

Hearing Clerk, EPA, 901 North 5th Street, Kansas City, KS 66101.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before March 20, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** The proposed settlement providing additional background information relating to the settlement is available for public inspection at Office of Regional Hearing Clerk, Environmental Protection Agency, 901 N. 5th Street, Kansas City, KS 66101. A copy of the proposed settlement may be obtained from Kathy Robinson, Regional Hearing Clerk, EPA, 901 N. 5th Street, Kansas City, KS 66101, telephone 913-551-7567. Comments should reference the Strother Field Industrial Park Superfund Site, Cowley County, Kansas, Docket No. CERCLA 7-2000-0007, and should be addressed to Regional Hearing Clerk, EPA, 901 N. 5th Street, Kansas City, KS 66101.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James D. Stevens, Assistant Regional Counsel, EPA, 901 N. 5th Street, Kansas City, KS 66101, telephone: 913-551-7322.

Dated: February 9, 2000.

**Dennis Grams, P.E.,**

*Regional Administrator, Region 7.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[DA 00-145 and DA 00-191]

### Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Seeks Comment on SBC Communications Inc.'s (SBC) and Nextel Communications, Inc.'s (Nextel) Petitions Regarding PCS C and F Block Spectrum

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Wireless Telecommunication Bureau (Bureau) seeks comment on SBC's request for waiver of the eligibility requirements regarding PCS C and F block spectrum. The Bureau also seeks comment on Nextel's petition for expedited rule making or waiver of the Commission's rules regarding PCS C and F block eligibility for licenses and license configuration.

**DATES:** Comments are due February 14, 2000, and reply comments are due February 22, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be filed with the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, TW B204, 445 12th St. SW., Washington, DC

20554. Comments also should be provided to Amy Zoslov, Chief, Auctions and Industry Analysis Division, Room # 4-A624, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th St. SW Washington, DC 20554.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Leora Hochstein of the Auctions and Industry Analysis Division at (202) 418-0660.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of two Public Notices, DA 00-145 released January 31, 2000, and DA 00-191 released February 3, 2000. The complete text of the public notices, including all attachments, is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room CY A257), 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC. It may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc. (ITS, Inc.) 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 857-3800. It is also available on the Commission's website at <http://www.fcc.gov>.

1. SBC Communications Inc. ("SBC") has filed a request for waiver of the eligibility requirements in § 24.709 of the Commission's rules. Section 24.709 of the Commission's rules restricts the eligibility for C and F block licenses to entities with total assets and gross revenues below specified levels. SBC requests a waiver under § 1.925 of the Commission's rules to allow companies other than such entities to participate in the upcoming C and F block auction.

2. SBC argues that granting its waiver request and allowing it to participate in the auction would serve the public interest by speeding the delivery of wireless services to the public and enhancing competition in numerous market areas.

3. Nextel Communications, Inc. ("Nextel") has filed a petition requesting expedited rulemaking under § 1.401, or in the alternative, waiver of the Commission's rules under §§ 1.3 and 1.925. Nextel seeks modification or waiver of the Commission's eligibility and bidding rules with respect to PCS C and F block spectrum. Nextel requests that the Commission allow companies other than entities with total assets and gross revenues below specified levels to participate in the upcoming C and F block auction. In addition, Nextel urges the Commission to auction one block of spectrum at the end of May 2000 on a "bulk bidding" basis. Under this proposal the Commission would reconfigure the 30 MHz C block licenses into separate 20 MHz and 10 MHz authorizations and offer the new 20

MHz and the available 15 MHz PCS licenses on a bulk bid basis, subject to expedited build-out requirements. Further, the new 10 MHz C block and F block licenses would be auctioned on a market-by-market basis.

4. Nextel argues that adopting its proposed rule modifications, or granting its waiver request, would serve the public interest by speeding the delivery of wireless services to the public, particularly to rural and underserved areas, and enhancing competition in wireless services.

5. The *Public Notice*, DA 00-145, seeking comment on SBC's request for waiver of the eligibility requirements for PCS C and F block spectrum stated that comments were due on February 10, 2000 and reply comments were due on February 15, 2000. In light of Nextel's filing, we broaden our request to include comments addressing any issues raised by SBC and/or Nextel. Further, we extend the deadline for filing comments to SBC's waiver request and/or Nextel's petition to February 14, 2000 for comments and February 22, 2000 for reply comments.

6. Commenters should address the sufficiency of the showings made by SBC and/or Nextel in light of the requirements of 47 CFR 1.925 and any other public interest considerations. All comments should reference DA 00-191.

7. This proceeding has been designated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. 47 CFR 1.1200(a), 1.1206. Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented is generally required. See 47 CFR 1.1206(b). Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in § 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 1.1206(b).

8. Both SBC's waiver request and Nextel's petition are available for public inspection and copying in the Reference Center, Room CY A257, 445 12th St., SW., Washington, DC 20554. Copies of the Public Notices and its petition are also available from ITS at 1231 20th St. NW., Washington, DC 20036, or by calling (202) 857-3800.

Federal Communications Commission.  
**Louis J. Sigalos**,  
*Deputy Chief, Auctions & Industry Analysis  
 Division.*  
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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 (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at [www.ffiec.gov/nic/](http://www.ffiec.gov/nic/).

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 March 14, 2000.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Betsy Buttrill White, Senior Vice President) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045-0001:

1. NBT Bancorp Inc., Norwich, New York; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of, and thereby merge with Pioneer American Holding Company Corp., Carbondale, Pennsylvania, and thereby indirectly acquire Pioneer American Bank, National Association, Carbondale, Pennsylvania.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, February 14, 2000.  
**Robert deV. Frierson**,  
*Associate Secretary of the Board.*  
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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Notice of Proposals To Engage in Permissible Nonbanking Activities or To Acquire Companies That Are Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities

The companies listed in this notice have given notice under section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843) (BHC Act) and Regulation Y, (12 CFR Part 225) to engage de novo, or to acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company, including the companies listed below, that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.28 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.28) or that the Board has determined by Order to be closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notice also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at [www.ffiec.gov/nic/](http://www.ffiec.gov/nic/).

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than March 14, 2000.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Phillip Jackson, Applications Officer) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1414:

1. *Heartland Bancshares, Inc.*, Lenox, Iowa; to retain Union Bank USA, Lenox, Iowa, and thereby engage in operating a federal savings bank, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(4)(ii) of Regulation Y. Applicant currently operates Union Bank, USA as First Community National Bank.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, February 14, 2000.  
**Robert deV. Frierson**,  
*Associate 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 a.m., Wednesday, February 23, 2000.

**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:** Lynn S. Fox, 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.federalreserve.gov> for an electronic announcement that not only lists applications, but also indicates procedural and other information about the meeting.

Dated: February 16, 2000.

**Robert deV. Frierson**,  
*Associate Secretary of the Board.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration on Aging

[Program Announcement No. AoA-00-2]

### Fiscal Year 2000 Program Announcement; Availability of Funds and Notice Regarding Applications

**AGENCY:** Administration on Aging, HHS.  
**ACTION:** Announcement of availability of funds and request for applications for the Alzheimer's Disease Demonstration Grants to States Program, to (1) develop models of assistance for persons with Alzheimer's disease and their families, and (2) improve the responsiveness of existing home and community based care systems for persons with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and their families.