

### B. Long-Form Application

116. Within ten business days after release of the auction closing notice, winning bidders must electronically submit a properly completed long-form application and required exhibits for each 800 MHz license won through the auction. Winning bidders that are small businesses or very small businesses must include an exhibit demonstrating their eligibility for bidding credits. See 47 CFR 1.2112(b). Further filing instructions will be provided to auction winners at the close of the auction.

### C. Default and Disqualification

117. Any high bidder that defaults or is disqualified after the close of the auction (*i.e.*, fails to remit the required down payment within the prescribed period of time, fails to submit a timely long-form application, fails to make full payment, or is otherwise disqualified) will be subject to the payments described in 47 CFR 1.2104(g)(2). In such event the Commission may re-auction the license or offer it to the next highest bidder (in descending order) at their final bid. See 47 CFR 1.2109(b) and (c). In addition, if a default or disqualification involves gross misconduct, misrepresentation, or bad faith by an applicant, the Commission may declare the applicant and its principals ineligible to bid in future auctions, and may take any other action that it deems necessary, including institution of proceedings to revoke any existing licenses held by the applicant. See 47 CFR 1.2109(d).

### D. Refund of Remaining Upfront Payment Balance

118. All applicants that submitted upfront payments but were not winning bidders for a 800 MHz license may be entitled to a refund of their remaining upfront payment balance after the conclusion of the auction. No refund will be made unless there are excess funds on deposit from that applicant after any applicable bid withdrawal payments have been paid.

119. Qualified bidders that have exhausted all of their activity rule waivers, have no remaining bidding eligibility, and have not withdrawn a high bid during the auction must submit a written refund request. If you have completed the refund instructions electronically, then only a written request for the refund is necessary. If not, the request must also include wire transfer instructions and a Taxpayer Identification Number ("TIN"). Send refund request to: Federal Communications Commission, Financial Operations Center, Auctions

Accounting Group, Shirley Hanberry, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 1-A824, Washington, DC 20554.

120. Bidders are encouraged to file their refund information electronically using the refund information portion of the FCC Form 175, but bidders can also fax their information to the Auctions Accounting Group at (202) 418-2843. Once the information has been approved, a refund will be sent to the party identified in the refund information.

**Note:** Refund processing generally takes up to two weeks to complete. Bidders with questions about refunds should contact Michelle Bennett or Gail Glasser at (202) 418-1995.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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### Telecommunications Services Between the United States and Cuba

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On May 25, 2000, the Commission approved the application of Sprint Communications Company, L.P. (Sprint) to acquire and operate additional satellite facilities for provision of service between the United States and Cuba. This application includes upgrade of an existing private line circuit between an authorized international earth station in New Jersey and INTELSAT's Atlantic Ocean Region satellite. Sprint is currently authorized by the Commission to provide service directly to Cuba.

The Commission has authorized Sprint to provide service between the United States and Cuba in accordance with the provisions of the Cuban Democracy Act. This will help meet the demand for direct telecommunications services between the United States and Cuba. Under the guidelines established by the Department of State, Sprint is to submit reports indicating the numbers of circuits activated by facility, on or before June 30, and December 31 of each year, and on the one year anniversary of this notification in the **Federal Register**. The authorization is, however, subject to revocation if the Department of State or the Federal Communications

Commission determines that Sprint's continued provision of communications services to Cuba no longer serves the national interest.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** J. Breck Blalock, Chief, Policy and Facilities Branch, (202) 418-1460 or Justin Connor, Attorney Advisor, Policy and Facilities Branch, (202) 418-1476.

Dated: June 20, 2000.

Federal Communications Commission.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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### Auction Notice and Filing Requirements for a New Television Station Construction Permit, Channel 52 at Blanco, TX; Auction Scheduled for July 12, 2000; Minimum Opening Bids and Other Procedural Issues

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces the auction and procedures governing the auction of licenses for a new television station construction permit at Blanco, Texas ("Auction No. 80"), scheduled to commence on July 12, 2000.

**DATES:** Auction No. 80 is scheduled for July 12, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kenneth Burnley, Auctions and Industry Analysis Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, at (202) 418-0660; Shaun Maher, Audio Services Division, Mass Media Bureau, at (202) 418-2324.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of a public notice released June 5, 2000 ("Auction Public Notice"). The complete text, including all attachments, of the Auction Public Notice 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 20035, (202) 857-3800. It is also available on the Commission's website at <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/auctions>.