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REMINDER AND ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE ON MAKING UPFRONT PAYMENTS FOR THE FORWARD AUCTION (AUCTION 1002)

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WT Docket No. 12-269

The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and the Incentive Auction Task Force remind each Auction 1002 applicant that has an application deemed complete and wishes to become a qualified bidder to discuss arrangements for making an upfront payment with its financial institution well in advance of the deadline. To avoid untimely payments, each applicant must ensure that its financial institution is able to initiate a wire transfer using the Fedwire Funds Service (Fedwire), with Type Code 1500,¹ in accordance with the instructions for making an upfront payment in Attachment A to the *Upfront Payment Public Notice*.² If an applicant's financial institution lacks direct access to the Fedwire or is otherwise unable to use Fedwire Type Code 1500, it may use a correspondent bank that can access the Fedwire on its behalf or make alternative arrangements consistent with the upfront payment instructions to ensure that the applicant's upfront payment is timely received by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.³

Applicants may make their upfront payments on any day prior to the deadline of 5:00 pm Eastern Time on July 1, 2016. We remind applicants about the importance of planning ahead to prepare for unforeseen last-minute difficulties in initiating and completing payments by wire transfer before the upfront payment deadline.⁴ Each applicant is responsible for obtaining confirmation from its financial institution that its wire transfer to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York was successful and from Commission staff that its upfront payment was timely received and that it was deposited into the proper account (FCC Account).⁵

¹ Although using Type Code 1500 may display as a foreign transfer of funds, this type code is also used for funds transfers to or from a government organization with an account at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

² *Upfront Payment Instructions for the Forward Auction (Auction 1002) of the Broadcast Television Spectrum Incentive Auction; Updated Appendix on Upfront Payment Amounts; Upfront Payments Due by July 1, 2016*, Public Notice, DA 16-625 (WTB June 8, 2016) (*Upfront Payment Public Notice*). See also *99 Applications to Participate in the Forward Auction (Auction 1002) of the Broadcast Television Spectrum Incentive Auction Deemed to Be Complete*, Public Notice, DA 16-503 (WTB May 12, 2016).

³ *Upfront Payment Public Notice* at 4-5, paras. 11-16, Attachs. A, B.

⁴ *Id.* at 4, para. 12.

⁵ *Id.* at 4-5, para. 13.

For questions about making upfront payments, contact Gail Glasser of the Office of Managing Director's Revenue and Receivables Operation Group/Auctions, Gail.Glasser@fcc.gov, (202) 418-0578, or Theresa Meeks, Theresa.Meeks@fcc.gov, (202) 418-2945.⁶ For forward auction legal questions, contact Leslie Barnes, Leslie.Barnes@fcc.gov, (202) 418-0660, or Valerie Barrish, Valerie.Barrish@fcc.gov, (202) 418-0660.

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⁶ An applicant should also contact Ms. Glasser or Ms. Meeks for confirmation that its upfront payment has been received by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.