

concluding at 12 noon, except the Duluth meeting which will begin at 2 p.m. and conclude at 4:30 p.m., and the Milwaukee meeting which will begin at 1 p.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m., and will be at the following dates and places: March 7, 1995, in the conference room of the Seaway Port Authority of Duluth, 1200 Port Terminal Drive, Duluth, Minnesota; March 14, 1995, in the conference room of the Port of Milwaukee, 2323 South Lincoln Memorial Drive, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; April 5, 1995, in the conference room of Burns International Harbor, 6600 U.S. Highway 12, Portage, Indiana; April 11, 1995, in the conference room of the Port Authority Office, 1 Maritime Plaza, Toledo, Ohio; and April 26, 1995, in the board room of the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority, Bridge Plaza, Ogdensburg, New York.

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Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 2

[ET Docket No. 95-18; FCC 95-39]

Allocation of Spectrum at 2 GHz for Use by the Mobile-Satellite Service

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: By this Notice of Proposed Rule Making, the Commission proposes to allocate 70 megahertz of spectrum at 1990-2025 MHz and 2165-2200 MHz to the Mobile-Satellite Service (MSS). This proposal responds to petitions filed by Celsat, Inc., TRW, and the Personal Communications Satellite Corporation for spectrum in the 2 GHz range to operate satellites providing personal communications services. This Notice of Proposed Rule Making solicits comment on the proposed allocation, including the necessity and means of moving incumbent Broadcast Auxiliary Service and microwave licensees to another band; on technical requirements for MSS in the proposed bands; and on awarding MSS licenses in the proposed bands by competitive bidding.

COMMENT DATES: Comments are due March 9, 1995. Reply comments are due March 27, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sean White, Office of Engineering and Technology, (202) 776-1624.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, adopted January 30, 1995, and released January 31, 1995. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street NW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision also may be purchased from the Commission's duplication contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 2100 M Street NW., Suite 140, Washington, DC 20037.

Summary of Notice of Proposed Rule Making

1. In this Notice of Proposed Rule Making, the Commission proposes to allocate 70 megahertz of spectrum at 1990-2025 MHz and 2165-2200 MHz to the Mobile-Satellite Service (MSS). The 1992 World Administrative Radio Conference (WARC-92) allocated the 1970-1980 MHz (Earth-to-space) and 2160-2170 MHz (space-to-Earth) bands in Region 2 and the 1980-2010 MHz (Earth-to-space) and 2170-2200 MHz (space-to-Earth) bands worldwide to MSS. In the June 1994 Memorandum Opinion and Order in GEN Docket No. 90-314, 59 FR 32830, June 24, 1994, we allocated the 1850-1990 MHz band to terrestrial broadband personal communications services (PCS). Because of this, it does not appear to be practicable to make a domestic allocation of 2 GHz spectrum for MSS that is consistent with the international allocation without jeopardizing the availability of spectrum for PCS.

2. We believe that a need exists for allocating a substantial amount of spectrum for MSS. There is significant consumer demand for convenient mobile services such as telephone, high-rate data and fax, and video. MSS can provide such communications in remote or rural areas not covered by terrestrially based mobile services, and can provide nationwide public safety coverage. We also believe that use of 2 GHz frequencies can help minimize transmission costs and ensure a relatively low cost service that will be within the economic reach of a large segment of the population. Thus, the proposed allocation of 70 MHz of spectrum to MSS should give the public, especially rural Americans, access to new and competitive services and technologies.

3. Any 2 GHz MSS allocation should be as consistent as possible with the WARC-92 worldwide MSS allocation,

to help ensure a truly universal service. We therefore believe that incorporating use of the 1990-2010 MHz and 2170-2200 MHz bands allocated for MSS by WARC-92 is desirable. At the same time, we believe that 70 megahertz is needed to accommodate all MSS demand, and so propose to allocate 1990-2025 MHz and 2165-2200 MHz to MSS.

4. This allocation would require that the candidate bands be cleared of Broadcast Auxiliary Service (BAS) incumbents in the 1990-2025 MHz band. In order to accommodate these incumbents, we propose to add 35 megahertz at the upper end of the BAS spectrum to offset the 35 megahertz we are allocating to MSS, making the BAS allocation 2025-2145 MHz. MSS providers would have to bear the costs of moving BAS licensees to their new band. The proposed MSS allocation would also require relocation of microwave incumbents. We addressed this issue in the First Report and Order and Third Notice of Proposed Rule Making in ET Docket No. 92-9, 58 FR 46457, September 2, 1993, and propose to follow the same procedures, requiring that MSS licensees bear the entire cost of relocating BAS and microwave incumbents in the 1990-2025 MHz and 2165-2200 MHz bands.

5. The Commission solicits public comment on the proposed allocation, the proposal to relocate BAS and microwave incumbents, any other sharing or technical matters pertinent to the proposed allocation, and our proposal to allocate licenses in the proposed MSS spectrum by competitive bidding.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 2

Frequency allocations and radio treaty matters, Radio.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,
Acting Secretary.

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47 CFR Part 63

[IB Docket No. 95-22, FCC 95-53]

Foreign-Affiliated Entities: In the Matter of Market Entry and Regulation

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission is proposing to modify its approach to determining the public interest in cases where a foreign carrier