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AUCTION OF MULTICHANNEL VIDEO DISTRIBUTION AND DATA SERVICE LICENSES SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 14, 2004

Reminder: Pre-Auction Seminar October 29, 2003

A free FCC pre-auction seminar for the Multichannel Video Distribution and Data Service Auction (Auction No. 53) is scheduled for Wednesday, October 29, 2003. Interested parties should pre-register by October 27, 2003, using the attached form or by calling the FCC. The seminar will be held at the Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street S.W., Room 1-B516, Washington, D.C., beginning at 10:00 a.m. ET.

The following is a timeline of the important events prior to the auction start date:

Deadline to register for Pre-Auction Seminar:	October 27, 2003
Auction Seminar	October 29, 2003
Short-Form (FCC Form 175) Filing Window Op	pensOctober 29, 2003; 12:00 p.m. ET
Short-Form (FCC Form 175) Application Dead	lineNovember 12, 2003; 6:00 p.m. ET
Upfront Payments (via wire transfer)	December 8, 2003; 6:00 p.m. ET
Mock Auction	January 9, 2004
Auction Begins	January 14, 2004

Potential bidders in the auction are strongly encouraged to attend. This seminar provides an opportunity for hands-on demonstrations of the FCC filing and bidding systems, as well as access to the FCC staff responsible for the Multichannel Video Distribution and Data Service licensing and auction conduct procedures. It is also advised that attendees review all public notices released for this auction prior to the seminar. For potential bidders who are unable to attend, an archived recording of the seminar may be viewed at the Auction No. 53 Home Page at http://wireless.fcc.gov/auctions/53 by clicking on the MVDDS Auction Seminar link.

To register for the seminar, please contact the FCC's Auctions Hotline at (888)-225-5322, Press Option #2, or directly at (717) 338-2888. For further information, please contact Barbara Sibert of the Auctions Operations Branch at (717) 338-2888, or for press inquiries, Chelsea Fallon at (202) 418-7991.

FCC AUCTION SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM

Auction No. 53

The FCC will sponsor a one-day seminar for Auction No. 53 applicants. The seminar is free of charge and will provide information about pre-auction procedures, service and auction rules, conduct of the auction, and the FCC Automated Auction System.

Representatives from each company may attend on a reservation basis. The seminar will be held:

Wednesday, October 29, 2003 Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW, Room 1-B516 Washington, DC 20554 Registration 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Seminar 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. If hotel accommodations are needed Please contact 1-888-225-5322 (option #2) for a list of hotels in the area

> To register, complete the form below and return no later than Monday, October 27, 2003, by fax to:

> > FCC Auction 53 Auctions Operations Branch 1270 Fairfield Road Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245

> > > FAX: 717-338-2850 Phone: 717-338-2888

I/We will attend the Auction No. 53 Seminar, scheduled for Wednesday, October 29, 2003.

Name of attendee:	
Name of attendee:	
Company name:	
Company address:	
Phone:	_Fax: