

point are two parties considered to be competing for the same market?

A: An FCC Form 175 is considered officially filed upon the filing deadline, regardless of whether it was actually filed one day or one month prior to the deadline. Changes to electronically filed applications can be made any time prior to the filing deadline on January 20, 1998, and applicants cannot view each others' electronically filed applications prior to that deadline. Thus, parties are not considered to be competing for the same market until the window for submitting applications closes at 5:30 p.m., ET, on January 20, 1998.

Q: Can an individual act as the authorized bidder and place bids for two or more applicants who are competing for one or more of the same markets? What if different individuals who are employed by the same organization place bids for applicants in competing markets?

A: A violation of the anti-collusion rule could occur if an individual acts as the authorized bidder for two or more competing applicants, and conveys information concerning the substance of bids or bidding strategies between the bidders he/she is authorized to represent in the auction. Also, if the authorized bidders are different individuals employed by the same organization, a violation could similarly occur. In such instances, the Bureau strongly encourages applicants to certify on their application that precautionary steps (e.g., establishing a "Chinese wall") have been taken to prevent communication between authorized bidders and that applicants and their bidding agents will comply with the anti-collusion rule.

V. Technical Issues

Q: In bands where Mobile Satellite Service ("MSS") feeder links are permitted, is uplink transmission (subscriber end) allowed if there is no MSS licensee operating?

A: No. The interference analyses conducted indicated that subscribers' transceivers potentially are major interferers to MSS feeder link earth station satellite receivers because of the elevation angles many will be employing. The satellites to be deployed in these MSS systems will be orbiting in different planes over the United States. Therefore, there is the potential for them to become aligned with the beam of a subscriber transceiver at any location in the United States. To review those analyses, see the Report of the LMDS/FSS 28 GHz Band Negotiated Rulemaking Committee, CC Docket No. 92-297 (September 23, 1994).

Q: What are the deadlines for 31 GHz incumbents to vacate the 31 GHz middle band?

A: Incumbent 31 GHz licensees were provided 75 days after the effective date of the LMDS service rules to request modification of their licenses to relocate to the outer two 75 megahertz blocks of the 31 GHz band. Failure to do so means that such incumbent operations become secondary to LMDS operations in the middle band. This means that LMDS operators are not required to protect these incumbent operations from interference, nor are the incumbent operations permitted to cause interference to LMDS systems. Of course, these incumbents can relocate to other bands or other transmission media at any time.

VI. Miscellaneous

Q: Will the Commission inform applicants of the minimum opening bid for each BTA license prior to the FCC Form 175 filing deadline of January 20, 1998?

A: Yes. The Bureau released a Public Notice on October 17, 1997, seeking comment on minimum opening bid proposals. Comments were due on November 5, 1997, with reply comments due on November 10, 1997. A subsequent Public Notice extended the reply comment deadline to December 1, 1997. Prior to January 20, 1998, the Bureau will release a public notice setting forth a minimum opening bid for each license.

Q: What is the Commission's calculation to convert ILEC access lines to pops for purposes of the 10 percent in-region calculation?

A: The Commission has not developed a calculation to convert access lines to pops. The ILEC should determine the geographic area that it serves and then use census data for determining the population of that area.

Q: What are the consequences if an applicant fails to complete properly the FCC Form 175?

A: An applicant is solely responsible for the true, accurate, and complete submission of its FCC Form 175, and incomplete or inaccurate FCC Forms 175 may be rejected or required to be refiled. The Commission checks FCC Forms 175 for deficiencies that would affect their initial acceptability, and will act to apprise applicants of deficiencies after initial review. Applicants are then given an opportunity to cure such deficiencies. Once a corrected application is resubmitted, however, no major amendments can occur. This would include, for example, changes to bidding credits.

Q: Does the must-carry rule apply to LMDS for license holders who wish to provide television service?

A: No. According to the Communications Act, the must-carry rule applies only to cable operators. Cable operators are defined as persons who provide cable service to subscribers, and cable service is defined as one-way transmission of video or other programming by means of a set of closed transmission paths. As a two-way wireless service, LMDS is not subject to must-carry requirements.

Q: Will the bidding software be supported by Windows 95?

A: While the auction software has been known to work with Windows 95, Microsoft has not yet affirmed supportability. Until Microsoft makes that determination, use of the auction software with Windows 95 is solely at the bidder's own risk.

Q: Will the Commission provide applicants a list of proposed and licensed MSS feeder link earth station sites?

A: Yes. The list is attached to this Public Notice as Attachment A.

Q: Is the Commission considering the authorization of any other two-way video services in the near future?

A: Yes. Bidders should be aware that the Commission's Mass Media Bureau is conducting a proceeding in which additional spectrum for the Multipoint Distribution Service ("MDS") is being discussed. Comments in that proceeding were due December 9, 1997, and reply comments are due January 8, 1998.

Bidders should also be aware that the 39 GHz band has the potential for point-to-multipoint service.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,
Deputy Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Public Information Collection(s) Approved by Office of Management and Budget

January 16, 1998.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has received Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the following public information collection(s) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 96-511. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall

be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Questions concerning the OMB control numbers and expiration dates should be directed to Judy Boley, Federal Communications Commission, (202) 418-0214.

Federal Communications Commission

OMB Control No.: 3060-0812.

Expiration Date: 06/30/1998.

Title: Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 1997—MD Docket No. 96-186.

Form No.: N/A.

Estimated Annual Burden: 635,738 responses; 317,869 total annual hours; 0.5 hours per respondent.

Description: This information is required to: (1) facilitate the statutory provisions that non-profit entities be exempt from payment of regulatory fees, and (2) facilitate the FCC's ability to audit regulatory fee payment compliance in the Commercial Mobile Radio Services (CMRS) industry.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Ocean Freight Forwarder License; Applicants

Notice is hereby given that the following applicants have filed with the Federal Maritime Commission applications for licenses as ocean freight forwarders pursuant to section 19 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C. app. 1718 and 46 CFR 510).

Persons knowing of any reason why any of the following applicants should not receive a license are requested to contact the Office of Freight Forwarders, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, D.C. 20573.

Shipco International, Inc., 12270 W.

Colonial Dr. #109, Winter Garden, FL 34787, Officers: M. Wael Shrourou, President; Mona Z. Shrourou, Secretary

B.R.A.L. Miami Inc., 6120 N.W. 74 Avenue, Miami, FL 33166, Officers: Alvaro Cruz, President, Humberto Briceno, Vice President

Service Shipping, Inc., 38104 Academy Drive, Lake Villa, IL 60046, Officers: William James Marston, President, Patricia A. Taylor, Secretary
Interline Corporation, 2205 East Carson Street, Unit B-4, Long Beach, CA

90810, Officers: Junichi Jim Shioda, President, Kenichi Shioda, Vice President

Forwarding Services International, Inc., One Water Ridge Plaza, 2201 Water, Ridge Parkway, Suite 500, Charlotte, NC 28217, Officers: James D. McClaskey, Director, Paul L. Carter, Director

Premier Freight Forwarders, Inc., 9423 Tradeport Drive, Orlando, FL 32827, Officers: David G. Smith, President, William C. O'Fallon.

Dated: January 20, 1998.

Joseph C. Polking,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act. Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than February 17, 1998.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (Karen L. Grandstrand, Vice President) 90 Hennepin Avenue, P.O. Box 291, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480-0291:

1. *Dakota Bancshares, Inc.*, Mendota Heights, Minnesota; to acquire 81 percent of the voting shares of *Olivia Bancorporation, Inc.*, Olivia, Minnesota, and thereby indirectly acquire *American State Bank of Olivia*, Olivia, Minnesota.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 20, 1998.

William W. Wiles,

Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 28, 1998.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20551.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.

2. Any matters carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Joseph R. Coyne, Assistant to the Board; 202-452-3204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: You may call 202-452-3206 beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before the meeting for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting; or you may contact the Board's Web site at <http://www.bog.frb.fed.us> for an electronic announcement that not only lists applications, but also indicates procedural and other information about the meeting.

Dated: January 21, 1998.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Cigarette Testing; Extension of Deadline for Submission of Public Comments

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Extension of deadline for submission of comments on proposed