

available between 8 a.m.–9 a.m. on Tuesday, August 12, 2003. To reduce costs and minimize paper, we encourage everyone to register electronically for the meetings and at the Hyatt hotel using the meeting web site. If electronic registration is not possible, please contact William Brandes, Anita Cummings, or Jean Schwab.

B. How Can I Get Copies of Related Information? EPA has established an official public docket for this action under Docket ID No. RCRA-2003-0007. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the OSWER Docket Center, EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the OSWER Docket is (202) 566-0270.

An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, EPA Dockets. You may use EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/> to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Although not all docket materials may be available electronically, you may still access any of the publicly available materials through the docket facility identified in Unit B. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the appropriate docket identification number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Williams Brandes (703-308-8871), Anita Cummings (703-308-8303), or Jean Schwab (703-308-8669), Office of Solid Waste, Mail Code 5302W, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington DC 20460. You may also contact them by e-mail at brandes.william@epa.gov, cummings.anita@epa.gov, or schwab.jean@epa.gov.

Dated: March 6, 2003.

Robert Springer,

Director, Office of Solid Waste.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Science Advisory Board; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meeting; Radiation Advisory Committee (RAC) Conference Call

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Science Advisory Board (SAB), Radiation Advisory Committee (RAC) is announcing a planning teleconference meeting to discuss several proposed self-initiated projects for Fiscal Year 2004.

DATES: The conference call meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 2, 2003 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon eastern standard time.

ADDRESSES: Members of the public who wish to obtain the call-in number and access code to participate, must contact Ms. Mary Winston, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office; telephone/voice mail at (202) 564-4538 or via e-mail at winston.mary@epa.gov in order to register.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing further information about this conference call meeting should contact Dr. K. Jack Kooyoomjian, Designated Federal Officer, by telephone/voice mail at (202) 564-4557 or via e-mail at kooyoomjian.jack@epa.gov. General information concerning the EPA Science Advisory Board can be found on the EPA Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. *Summary:* The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) Science Advisory Board (SAB) is providing this notification of an upcoming teleconference call meeting of the Radiation Advisory Committee (RAC).

The SAB was established by 42 U.S.C. 4365 to provide independent scientific and technical advice, consultation, and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the technical basis for Agency positions and regulations. This committee of the SAB will comply with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and all

appropriate SAB policies and procedures.

During the public conference call meeting, to take place at the date and time noted above, the RAC will discuss its proposals for self-initiated projects to be considered by the SAB in FY 2004. Self-initiated projects are scientific and technical projects proposed outside of the normal mechanism of Agency-requested consultations, advisories, and peer reviews. Such projects are intended to address critical needs for anticipatory or cross-cutting scientific/technical advice. All SAB self-initiated projects will be evaluated by the SAB's Executive Committee (EC) during a public conference call to be announced in May 2003.

2. *Availability of Meeting Materials:* A copy of the draft agenda for the meeting that is the subject of this notice will be posted on the SAB Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) (under the AGENDAs subheading) approximately 10 days before the conference call meeting. Other materials that may be available, such as draft proposals for SAB self-initiated projects to be considered at the RAC conference call meeting will also be posted on the SAB Website in this time-frame.

3. *Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings:* It is the policy of the EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The EPA SAB expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements. *Oral Comments:* In general, each individual or group requesting an oral presentation at a face-to-face meeting will be limited to a total time of ten minutes (unless otherwise indicated). For conference call meetings, opportunities for oral comment will usually be limited to no more than three minutes per speaker and no more than fifteen minutes total. Interested parties should contact the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at least one week prior to the meeting in order to be placed on the public speaker list for the meeting. Speakers may attend the meeting and provide comment up to the meeting time. Speakers should bring at least 35 copies of their comments and presentation slides for distribution to the reviewers and public at the meeting. *Written Comments:* Although the SAB accepts written comments until the date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated), written comments should be received in the SAB Staff Office at least one week prior to the meeting date so that the comments may be made available to the

review panel for their consideration. Comments should be supplied to the appropriate DFO at the address/contact information noted below in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: Adobe Acrobat, WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files (in IBM-PC/Windows 95/98 format). Those providing written comments and who attend the meeting are also asked to bring 35 copies of their comments for public distribution. Should comment be provided at the meeting and not in advance of the meeting, they should be in-hand to the DFO up to and immediately following the meeting.

Dated: March 12, 2003.

Vanessa T. Vu,

Director, EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[Report No. AUC-03-52-A (Auction No. 52); FCC 03-40]

Auction of Direct Broadcast Satellite Service Licenses Scheduled for August 6, 2003; Comment Sought on Reserve Prices or Minimum Opening Bids and Other Auction Procedures

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document announces the auction of licenses to use the Direct Broadcast Satellite ("DBS") service allocation and seeks comment on reserve prices or minimum opening bids and other auction procedures.

DATES: Comments are due on or before March 17, 2003, and reply comments are due on or before March 24, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments and reply comments must be sent by electronic mail to the following address: auction52@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Auctions and Industry Analysis Division, WTB: *For legal questions:* Brian Carter at (202) 418-0660. *For general auction questions:* Jeff Crooks at (202) 418-0660 or Lisa Stover at (717) 338-2888. Satellite Division, IB: *For service rule questions:* Selina Khan at (202) 418-7282 or Rockie Patterson at (202) 418-1183.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the *Auction No. 52 Comment Public Notice* released on

March 3, 2003. The complete text of the *Auction No. 52 Comment Public Notice*, including the attachment, is available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554. The *Auction No. 52 Comment Public Notice* may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC, 20554, telephone (202) 863-2893, facsimile (202) 863-2898, or via e-mail qualexint@aol.com.

I. General Information

1. By the *Auction No. 52 Comment Public Notice*, the Commission announces the auction of licenses to use the Direct Broadcast Satellite ("DBS") service allocation scheduled to commence on August 6, 2003 (Auction No. 52). This auction will include 4 licenses for unassigned channels at orbital locations of 175° W.L., 166° W.L., 157° W.L., and 61.5° W.L. These licenses would be subject to the Commission's DBS service rules, including the geographic service rules at 47 CFR 25.148(c). Specifically, DBS licensees must provide DBS service to Alaska and Hawaii where such service is technically feasible from the authorized location. A complete list and description of the licenses available for Auction No. 52 is included as Attachment A of the *Auction No. 52 Comment Public Notice*.

2. The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 requires the Commission to "ensure that, in the scheduling of any competitive bidding under this subsection, an adequate period is allowed * * * before issuance of bidding rules, to permit notice and comment on proposed auction procedures * * *." Consistent with the provisions of the Balanced Budget Act and to ensure that potential bidders have adequate time to familiarize themselves with the specific rules that will govern the day-to-day conduct of an auction, the Commission seeks comment on a variety of auction-specific procedures relating to Auction No. 52. We note that the authority to establish specific procedures for Auction No. 52 has already been delegated to the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (the "Bureau" or "WTB").

3. In addition to the enactment of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, there have been legal developments relevant to satellite services since the Commission last conducted DBS auctions. Specifically, in 1996 the Commission

adopted a *Report and Order*, 61 FR 9946 (March 12, 1996) ("*Disco I*"), that removed FCC regulatory prohibitions on the provision of various satellite services beyond the borders of the United States. In addition, in the year 2000 Congress enacted section 647 of the ORBIT Act, Public Law 106-180, 114 Stat. 48, which prohibits the Commission from using competitive bidding to assign orbital locations or spectrum used "for the provision of international or global satellite communications services." In light of these regulatory and statutory actions, we believe it is appropriate to state herein our conclusion that they have not altered the Commission's authority to auction the DBS licenses included in Auction No. 52.

4. The DBS licenses that will be included in Auction No. 52 are not subject to the auction prohibition of the ORBIT Act because they are not authorizations to use spectrum "for the provision of international or global satellite communications services." These licenses are for the use of DBS channels that, under the Region 2 Band Plan for Ku-band DBS satellites initially adopted in the International Telecommunication Union ("ITU") 1983 Regional Administrative Radio Conference, have coverage patterns that are designed to—and do in fact—serve the United States almost exclusively. Thus, the technical parameters of the ITU Region 2 Band Plan provide for coverage areas for national service to the United States with incidental service to neighboring territories.

5. Moreover, neither the national coverage patterns nor the incidental international coverage patterns of the U.S. DBS satellite assignments may be expanded without further international agreement. A U.S.-licensed satellite operator at one of the orbital locations assigned to the United States cannot change, without the agreement of affected countries, any of the satellite's operations if that change will increase the interference potential to other countries' DBS satellite assignments above those levels permitted by international regulation. A change in the footprint to provide increased coverage of another country will potentially cause the modified assignment to exceed these levels. For a licensee to operate with such modified parameters, the United States, on behalf of the satellite operator, must request and obtain a modification to the Region 2 Band Plan pursuant to ITU procedures. The United States has not requested modifications for international service purposes to the Region 2 Band Plan for any of the orbital channel assignments