at the following offices: Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Water Supply, 401 Church Street, L&C Tower, Sixth Floor, Nashville, Tennessee, 37243—1549, or at the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Drinking Water Section, 61 Forsyth Street Southwest, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Vivian Doyle, EPA Region 4, Drinking Water Section at the Atlanta address given above, or by telephone at (404) 562–9942.

Authority: Sections 1401 and 1413 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (1996), and 40 CFR parts 141 and 142.

Dated: December 4, 2002.

### A. Stanley Meiburg,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 4. [FR Doc. 02–31676 Filed 12–16–02; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6560–50–P

## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[CC Docket 98-67; DA 02-3168]

Notice of Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) Applications for State Certification Accepted Pleading Cycle Established for Comment on TRS Certification Applications

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications

Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Commission notifies the public, state Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) programs, and TRS providers that TRS applications for certification have been accepted and that the pleading cycle for comments and reply comments regarding these applications has been established.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed on or before January 9, 2003, and reply comments on or before January 27, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for filing instructions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erica Myers, (202) 418–2429 (voice), (202) 418–0464 (TTY), or e-mail emyers@fcc.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Commission's Public Notice, CC Docket 98–67; released November 15, 2002. This notice seeks public comment on the abovereferenced applications for TRS

certification. Copies of applications for certification are available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. The applications for certification are also available on the Commission's Web site at http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/dro/ trs by state.html. They 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.

Interested parties may file comments in this proceeding no later than January 9, 2003. Reply comments may be filed no later than January 27, 2003. When filing comments, please reference CC Docket No. 98–67 and the relevant state file number of the state application that is being commented upon. Comments may be filed using the Commission's **Electronic Comment Filing System** (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 FR 24121 (1998). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to http://www.fcc.gov/e*file/ecfs.html*. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, commenters must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Services mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission's contractor,

Vistronix, Inc., will receive handdelivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554.

Parties who choose to file by paper should also submit their comments on diskette or via e-mail in Microsoft Word. These diskettes should be submitted to: Erica Myers, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Room 6–A432, Washington DC 20554. The e-mail should be submitted to Erica Myers at emvers@fcc.gov. Such a submission should be on a 3.5 inch diskette formatted in an IBM compatible format using Word 97 or compatible software. The diskette should be accompanied by a cover letter and should be submitted in "read only" mode. The diskette should be clearly labeled with the commenter's name, proceeding (including the lead docket number in this case, CC Docket No. 98-67, type of pleading (comment or reply comment), date of submission, and the name of the electronic file on the diskette. The label should also include the following phrase "Disk Copy—Not an Original." Each diskette should contain only one party's pleadings, preferably in a single electronic file. In addition, commenters must send diskette copies to the Commission's copy contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554.

This proceeding shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's ex parte rules. See 47 CFR 1.1200 and 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 section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 1.1206(b).

Alternative formats (computer diskette, large print, audio recording and Braille) are available to persons with disabilities by contacting Brian Millin, of the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, at (202) 418–7426, TTY (202) 418–7365, or email at bmillin@fcc.gov. This Public Notice can also be downloaded in Text and ASCII formats at: http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/dro.

### **Synopsis**

Notice is hereby given that the states listed below have applied to the Commission for renewal of the certification of their State Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) program pursuant to Title IV of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), 47 U.S.C. 225 and the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 64.601-605. Current state certifications expire July 25, 2003. Applications for certification, covering the five year period of July 26, 2003 to July 25, 2008, must demonstrate that the state TRS program complies with the ADA and the Commission's rules for the provision of

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Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, State of Arkansas.

File No: TRS-48-02

Commission for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired, State of Connecticut.

File No: TRS-50-02

Florida Public Utilities Commission, State of Florida.

File No: TRS-53-02

Maine Public Utilities Commission, State of Maine.

File No: TRS-54-02

Michigan Public Service Commission, State of Michigan.

File No: TRS-55-02

Mississippi Public Service Commission, State of Mississippi.

File No: TRS-45-02

New Jersey Board of Utilities, State of New Jersey.

File No: TRS-14-02

Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, State of New Mexico.

File No: TRS-58-02

Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission, State of Pennsylvania. *File No:* TRS–28–02

Telecommunications Regulatory Board, State of Puerto Rico. Federal Communications Commission.

### Margaret M. Egler,

Deputy Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau.

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# FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[Report No. AUC-02-47-C (Auction No. 47); DA 02-3153]

Closed Auction of Licenses for Cellular Unserved Service Areas Scheduled for February 12, 2003; Notice and Filing Requirements, Minimum Opening Bids, Upfront Payments, and Other Auction Procedures

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces the procedures and minimum opening bids for the upcoming auction of seven licenses to provide cellular service in unserved areas scheduled for February 12, 2003. This document is intended to familiarize prospective bidders with the procedures and minimum opening bids for this auction.

**DATES:** Auction No. 47 is scheduled to begin on February 12, 2003.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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and Rules Branch, at (202) 418–7142.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Auction No. 47 Procedures Public Notice released on November 15, 2002. The complete text of the Auction No. 47 Procedures Public Notice, including attachments, 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. 47 Procedures 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 to qualexint@aol.com.

### I. General Information

### A. Introduction

- 1. By the Auction No. 47 Procedures Public Notice, the Wireless
  Telecommunications Bureau ("Bureau") announces the procedures and minimum opening bids for the upcoming auction of seven licenses to provide cellular service in unserved areas ("Auction No. 47") scheduled for February 12, 2003.
- In accordance with the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, the Bureau released a public notice on September 16, 2002, seeking comment on reserve prices or minimum opening bids and the procedures to be used in Auction No. 47. The Bureau received one comment and no reply comments in response to the Auction No. 47 Comment Public Notice. The Bureau subsequently released a second public notice on October 25, 2002, revising the inventory, auction start date, and seeking comment on procedural issues. The Bureau did not receive any comments in response to the Auction No. 47 Revised Comment Public Notice, 67 FR 69221 (November 15, 2002).

### i. Licenses to Be Auctioned

- 3. Participation in Auction No. 47 is limited to those applicants who have filed the long-form applications listed in Attachment A of the Auction No. 47 Procedures Public Notice. All applications within a mutually exclusive applicant group ("MX Group") are directly mutually exclusive with one another and therefore a single license will be auctioned for each MX Group identified in Attachment A of the Auction No. 47 Procedures Public Notice. The winning bidder for a particular MX Group will be authorized to construct only the facilities proposed in its long-form application(s) for that MX Group as identified in Attachment A of the Auction No. 47 Procedures Public Notice.
- 4. As stated in the *Competitive* Bidding Ninth Report and Order, 61 FR 58333 (November 14, 1996), all pending mutually exclusive applications for unserved area licenses in the Cellular Radiotelephone Service must be resolved through a system of competitive bidding. When the shortform applications of two or more applicants within an MX Group are accepted for filing, mutual exclusivity exits for auction purposes. Once mutual exclusivity exists for auction purposes, even if only one applicant within an MX Group submits an upfront payment, that applicant is required to submit a bid in order to obtain the license.