to participate in the upcoming C and F block auction would serve the public interest by speeding the delivery of wireless services to the public and enhancing competition in numerous market areas.

We seek comment on whether grant of SBC's waiver request would further the public interest. Commenters should address the sufficiency of the showing made in support of the waiver in light of the requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 1.925 and any other public interest considerations. Interested parties may file comments on or before February 10, 2000. Parties interested in submitting reply comments must do so on or before February 15, 2000. All comments should reference SBC's request for waiver and include the DA number of this Public Notice (DA 00-145). Comments should be filed with the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, TW B204, 445 12<sup>th</sup> St. S.W. Washington, DC 20554. Comments also should be provided to Amy Zoslov, Chief, Auctions and Industry Analysis Division, Rm # 4-A624, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12<sup>th</sup> St. S.W. Washington, DC 20554.

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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 24.709. In a recent Public Notice, the Commission announced that the auction of C and F block broadband PCS licenses would begin on July 26, 2000. *See* "Auction of C and F Block Broadband PCS Licenses, Notice of Auction Scheduled for July 26, 2000," *Public Notice*, DA 00-49 (rel. January 12, 2000).

<sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 24.709.

<sup>3</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.925.

This proceeding has been designated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200(a), 1.1206. Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented is generally required. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b). Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

The SBC waiver request is available for public inspection and copying in the Reference Center, Room CY A257, 445 12th St., S.W., Washington, DC 20554. Copies of the waiver request are also available from ITS at 1231 20<sup>th</sup> St. N.W., Washington, DC 20036, or by calling (202) 857-3800.

For further information, contact Leora Hochstein of the Auctions and Industry Analysis Division at (202) 418-0660.

By the Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau

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