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AUCTION OF DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITE SERVICE LICENSES (AUCTION No. 52) IS POSTPONED

Report No. AUC-03-52-B (Auction No. 52)

The auction of licenses to use the Direct Broadcast Satellite (“DBS”) service allocation (Auction No. 52), previously scheduled to begin on August 6, 2003, will be delayed pending Commission resolution of certain issues on which it has sought comment. Specifically, on March 3, 2003, the Commission sought comment on its conclusion that the DBS licenses that will be offered in Auction No. 52 are not subject to the auction prohibition of the ORBIT Act¹ and on whether it should adopt eligibility restrictions for any of these licenses.² Following the Commission’s resolution of these issues, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau will release a public notice announcing key dates for Auction No. 52.

Action by Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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¹ Open-Market Reorganization for the Betterment of International Telecommunications Act, Pub. L. No. 106-180, 114 Stat. 48 § 647 (enacted Mar. 12, 2000), codified at 47 U.S.C. § 765f (“ORBIT Act”).

² *Public Notice*, Auction of Direct Broadcast Satellite Service Licenses Scheduled for August 6, 2003, Report No. AUC-03-52-A, FCC 03-40 (rel. March 3, 2003).