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THE WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ANNOUNCES THE GRANT OF A NATIONWIDE GEOGRAPHIC AREA LICENSE TO PROVIDE 1670-1675 MHZ SERVICE

Auction No. 46

On May 2, 2003, the Commission announced that OP Corporation was the winning bidder of a nationwide license in the 1670-1675 MHz band. After a preliminary review of OP Corporation's long-form application (File No. 0001312627), the Bureau announced that it was accepted for filing. On June 23, 2003, OP Corporation requested a waiver of the Commission rule that requires applicants who seek a tribal lands bidding credit to file certain certifications prior to license grant. On September 30, 2003, the Bureau granted the waiver request. Because OP Corporation had already fully complied with the Commission's payment instructions and its application was otherwise in order, on October 1, 2003, the Bureau granted its application for a nationwide license to provide 1670-1675 MHz service under Call Sign WPYQ831. The Bureau granted this license pursuant to Section 309(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and Section 0.331 of the Commission's Rules because it will serve the public interest, convenience and necessity.

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¹ See 1670-1675 MHz Auction Closes, Public Notice, 18 FCC Rcd 9089 (WTB 2003).

² The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Announces that an Application for the Authority to Operate in the 1670-1675 MHz Band is Accepted for Filing, *Public Notice*, 18 FCC Rcd 10617 (WTB 2003).

³ See OP Corporation, Order, DA 03-3002 (WTB rel. Sep. 30, 2003).

⁴ 47 U.S.C. § 309(a).

⁵ 47 C.F.R. § 0.331.