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## AUCTION FOR H BLOCK LICENSES IN THE 1915-1920 MHz AND 1995-2000 MHz BANDS RESCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 22, 2014

## NOTICE OF CHANGES TO AUCTION 96 SCHEDULE FOLLOWING RESUMPTION OF NORMAL COMMISSION OPERATIONS

## AU Docket No. 13-178

- 1. By this Public Notice, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau ("Bureau") announces that the auction of licenses in the 1915-1920 MHz and 1995 MHz-2000 MHz bands ("H Block"), which is designated as Auction 96, will commence on January 22, 2014. This Public Notice also revises the previously-announced schedule of pre-auction deadlines for Auction 96.<sup>1</sup>
- 2. These schedule changes are necessary to give potential bidders and Commission staff additional time for planning and preparation for Auction 96 upon the resumption of regular Commission operations.<sup>2</sup> Auction 96 will now begin on January 22, 2014, and short-form applications to participate in the auction will be due prior to 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on November 15, 2013. All other procedures, terms and requirements as set out in the *Auction 96 Procedures Public Notice* remain unchanged.
  - 3. The following dates and deadlines will now apply to Auction 96:

Auction Tutorial Available (via Internet)	. November 4, 2013
Short-Form Application (FCC Form 175) Filing Window Opens	November 4, 2013; 12:00 noon ET
Short-Form Application (FCC Form 175) Filing Window Deadline	. November 15, 2013; 6:00 p.m. ET
Upfront Payments (via wire transfer) Deadline	. December 18, 2013; 6:00 p.m. ET
Mock Auction	January 17, 2014
Auction Begins	January 22, 2014

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> On September 13, 2013, the Bureau established the procedures that will apply to Auction 96 and set the applicable dates and deadlines for the auction. Auction of H Block Licenses in the 1915-1920 MHz and 1995 MHz-2000 MHz Bands Scheduled for January 14, 2014; Notice and Filing Requirements, Reserve Price, Minimum Opening Bids, Upfront Payments, and Other Procedures for Auction 96, *Public Notice*, AU Docket No. 13-178, DA 13-1885, 28 FCC Rcd 1103 (2013)("*Auction 96 Procedures Public Notice*").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Regular Commission operations were suspended for a 16-day period from October 1 through October 16, 2013, due to a Government-wide lapse in funding.

4. For further information, contact Valerie Barrish of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Auctions and Spectrum Access Division at (202) 418-0660. To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format) for people with disabilities, send an e-mail to <a href="fcc504@fcc.gov">fcc504@fcc.gov</a> or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 or (202) 418-0432 (TTY).

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