

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)
Expanding the Economic and Innovation) GN Docket No. 12-268
Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive)
Auctions)
Comment Sought on Competitive Bidding) AU Docket No. 14-252
Procedures for Broadcast Incentive Auction 1000,)
Including Auctions 1001 and 1002)

ORDER

Adopted: January 30, 2015

Released: January 30, 2015

Comment Date: February 20, 2015
Reply Date: March 13, 2015

By the Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau:

1. On our own motion, this Order further extends the deadline for initial comments in response to the Public Notice entitled Comment Sought on Competitive Bidding Procedures for Broadcast Incentive Auction 1000, Including Auctions 1001 and 1002 (Auction 1000 Comment Public Notice) in the above-captioned proceeding in the interest of developing a comprehensive record. We extend the comment deadline to February 20, 2015. The deadline for reply comments is unchanged and remains March 13, 2015.

2. On December 17, 2014, the Commission released the Auction 1000 Comment Public Notice, initiating the pre-auction process to develop procedures necessary to carry out the broadcast television spectrum incentive auction. The Auction 1000 Comment Public Notice set forth specific proposals on auction design issues and sought public comment on those proposals. The Auction 1000 Comment Public Notice announced deadlines for comments and reply comments of January 30, 2015, and February 27, 2015, respectively.

3. Subsequently, in an Order released January 7, 2015, we extended the deadlines for comments and reply comments to February 13 and March 13, 2015, respectively. Although extensions of time are not routinely granted, we extended these deadlines to increase the likelihood that interested

1 Comment Sought on Competitive Bidding Procedures for Broadcast Incentive Auction 1000, Including Auctions 1001 and 1002, FCC 14-191, Public Notice, GN Docket No. 12-268, AU Docket 14-252 (Dec. 17, 2014).

2 Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions, Comment Sought on Competitive Bidding Procedures for Broadcast Incentive Auction 1000, Including Auctions 1001 and 1002, DA 15-24, Order, GN Docket No. 12-268, AU Docket 14-252 (Jan. 7, 2015) (January 7 Extension Order). The Consumer Electronics Association, CTIA – The Wireless Association®, and the Telecommunications Industry Association had filed a Joint Request for Extension of Comment and Reply Comment Deadlines with respect to the Auction 1000 Comment Public Notice on December 23, 2014, seeking a 30-day extension of both deadlines.

3 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a).

parties would be able take into account more complete information about the results of bidding in then-ongoing Auction 97, and compose their comments with input from personnel involved in that auction.⁴

4. The bidding in Auction 97 concluded on January 29, 2015, and the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau today released a Public Notice announcing the winning bidders and made available full information files from bidding in the auction.⁵ This further extension of the deadline for comments provides sufficient additional time to promote more thoroughly considered comments and replies regarding procedures for Auction 1000, the Commission's first incentive auction.

5. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to sections 4(i), 4(j), and 5(c) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j), 155(c), and pursuant to the authority delegated in Sections 0.131 and 0.331 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.131, 0.331, WE EXTEND the comment deadline in response to the *Auction 1000 Comment Public Notice* in the above proceeding as discussed herein.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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⁴ On November 13, 2014, bidding commenced in Auction 97, which offers AWS-3 licenses covering the greatest amount of spectrum suitable for mobile broadband services since the 2008 auction of 700 MHz licenses (Auction 73). Auction 97 makes available 1,614 licenses covering 65 megahertz of spectrum in the 1695-1710 MHz, 1755-1780 MHz, and 2155-2180 MHz bands ("AWS-3" bands). Auction 73 offered 1,099 licenses covering 62 megahertz in the 698-806 MHz band ("700 MHz Band").

⁵ Auction of Advanced Wireless Services (AWS-3) Licenses Closes; Winning Bidders Announced for Auction 97, *Public Notice*, DA 15-131 (rel. Jan. 30, 2015).