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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION NAMES U.S. BANK AS NEW LOCKBOX BANK USED FOR FILING APPLICATIONS AND NON-AUCTION PAYMENTS *Mellon Bank Remains As Lockbox Bank for All 700 MHz Auction Payments*

Washington, D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) today announced that as of February 14 it is changing the bank that provides the FCC with certain lockbox services to U.S. Bank in St. Louis, Missouri. A lockbox bank serves as the filing and processing agent for a corporation or government entity. Fees, payments, and applications, along with any associated identifying information, are sent directly to the lockbox. Among other things, the FCC’s lockbox bank will open mail, process funds, record remittance data, forward remaining materials to the FCC, and deposit funds in the FCC’s accounts. Beginning February 14, 2008, U.S. Bank will replace Mellon Bank as the lockbox bank for all FCC programs except auctions-related payments. As a result, payments for the 700 MHz auction will continue to be received by Mellon Bank. Auction participants are encouraged to refer to the respective “*Procedures and Winning Bidder’s Public Notices*” for payment instructions.

On January 25, 2008, the FCC released an Order announcing the new lockbox numbers and addresses, and updated rules referring to the lockbox bank.¹ The address of the Commission’s new lockbox bank is: U.S. Bank; 1005 Convention Plaza; SL-MO-C2-GL; St. Louis, MO 63101. When submitting fees, payments or applications to the lockbox bank, filers should specifically reference the Government Lockbox number (*i.e.*, the P.O. Box number) that is provided in this Order. Beginning February 14, the Commission’s current manual and automated process(es) will require the use of new lockbox and account numbers. This information is available to the public on the Commission’s website at www.fcc.gov. FCC Forms and payment type codes will not be affected by this change.

Filers who would like to be furnished with a stamped copy of an application submitted to U.S. Bank should note that the procedures set forth in section 1.1110(f) of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1110(f), continue to be in effect.

Effective today, February 12, 2008, Mellon Bank will no longer accept hand deliveries or courier deliveries for any matters unrelated to the 700 MHz auction. U.S. Bank will accept hand delivered filings at their office located at 1005 Convention Plaza, St. Louis, Missouri 63101, located at the intersection of 10th and Convention Streets. Couriers will be allowed to park in the visitor section of the Operation Parking Lot to quickly drop off the filing. Delivery hours are 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. The courier will provide the FCC filing, in a sealed envelope, to the U.S. Bank’s Front Desk

¹ DA 08-122, Amendment of Parts 0, 1, 2, 61, 64, 73 and 89 of the Commission’s Rules, Concerning Commission Organization, Practice and Procedure, Frequency Allocations and Radio Treaty matters; General Rules and Regulations, Tariffs, Miscellaneous Rules Relating to Common Carriers, Radio Broadcast Services, and Stations in the Maritime Services (rel. Jan. 25, 2008).

Security Officer, who will time/date stamp a receipt and provide a copy of the receipt to the courier/customer. The time/date stamped receipt can be used as proof of filing.

Under current FCC policy, applications and other filings received at the wrong location are returned to the sender without processing, and, for purposes of determining receipt dates and conformance with filing deadlines, the submission is not considered received by the FCC until received at the proper designated location. Parties should be assured, however, that filings inadvertently mailed to Mellon Bank during the 45 day transition period will be date stamped by Mellon Bank and forwarded to U.S. Bank.

Additionally, any non-auction payment wire transactions inadvertently sent to Mellon bank during the 45-day transition period will be processed by Mellon Bank. This 45-day transition period has been established to mitigate the impact on our customers and to provide time to resolve any reconciliation and change-over discrepancies.

At the end of the transition period any filings or wires received at Mellon Bank will be returned to sender. In order to avoid any delays, the FCC strongly encourages the use of our electronic filing and payment options. Electronic payments can be submitted through our secure website <http://www.fcc.gov/fees/feefiler.html>. Electronic payments allow for faster processing of applications and eliminate concerns that payments are being sent to the wrong location.

Also, starting February 14, 2008, the receiving bank for wire payments will be the Federal Reserve Bank, New York, New York. Applicants are required to submit a faxed 159 one hour before the wire to U.S. Bank. FCC Form 159 for non-auction wire payments must be faxed to 314-418-4232. New instructions for making wire payment will be posted at <http://www.fcc.gov/fees/wiretran.html> on or before the effective date.

For further information, please contact Octavia Purnell of the Office of Managing Director at (202) 418-1999. You may also contact the FCC's Financial Operations Help Desk with inquiries at (877) 480-3201 Option 4 or E-Mail your inquiries to ARINQUIRIES@FCC.GOV.