

## ET Docket 97-214

### MSS Use of the 455–456 MHz RPU Band

This rulemaking involved a proposal to allow MSS uplinks to share the 455–456 MHz Broadcast Auxiliary Service (BAS) Remote Pickup (RPU) band. A "polite protocol" of scanning telemetry activity receivers (STARS) and a Dynamic Channel Assignment Activity System (DCAAS) were proposed, to supposedly ensure that MSS uplinks would not transmit if a 455–456 MHz RPU station was using the frequency. This and other aspects of sharing the 455–456 MHz RPU band, especially for MSS uplinks located not in "remote" areas but rather in large metropolitan areas, were vigorously opposed by SBE. In large part due to the SBE opposition, on May 13, 2002, the FCC issued an Order terminating ET Docket 97-214 without action. Thus, SBE was successful in its opposition to allowing MSS Earth-to-space uplinks entry into the 455–456 MHz RPU band.

