

Chicago, Illinois 60604. As an alternative, EPA will accept comments electronically. Comments should be sent to the following Internet e-mail address: urban.christine@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christine Urban, Watersheds and Wetlands Branch, at the EPA address noted above or by telephone at (312) 886-3493.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) requires that each state identify those waters for which existing technology-based pollution controls are not stringent enough to attain or maintain state water quality standards. For those water quality-limited waters, states are required to establish TMDLs for one or more of its designated uses, for example fishing or swimming, according to a priority ranking.

The TMDLs are designed to identify needed reductions of pollutant loads to the impaired waters, so that the appropriate designated uses are achieved, and State Water Quality Standards are met.

In the case of the Stillwell and Squaw Creek TMDLs, both of the impaired segments are located within the boundaries of the Fort McCoy Military Training Facility. EPA Region 5 developed this TMDL, rather than the State of Wisconsin, at the request of Wisconsin because Squaw and Stillwell Creek are located on a federal military facility.

Dated: August 16, 2006.

Peter Swenson,

Acting Director, Water Division, EPA Region 5.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[WC Docket No. 05-337 and CC Docket No. 96-45; FCC 06J-1]

Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service Seeks Comment on the Merits of Using Auctions To Determine High-Cost Universal Service Support

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice; solicitation of comments.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service seeks comment on the use of reverse auctions (competitive bidding) to determine high cost universal service funding to eligible telecommunications carriers pursuant to section 254 of the

Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

DATES: Comments are due on or before October 10, 2006. Reply comments are due on or before November 8, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. See Supplementary Information for further filing instructions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ian Dillner, Office of Commissioner Tate, (202) 418-2500, or Thomas Buckley, Wireline Competition Bureau, (202) 418-7400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service Seeks Comment on the Merits of Using Auctions to Determine High-Cost Universal Service Support*, WC Docket No. 05-337 and CC Docket No. 96-45, FCC 06J-1, released August 11, 2006. In this Public Notice, the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service (Joint Board) invites parties to comment on the use of reverse auctions (competitive bidding) to determine high cost universal service funding for eligible telecommunications carriers pursuant to section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the Act). The Joint Board, among other things, asks that interested parties provide comment regarding whether and how competitive bidding could be utilized to further the goals of the Act and the Commission's universal service goals. In particular, the Joint Board seeks comment on a variety of issues concerning competitive bidding, including the appropriateness of using auctions as part of the universal service program, as well as legal issues concerning such a methodology. The Joint Board further encourages parties to submit specific, comprehensive auction proposals, in addition to auction proposals that have been referenced in past Commission universal service proceedings. The Joint Board also seeks comment on how competitive bidding could be utilized to further address any other criteria or issues related to the receipt of universal service support described in the Joint Board's *August 2004 Public Notice*, 69 FR 53917, September 3, 2004. Commenters are further invited to supplement the record with respect to any additional issues or facts that have been raised since previous comment periods closed in this proceeding.

Comment Filing Procedures

1. Pursuant to §§ 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments are due on or before

October 10, 2006 and reply comments are due on or before November 8, 2006. Comments should be filed in WC Docket No. 05-337 only. Comments may be filed using: (1) The Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), (2) the Federal Government's eRulemaking Portal, or (3) by filing paper copies. See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121, May 1, 1998.

2. Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/> or the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

3. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the Web site for submitting comments.

4. For ECFS filers, if multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, filers must transmit one electronic copy of the comments for each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. 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, filers should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and include the following words in the body of the message, "get form." A sample form and directions will be sent in response.

5. Paper Filers: 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, filers must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number.

6. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

7. The Commission's contractor will receive hand-delivered 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.

8. 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.

9. U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554.

10. People With Disabilities: To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to fcc502@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

11. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be sent to the Commission's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554; Web site: www.bcpweb.com; phone: 1-800-378-3160; Antoinette Stevens, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, SW., Room 5-B540, Washington, DC 20554; e-mail: Antoinette.Stevens@fcc.gov.

12. Filings and comments are also 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. Copies may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, BCPI, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554. Customers may contact BCPI through its Web site: www.bcpweb.com, by e-mail at fcc@bcpweb.com, by telephone at (202) 488-5300 or (800) 378-3160, or by facsimile at (202) 488-5563.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Granting of Request for Early Termination of the Waiting Period Under the Premerger Notification Rules

Section 7A of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. 18a, as added by Title II of the

Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, requires persons contemplating certain mergers or acquisitions to give the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General advance notice and to wait designated periods before consummation of such plans. Section 7A(b)(2) of the Act permits the agencies, in individual cases, to terminate this waiting period prior to its expiration and requires that notice of this action be published in **Federal Register**.

The following transactions were granted early termination of the waiting period provided by law and the premerger notification rules. The grants were made by the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice. Neither agency intends to take any action with respect to these proposed acquisitions during the applicable waiting period.

Trans No.	Acquiring	Acquired	Entities
Transactions Granted Early Termination—07/24/2006			
20061390	Reliance Steel & Aluminum Co ...	Yarde Metals, Inc	Yarde Metals, Inc.
20061423	Paul G. Desmarais	MetLife, Inc	General American Life Insurance Company. Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. New England Life Insurance Company. Peace Software International Limited.
20061428	First Data Corporation	Peace Software International Limited.	
20061438	Cash America International, Inc ..	The Check Giant, LLC	The Check Giant, LLC.
20061440	Lindsay Goldberg & Bessemer II, LP.	Brock Maintenance, Inc	Brock Maintenance, Inc.
20061441	Lindsay Goldberg & Bessemer II, LP.	Brock Holdings, Inc	Brock Holdings, Inc.
Transactions Granted Early Termination—07/25/2006			
20061344	Filtronic plc	Powerwave Technologies, Inc	Powerwave Technologies, Inc.
20061387	Babcock & Brown Environmental Investments Ltd.	Robert M. Beren	Trenton Agri Products LLC.
20061397	Tata Tea Limited	Gryphon Partners II, L.P	Eight O'Clock Holdings, Inc.
20061422	Secure Computing Corporation ...	Jay Chaudhry	CipherTrust, Inc.
20061425	Energy Partners, Ltd	Stone Energy Corporation	Stone Energy Corporation.
20061427	CHS Private Equity V LP	Suture Express, Inc	Suture Express, Inc.
20061443	Spectrum Equity Investors V, L.P	Patrick J. Kilkeny	Arrowhead General Insurance Agency, Inc.
Transactions Granted Early Termination—07/26/2006			
20061400	Hilb Rogal & Hobbs Company ...	Thilman & Filippini, L.L.C	Thilman & Filippini, L.L.C.
Transactions Granted Early Termination—07/27/2006			
20061311	David and Anne Elizabeth Black	The McClatchy Company	The Beacon Journal Publishing Company.
20061409	Syngenta AG	Conrad Fafard, Inc	Conrad Fafard, Inc.
Transactions Granted Early Termination—07/28/2006			
20061364	Fidelity Capital Operating Limited Partnership.	L. Francis Rooney, III	Hope Lumber & Supply Company, L.P.
20061426	Oak Investment Partners XI, Limited Partnership.	Brazos Equity Fund, L.P	Cheddar's Holding Corp.
20061442	H.I.G. Capital Partners III, L.P	Goldline Holdings, Inc	Goldline Holdings, Inc.