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Auction 98 Freeze Announced for Certain FM Applications and Rulemaking Filings

The Media Bureau announces a freeze, effective immediately, on the following filings (collectively, “Filings”):

- Applications proposing to modify any of the vacant non-reserved band FM allotments scheduled for Auction 98 (“Auction 98 Allotments”);
- Petitions and counterproposals that propose a change in channel, class, community, or reference coordinates for any of the vacant non-reserved band FM allotments scheduled for Auction 98; and
- Applications, petitions and counterproposals that fail to fully protect any Auction 98 Allotment.

Auction 98 Allotments are listed in Attachment A of the *Auction 98 Comment Public Notice*.¹ All Filings submitted after the release of this Public Notice will be dismissed.² This freeze will automatically terminate the day after the filing deadline for post-Auction 98 long form applications. This temporary freeze is designed to promote a more certain and speedy auction process.

In Auction 98, the Media and Wireless Telecommunications Bureaus will make available through competitive bidding procedures 131 vacant non-reserved band allotments in the FM broadcast service. FM minor change applications, which can now be filed on a first-come first-served basis, must protect the reference coordinates of each of these allotments.

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By: Chief, Media Bureau

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¹ *Auction of FM Broadcast Construction Permits Scheduled for July 23, 2015; Comment Sought on Competitive Bidding Procedures for Auction 98*, Public Notice, DA 15-25 (WTB/MB rel. Mar. 16, 2015) (“*Auction 98 Comment Public Notice*”). Bidders are also cautioned that currently pending petitions for rulemaking and open rulemaking proceedings may affect the 131 FM allotments scheduled for Auction 98.

² 47 C.F.R. § 1.401(e).