

# **FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

***FY 2003 Budget Estimates to Congress***

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## **FY 2003 PROPOSED APPROPRIATION LANGUAGE**

### **FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION SALARIES AND EXPENSES**

For necessary expenses of the Federal Communications Commission, as authorized by law, including uniforms and allowances therefor, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901-5902; not to exceed \$600,000 for land and structure; not to exceed \$500,000 for improvement and care of grounds and repair to buildings; not to exceed \$4,000 for official reception and representation expenses; purchase (not to exceed 16) and hire of motor vehicles; special counsel fees; and services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, [\$245,071,000] \$278,092,000, of which not to exceed \$300,000 shall remain available until September 30, [2003] 2004, for research and policy studies: Provided, That [\$218,757,000] \$248,194,000 of offsetting collections shall be assessed and collected pursuant to section 9 of title I of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and shall be retained and used for necessary expenses in this appropriation, and shall remain available until expended: Provided further, That the sum herein appropriated shall be reduced as such offsetting collections are received during fiscal year [2002] 2003 so as to result in a final fiscal year [2002] 2003 appropriation estimated at [\$26,314,000] \$29,898,000: Provided further, That any offsetting collections received in excess of [\$218,757,000] \$248,194,000 in fiscal year [2002] 2003 shall remain available until expended, but shall not be available for obligation until October 1, [2002] 2003. (Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2002; additional authorizing legislation required.

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**Legislative Proposals to be transmitted separately by the Office of Management and Budget, explanations of proposed legislation follow:**

**Full Funding of Federal Retiree Costs included in the Appropriations request for FY 2003 Salaries and Expenses:**

**Explanation of proposed legislation:**

The Administration has proposed legislation to require agencies, beginning in FY 2003, to pay the full Government share of the accruing cost of retirement for current CSRS, CIA and Foreign Service employees and the Coast Guard, Public Health Service and NOAA Commissioned Corps. The legislation also requires agencies to pay the full accruing cost of post-retirement health benefits for current civilian employees and the post-retirement health costs of all retirees (and their dependents/survivors) of the Uniformed Services (DoD, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, and NOAA Commissioned Corps).

**Auction Receipts (Legislative proposal, subject to PAYGO):**

**Explanation of proposed legislation:**

The Administration will propose legislation regarding the auction of spectrum currently assigned to television channels 60-69 (747-762 and 777-792 MHz) and 52-59 (698-746 MHz). The legislation will: shift the statutory deadline for the 60-69 auction from 2000 to 2004; and shift the statutory deadline for the auction of channels 52-59 from 2002 to 2006; and promote clearing the spectrum in channels 60-69 for new wireless services in an effective and equitable manner.

**Analog Spectrum Lease Fee (Legislative proposal, subject to PAYGO):**

**Explanation of proposed legislation:**

To facilitate clearing of the analog television broadcast spectrum and provide taxpayers some compensation for use of this scarce resource, the Administration will propose legislation authorizing the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to establish an annual \$500 million lease fee on the use of analog spectrum by commercial broadcasters as of 2007. The FCC will promulgate a rulemaking to apportion the aggregate fee amount among commercial broadcasters. Upon return of its analog spectrum license to the FCC, an individual broadcaster is exempt from the fee. The FCC is authorized to retain 0.1 percent from such proceeds.