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Cellular SID Administration Is Now Being Performed by Private Industry

On October 1, 2003, the FCC turned over the responsibility for administering 800 MHz Cellular System Identification Numbers (SIDs)¹ to private industry.² As part of this transition, the SID is no longer a component of the cellular license and all SIDs have been removed from the license record in ULS.³ A database of the current SID assignments has been posted to the Cellular web site at <http://wireless.fcc.gov/services/cellular/licensing/sids.html> and is also available via the ULS archive database at <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls>. As of September 30, 2003, the FCC will not maintain a current record of SID assignments. Up-to-date SID information can be obtained through one of the new Cellular SID Administrators

General Overview of the New SIDs Administration Process.

- 800 MHz cellular licensees requesting a new SID assignment or an additional SID assignment must do so by submitting a request to one of the six recognized SID Administrators.
- A licensee requesting to use a SID assigned to another licensee must provide a letter from the authorized SID user concurring with the shared-use request.
- If a licensee requests a new SID assignment, and this new assignment makes the total number of SIDs assigned to the license greater than three (3), the licensee must submit justification for the additional SID.
- Licensees that cease using an assigned SID should notify one of the administrators so that the SID database can be updated accordingly.

¹ SIDs are numeric identifiers used by cellular systems to identify the home system of a cellular telephone and by the cellular telephone to determine their roaming status.

² See Cellular SID Administration To Be Privatized Effective October 1, 2003, *Public Notice*, DA 03-2760 (rel. August 29, 2003.)

³ See Year 2000 Biennial Regulatory Review – Amendment of Part 22 of the Commission’s Rules to Modify or Eliminate Outdated Rules Affecting the Cellular Radiotelephone Service and other Commercial Mobile Radio Services, WT Docket No. 01-108, *Report and Order*, 17 FCC Rcd 18401 (2002). The *Report and Order* eliminates section 22.941 of the Commission rules, 47 C.F.R. § 22.941, regarding the use of SIDs and the SIDs assignment process, in its entirety.

Additional Information.

The SID Administrators are listed on Attachment A and on the Bureau's web site at <http://wireless.fcc.gov/services/cellular/licensing/sids.html>. The Bureau's web site also includes the Public Notices released during the process of privatizing the SIDs administration function, the *Guidelines for Cellular SID Administrators* (Guidelines), and the *Memorandum of Understanding* signed by the administrators.

SIDs are a finite resource and must be carefully managed. Cellular licensees are encouraged to verify their SID assignment(s) using the cellular license spreadsheet at <http://wireless.fcc.gov/services/cellular/licensing/sids.html>. Any discrepancies in SID information should be reported to one of the SID Administrators; including instances when a SID has been assigned but is not currently being used.

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ATTACHMENT A

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