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## SHORT-FORM FILING DEADLINE EXTENDED TO AUGUST 1, 1996, FOR AUCTION OF BROADBAND PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE (D, E, AND F BLOCKS)

Report No. AUC-96-11-D (Auction No. 11)

Some applicants have reported delays in receiving electronic filing receipt confirmation for the short-form applications (FCC Form 175) for the D, E, and F block broadband PCS auction. The Commission has temporarily suspended the electronic filing system to perform maintenance to ensure that delays do not persist. In order to provide ample opportunity for all applicants to file electronically, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau has changed the short-form application (FCC Form 175) filing deadline from the previously announced date, Wednesday July 31, 1996, 5:30 p.m. EDT, to **Thursday, August 1, 1996, 5:30 p.m. EDT** Applicants who have filed manually are encouraged to file electronically. If duplicate applications are filed (one electronically and one manually) the Commission will process the electronic application only. Electronic filing greatly increases the speed with which the Commission is able to process applications. The August 26, 1996, start date for the auction and all other dates previously announced by the Bureau are unchanged. For a recorded message updating the status of the electronic filing system, please call (800) 432-2110 or (202) 414-1260.

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