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## FCC ANNOUNCES INCREASE IN APPLICATION FEES

Effective August 10, 2004, application fees for licensees and permittees will increase to reflect the change in the Consumer Price Index-Urban (CPI-U).

Section 8(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989, requires cost-of-living adjustments to the application fee schedule every two years after October 1, 1991. Increases in the dollar amount of all Section 8 application fees are based on the percentage change in the CPI-U from the date of enactment of the legislation. The new Schedule of Application Fees reflects the net change in the CPI-U of 7 percent, calculated from October 2001 (the last adjustment) through October 2003 in accordance with Section 1.1115 of Part 1 of the Commission's Rules.

Wireless Telecommunications Services application fees that have an associated regulatory fee that must be paid at the time of application filing are noted by an asterisk in the Schedule. Please refer to the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Fee Filing Guide (dated August 2004) for the total fee that is due for these specific services.

In addition, in accordance with the Debt Collection Improvement Act (DCIA), the Commission will begin withholding action on applications and other requests for benefits upon discovery that the entity applying for or seeking benefits is delinquent in its non-tax debts owed to the Commission, and dismiss such applications or requests if the delinquent debt is not resolved. Our application fee rules have been amended to state that we will withhold action on applications or other requests for benefits by delinquent debtors and ultimately dismiss those applications or other requests if payment of the delinquent debt is not made or satisfactory arrangements for payment are not made. Those rule amendments are effective October 1, 2004.

A copy of all fee filing guides for each of the Bureaus/Offices who have feeable services may be obtained on the Internet at <a href="https://www.fcc.gov">www.fcc.gov</a>. Once you have located the webpage then click on "Fees". Copies may also be obtained by calling Forms Distribution at (202) 418-3676, toll free by calling 1-800-418-3676, or by calling Commission's fax-on-demand at (202) 418-0177 from the handset of a fax machine.

All revenues generated by Section 8 Application Fees are deposited in the General Fund of the United States Treasury.

For additional information concerning the new Schedule of Section 8 Application Fees, please contact Claudette Pride at (202) 418-1996.