

within that round. In contrast to the bid withdrawal provisions, a bidder removing a bid placed in the same round is not subject to a withdrawal payment. Once a round closes, a bidder may no longer remove a bid.

39. A bidder may withdraw its provisionally winning bids using the withdraw bids function in the FCC Auction System. A bidder that withdraws its provisionally winning bid(s) is subject to the bid withdrawal payment provisions of the Commission rules. The Bureau seeks comment on these bid removal and bid withdrawal procedures.

40. The Bureau proposes to limit each bidder to withdrawing provisionally winning bids in no more than two rounds during the course of the auction. The two rounds in which withdrawals may be used will be at the bidder's discretion; withdrawals otherwise must be in accordance with the Commission's rules. There is no limit on the number of provisionally winning bids that may be withdrawn in either of the rounds in which withdrawals are used. Withdrawals will remain subject to the bid withdrawal payment provisions specified in the Commission's rules.

C. Post-Auction Procedures

i. Interim Withdrawal Payment Percentage

41. The Bureau seeks comment on the appropriate percentage of a withdrawn bid that should be assessed as an interim withdrawal payment, in the event that a final withdrawal payment cannot be determined at the close of the auction. In general, the Commission's rules provide that a bidder that withdraws a bid during an auction is subject to a withdrawal payment equal to the difference between the amount of the withdrawn bid and the amount of the winning bid in the same or subsequent auction(s). However, if a license for which there has been a withdrawn bid is neither subject to a subsequent higher bid nor won in the same auction, the final withdrawal payment cannot be calculated until a corresponding license is subject to a higher bid or won in a subsequent auction. When that final payment cannot yet be calculated, the bidder responsible for the withdrawn bid is assessed an interim bid withdrawal payment, which will be applied toward any final bid withdrawal payment that is ultimately assessed. The Commission recently amended its rules to provide that in advance of the auction, the Commission shall establish a percentage between three percent and twenty percent of the withdrawn bid to be

assessed as an interim bid withdrawal payment.

42. The Commission has indicated that the level of the interim withdrawal payment in a particular auction will be based on the nature of the service and the inventory of the licenses being offered. The Commission noted that it may impose a higher interim withdrawal payment percentage to deter the anti-competitive use of withdrawals when, for example, bidders likely will not need to aggregate licenses offered, such as when few licenses are offered, the licenses offered are not on adjacent frequencies or in adjacent areas, or there are few synergies to be captured by combining licenses.

43. With respect to the licenses being offered in Auction No. 72, the service rules permit a variety of fixed, mobile, and paging services, though the opportunities for combining licenses on adjacent frequencies or in adjacent areas are more limited than has been the case in previous auctions of licenses in the Phase II 220 MHz service. Balancing the potential need for bidders to use withdrawals to avoid winning incomplete combinations of licenses with the Bureau's interest in deterring abuses of our bidding, the Bureau proposes a percentage below the maximum twenty percent permitted under the current rules but above the three percent previously provided by the Commission's rules. Specifically, the Bureau proposes to establish an interim bid withdrawal payment of ten percent of the withdrawn bid for this auction. The Bureau seeks comment on this proposal.

ii. Additional Default Payment Percentage

44. Any winning bidder that defaults or is disqualified after the close of an auction (i.e., fails to remit the required down payment within the prescribed period of time, fails to submit a timely long-form application, fails to make full payment, or is otherwise disqualified) is liable for a default payment under 47 CFR 1.2104(g)(2). This payment consists of a deficiency payment, equal to the difference between the amount of the bidder's bid and the amount of the winning bid the next time a license covering the same spectrum is won in an auction, plus an additional payment equal to a percentage of the defaulter's bid or of the subsequent winning bid, whichever is less. Until recently this additional payment for non-combinatorial auctions has been set at three percent of the defaulter's bid or of the subsequent winning bid, whichever is less.

45. The *CSEA/Part 1 Report and Order*, 71 FR 6214, February 7, 2006, modified § 1.2104(g)(2) by, inter alia, increasing the three percent limit on the additional default payment for non-combinatorial auctions to twenty percent. Under the modified rule, the Commission will, in advance of each non-combinatorial auction, establish an additional default payment for that auction of three percent up to a maximum of twenty percent. As the Commission has indicated, the level of this payment in each case will be based on the nature of the service and the inventory of the licenses being offered.

46. For Auction No. 72, the Bureau proposes to establish an additional default payment of ten percent. As noted in the *CSEA/Part 1 Report and Order*, defaults weaken the integrity of the auction process and impede the deployment of service to the public, and an additional default payment of more than three percent will be more effective in deterring defaults. At the same time, the Bureau does not believe the detrimental effects of any defaults in Auction No. 72 are likely to be unusually great. The Bureau seeks comment on this proposal.

47. This proceeding has been designated as a permit-but-disclose proceeding in accordance with the Commission's ex parte rules. Persons making oral ex parte presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented is generally required. Other rules pertaining to oral and written ex parte presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in § 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules.

Federal Communications Commission.

Gary D. Michaels,

Deputy Chief, Auctions and Spectrum Access Division, WTB.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[Report No. 2798]

Petition for Reconsideration of Action in Rulemaking Proceeding

December 6, 2006.

A Petition for Reconsideration has been filed in the Commission's Rulemaking proceeding listed in this Public Notice and published pursuant to

47 CFR 1.429(e). The full text of this document is available for viewing and copying in Room CY-B402, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC or may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc. (BCPI) (1-800-378-3160). Oppositions to this petition must be filed by January 4, 2007. See Section 1.4(b)(1) of the Commission's rules (47 CFR 1.4(b)(1)). Replies to an opposition must be filed within 10 days after the time for filing oppositions have expired.

Subject: In the Matter of Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Burkesville, Greensburg, Hodgenville, Horse Cave, Lebanon, Lebanon Junction, Lewisport, Louisville, Lyndon, New Haven, Springfield and St. Matthews, Kentucky, Edinburgh, Hope, Tell City and Versailles, Indiana, Belle Meade, Goodlettsville, Hendersonville, Manchester and Millersville, Tennessee) (MB Docket No. 06-77).

Number of Petitions Filed: 1.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[Report No. 2800]

Petitions for Reconsideration of Action in Rulemaking Proceeding

December 8, 2006.

Petitions for Reconsideration have been filed in the Commission's Rulemaking proceeding listed in this Public Notice and published pursuant to 47 CFR 1.429(e). The full text of these documents is available for viewing and copying in Room CY-B402, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC or may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc. (BCPI) (1-800-378-3160). Oppositions to these petitions must be filed by January 4, 2007. See Section 1.4(b)(1) of the Commission's rules (47 CFR 1.4(b)(1)). Replies to an opposition must be filed within 10 days after the time for filing oppositions have expired.

Subject: In the Matter of Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Ashland, Greensburg, and Kingsley, Kansas and Alva, Medford, and Mustang, Oklahoma (MB Docket No. 06-65).

Number of Petitions Filed: 1.

In the Matter of Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Lone, Oregon;

Walla Walla, Washington and Athena, Hermiston, La Grande, and Arlington, Oregon) (MB Docket No. 05-9).

In the Matter of Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Monument, Oregon; Prairie City, Prineville, and Sisters, Oregon and Weiser, Lebanon, Paisley, and Diamond Lake, Oregon and Goldendale, Washington) (MB Docket No. 05-10).

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Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[Report No. 2801]

Petition for Reconsideration of Action in Rulemaking Proceeding

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Subject: In the Matter of Amendment of the Commission's Rules Regarding Maritime Automatic Identification Systems (WT Docket No. 04-344).

Petition for Rule Making Filed by National Telecommunications and Information Administration (RM-10821).

Emergency Petition for Declaratory Ruling Filed by MariTel, Inc.

Amendment of the Commission's Rules Concerning Maritime Communications (PR Docket No. 92-257).

Number of Petitions Filed: 1.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting Notices

DATE & TIME: Tuesday, January 9, 2007 at 10 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: This meeting will be closed to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: Compliance matters pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g. Audits conducted pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g, 438(b), and Title 26, U.S.C. Matters concerning participation in civil actions or proceedings or arbitration. Internal personnel rules and procedures or matters affecting a particular employee.

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Mary W. Dove,

Secretary of the Commission.

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FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice; Announcing an Open Meeting of the Board of Directors

TIME AND DATE: The open meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. on Friday, December 22, 2006.

PLACE: Board Room, First Floor, Federal Housing Finance Board, 1625 Eye Street NW., Washington DC 20006.

STATUS: The meeting will be open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE OPEN PORTION:

Limitations on Excess Stock and Retained Earnings Requirements for the Federal Home Loan Banks.

Appointment of Federal Home Loan Bank Directors.

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Dated: December 15, 2006.

By the Federal Housing Finance Board.

John P. Kennedy,

General Counsel.

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