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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU COMMERCIAL WIRELESS DIVISION

FULL MARKET SETTLEMENT/DISMISSAL/TENTATIVE SELECTEE FOR MARKETS 461B AND 462B

Report No. CL-97-33

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Pursuant to *Mobiletel, Inc.*, Memorandum Opinion & Order, FCC 96-345, released August 14, 1996, the Commission's processing rules in effect in October, 1990 are to be applied to Rural Service Area (RSA) Louisiana 8 - St. Park (Market 461B) and Louisiana 9 - Plaquemines (Market 462B). In accordance with Section 22.29 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 22.29 (1990) Bell South and Columbia notified the Commission that they entered into a full-market settlement agreement (*See* Public Notice Report No. CL-97-4, released October 16, 1996) and have requested the withdrawal of Columbia's application (File No. 00142-CL-P1-B-97) in Market 461B. Pursuant to Section 22.28 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 22.28, Columbia's application is dismissed with prejudice effective on the date of this public notice. As a result Bell South is the sole surviving applicant in Market 461B. Bell South is also the sole surviving applicant for Market 462B. Accordingly Bell South is the tentative selectee in Markets 461B and 462B.

On November 15, 1996, Bell South filed major amendments to its initial applications (File Nos. 00141-CL-P1-461-B-97 and 00140-CL-P1-462-B-97, respectively) and filed alternate contingent major amendments for Markets 461B and 462B. The contingent major amendments are proposed to ensure continuity of quality cellular service to the existing customer base in Markets 461B and 462B, since the coverage area in its initial applications do not coincide with MobileTel's existing coverage. The Commission accepts for filing Bell South's initial applications, as modified by its amendments for Markets 461B and 462B. In addition, the Commission accepts for filing Bell South's contingent major amendments to its initial applications.

Bell South's filing of the contingent major amendments are predicated on such amendments not deemed newly filed under 1990 Commission Rules.

Petitions to Deny against the listed tentative selectee must be filed within thirty (30) days after the date of this Public Notice. See Section 22.30 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 22.30 (1990).

If you have any questions, you may call Chris White at (202) 418-0620 or Michael Kleeb at (202)530-6140.

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