

Committee on Financial Services of House of Representatives, and jurisdiction over matters relating to securities and exchanges and insurance generally transferred from Committee on Energy and Commerce of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 5, One Hundred Seventh Congress, Jan. 3, 2001.

§ 1106. Improved cellular service in rural areas

(a) Reinstatement of applicants as tentative selectees

(1) In general

Notwithstanding the order of the Federal Communications Commission in the proceeding described in paragraph (3), the Commission shall—

(A) reinstate each applicant as a tentative selectee under the covered rural service area licensing proceeding; and

(B) permit each applicant to amend its application, to the extent necessary to update factual information and to comply with the rules of the Commission, at any time before the Commission's final licensing action in the covered rural service area licensing proceeding.

(2) Exemption from petitions to deny

For purposes of the amended applications filed pursuant to paragraph (1)(B), the provisions of section 309(d)(1) of this title shall not apply.

(3) Proceeding

The proceeding described in this paragraph is the proceeding of the Commission In re Applications of Cellwave Telephone Services L.P., Futurewave General Partners L.P., and Great Western Cellular Partners, 7 FCC Rcd No. 19 (1992).

(b) Continuation of license proceeding; fee assessment

(1) Award of licenses

The Commission shall award licenses under the covered rural service area licensing proceeding within 90 days after December 21, 2000.

(2) Service requirements

The Commission shall provide that, as a condition of an applicant receiving a license pursuant to the covered rural service area licensing proceeding, the applicant shall provide cellular radiotelephone service to subscribers in accordance with sections 22.946 and 22.947 of the Commission's rules (47 CFR 22.946, 22.947); except that the time period applicable under section 22.947 of the Commission's rules (or any successor rule) to the applicants identified in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection (d)(1) of this section shall be 3 years rather than 5 years and the waiver authority of the Commission shall apply to such 3-year period.

(3) Calculation of license fee

(A) Fee required

The Commission shall establish a fee for each of the licenses under the covered rural service area licensing proceeding. In determining the amount of the fee, the Commission shall consider—

(i) the average price paid per person served in the Commission's Cellular Unserved Auction (Auction No. 12); and

(ii) the settlement payments required to be paid by the permittees pursuant to the consent decree set forth in the Commission's order, In re the Tellesis Partners (7 FCC Rcd 3168 (1992)), multiplying such payments by two.

(B) Notice of fee

Within 30 days after the date an applicant files the amended application permitted by subsection (a)(1)(B) of this section, the Commission shall notify each applicant of the fee established for the license associated with its application.

(4) Payment for licenses

No later than 18 months after the date that an applicant is granted a license, each applicant shall pay to the Commission the fee established pursuant to paragraph (3) for the license granted to the applicant under paragraph (1).

(5) Auction authority

If, after the amendment of an application pursuant to subsection (a)(1)(B) of this section, the Commission finds that the applicant is ineligible for grant of a license to provide cellular radiotelephone services for a rural service area or the applicant does not meet the requirements under paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Commission shall grant the license for which the applicant is the tentative selectee (¹pursuant to subsection (a)(1)(B) of this section by competitive bidding pursuant to section 309(j) of this title.

(c) Prohibition of transfer

During the 5-year period that begins on the date that an applicant is granted any license pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the Commission may not authorize the transfer or assignment of that license under section 310 of this title. Nothing in this chapter may be construed to prohibit any applicant granted a license pursuant to subsection (a) of this section from contracting with other licensees to improve cellular telephone service.

(d) Definitions

For the purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) Applicant

The term "applicant" means—

(A) Great Western Cellular Partners, a California general partnership chosen by the Commission as tentative selectee for RSA #492 on May 4, 1989;

(B) Monroe Telephone Services L.P., a Delaware limited partnership chosen by the Commission as tentative selectee for RSA #370 on August 24, 1989 (formerly Cellwave Telephone Services L.P.); and

(C) FutureWave General Partners L.P., a Delaware limited partnership chosen by the Commission as tentative selectee for RSA #615 on May 25, 1990.

(2) Commission

The term "Commission" means the Federal Communications Commission.

¹ So in original. No closing parenthesis was enacted.

(3) Covered rural service area licensing proceeding

The term “covered rural service area licensing proceeding” means the proceeding of the Commission for the grant of cellular radio-telephone licenses for rural service areas #492 (Minnesota 11), #370 (Florida 11), and #615 (Pennsylvania 4).

(4) Tentative selectee

The term “tentative selectee” means a party that has been selected by the Commission under a licensing proceeding for grant of a license, but has not yet been granted the license because the Commission has not yet determined whether the party is qualified under the Commission’s rules for grant of the license.

(Pub. L. 106-553, §1(a)(2) [title X, §1007], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2762, 2762A-138.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to subsec. (c), was in the original “this Act”, and was translated as reading “this title”. See References in Text note set out under section 1101 of this title.

§ 1107. Sunset

No loan guarantee may be approved under this chapter after December 31, 2006.

(Pub. L. 106-553, §1(a)(2) [title X, §1009], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2762, 2762A-140.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this Act”, and was translated as reading “this title”. See References in Text note set out under section 1101 of this title.

§ 1108. Definitions

In this chapter:

(1) Affiliate

The term “affiliate”—

(A) means any person or entity that controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with, another person or entity; and

(B) may include any individual who is a director or senior management officer of an affiliate, a shareholder controlling more than 25 percent of the voting securities of an affiliate, or more than 25 percent of the ownership interest in an affiliate not organized in stock form.

(2) Nonserved area

The term “nonserved area” means any area that—

(A) is outside the grade B contour (as determined using standards employed by the Federal Communications Commission) of the local television broadcast signals serving a particular designated market area; and

(B) does not have access to such signals by any commercial, for profit, multichannel video provider.

(3) Underserved area

The term “underserved area” means any area that—

(A) is outside the grade A contour (as determined using standards employed by the Federal Communications Commission) of the local television broadcast signals serving a particular designated market area; and

(B) has access to local television broadcast signals from not more than one commercial, for-profit multichannel video provider.

(4) Common terms

Except as provided in paragraphs (1) through (3), any term used in this chapter that is defined in the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 151 et seq.) has the meaning given that term in the Communications Act of 1934.

(Pub. L. 106-553, §1(a)(2) [title X, §1010], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2762, 2762A-140.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this Act”, and was translated as reading “this title”. See References in Text note set out under section 1101 of this title.

The Communications Act of 1934, referred to in par. (4), is act June 19, 1934, ch. 652, 48 Stat. 1064, as amended, which is classified principally to chapter 5 (§151 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 609 of this title and Tables.

§ 1109. Authorizations of appropriations

(a) Cost of loan guarantees

(1) Authorization of appropriations

For the cost of the loans guaranteed under this chapter, including the cost of modifying the loans, as defined in section 661a of title 2, there are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal years 2001 through 2006, such amounts as may be necessary.

(2) Commodity Credit Corporation funds

(A) In general

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, subject to subparagraph (B), in addition to amounts made available under paragraph (1), of the funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Secretary of Agriculture shall make available for loan guarantees to carry out this chapter \$80,000,000 for the period beginning on May 13, 2002, and ending on December 31, 2006, to remain available until expended.

(B) Broadband loans and loan guarantees

(i) In general

Amounts made available under subparagraph (A) that are not obligated as of the release date described in clause (ii) shall be available to the Secretary to make loans and loan guarantees under section 950bb of title 7.

(ii) Release date

For purposes of clause (i), the release date is the date that is the earlier of—

(I) the date the Secretary determines that at least 75 percent of the designated market areas (as defined in section 122(j) of title 17) not in the top 40 designated market areas described in section 1103(e)(1)(C)(i) of this title have access to local television broadcast signals for vir-