

i. *FERC Contact*: Robert Bell, (202) 502-6062.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, protests, and motions to intervene*: 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person in the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. *Description of Project*: The proposed project would use the existing Bureau of Reclamation's Cle Elum Dam, and would consist of: (1) A proposed 1,000-foot-long, 12-foot-diameter steel penstock liner fitted within the existing outlet tunnel, (2) a proposed powerhouse containing two generating with a total installed capacity ranging from 17.86 to 30.2 megawatts, (3) a proposed transmission line, and (4) appurtenant facilities. The project would have an annual generation ranging from 30.1 to 43.7 gigawatt hours that would be used for sale to its customers.

l. *Locations of Applications*: A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission in the Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street NE., Room 2A, Washington DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. For TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Competing Preliminary Permit*—Anyone desiring to file a competing application for preliminary permit for a proposed project must submit the competing application itself, or a notice of intent to file such an application, to the Commission on or before the specified comment date for the particular application (see 18 CFR 4.36). Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing preliminary permit

application no later than 30 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing preliminary permit application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

o. *Competing Development Application*—Any qualified development applicant desiring to file a competing development application must submit to the Commission, on or before a specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent to file a development application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

p. *Notice of Intent*—A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

q. *Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit*—A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

r. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene*—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR

385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under "e-filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing.

s. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents*—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "COMPETING APPLICATION", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

t. *Agency Comments*—Federal, State, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

Sunshine Act Meeting

ACTION: Notice of a Partially Open Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

TIME AND PLACE: Thursday, November 9, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at Ex-Im Bank in Room 1143, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20571.

OPEN AGENDA ITEM: Ex-Im Bank Advisory Committee for 2007.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The meeting will be open to public participation for Item No. 1 only.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For further information, contact: Office of the Secretary, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW.,

Washington, DC 20571 (Tele. No. 202-565-3957).

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[AU Docket No. 06-101; Report No. AUC-06-68-B (Auction No. 68); DA 06-1949]

Auction of FM Broadcast Construction Permits Scheduled for January 10, 2007; Notice and Filing Requirements, Minimum Opening Bids, Upfront Payments and Other Procedures for Auction No. 68

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document announces the procedures and minimum opening bids for the upcoming auction of certain FM Broadcast construction permits. This document is intended to familiarize prospective bidders with the procedures and minimum opening bids for this auction.

DATES: Short Form applications to participate in Auction No. 68 must be filed before 6 p.m. on November 13, 2006. Auction No. 68 is scheduled to begin on January 10, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Auctions Spectrum Access Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau: *For legal questions:* Lynne Milne at (202) 418-0660. *For general auction questions:* Debbie Smith or Lisa Stover at (717) 338-2868. Audio Division, Media Bureau: *For service rule questions:* Lisa Scanlan or Thomas Nessinger at (202) 418-2700. To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, or audio format) for people with disabilities, send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 or (202) 418-0432 (TTY).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the *Auction No. 68 Procedures Public Notice* released on October 6, 2006. The complete text of the *Auction No. 68 Procedures Public Notice*, including attachments, as well as related Commission documents, are available for public inspection and copying from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) Monday through Thursday or from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street SW., Room

CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. The *Auction No. 68 Procedures Public Notice* and related Commission documents may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc. (BCPI), Portals II, 445 12th Street SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone 202-488-5300, facsimile 202-488-5563, or by contacting BCPI at its Web site: <http://www.BCPIWEB.com>. When ordering documents from BCPI please provide the appropriate FCC document number, for example, DA 06-1949 for the *Auction No. 68 Procedures Public Notice*. The *Auction No. 68 Procedures Public Notice* and related documents are also available on the Internet at the Commission's Web site: <http://wireless.fcc.gov/auctions/68/>.

I. General Information

A. Introduction

1. The Media Bureau and Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (collectively the Bureaus) announce the procedures and minimum opening bid amounts for the upcoming auction of certain FM broadcast construction permits scheduled to begin on January 10, 2007 (Auction No. 68). On August 24, 2006, in accordance with Section 309(j)(3) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, the Bureaus released a public notice seeking comment on reserve prices or minimum opening bid amounts and the procedures to be used in Auction No. 68. Interested parties submitted six comments and one reply comment in response to the *Auction No. 68 Comment Public Notice*, 71 FR 51822, August 31, 2006.

i. Construction Permits To Be Auctioned

2. Auction No. 68 will offer nine construction permits in the FM broadcast service as listed in Attachment A of the *Auction No. 68 Procedures Public Notice*. The construction permits to be auctioned are nine unsold FM construction permits from Auction Nos. 37 and 62. These construction permits are for vacant FM allotments, reflecting FM channels assigned to the FM Table of Allotments, pursuant to the Commission's established rulemaking procedures, and are designated for use in the indicated communities.

3. Pursuant to the policies established in the *Broadcast Competitive Bidding First Report and Order*, 63 FR 48615, September 11, 1998, applicants may apply for any vacant FM allotment listed in Attachment A of the *Auction No. 68 Procedures Public Notice*. When two or more short-form applications (FCC Form 175) specifying the same FM

allotment are accepted for filing, mutual exclusivity (MX) exists for auction purposes, and thus, that construction permit for the FM allotment will be awarded by competitive bidding procedures. Once mutual exclusivity exists for auction purposes, even if only one applicant within an MX group submits an upfront payment, that applicant is required to submit a bid in order to obtain the construction permit. Any applicant that submits a short-form application that is accepted for filing but fails to timely submit an upfront payment will retain its status as an applicant in Auction No. 68 and will remain subject to the Commission's anti-collusion rules, but will not be eligible to bid, having purchased no bidding eligibility.

4. A commenter contends that the *Auction No. 68 Comment Public Notice* is deficient in that it does not sufficiently encourage the submission of applications for noncommercial educational (NCE) broadcast stations. The commenter surmises that, because the construction permits available in Auction No. 68 were unsold previously in Auction Nos. 37 and 62, this shows a lack of interest in providing commercial service in these areas, and therefore suggests that encouraging applications for NCE stations might result in new NCE service to these locations. The commenter's suggestion rests on an erroneous premise that there was a lack of interest in these permits. Rather, as discussed further below, the permits in this auction received multiple bids in those prior auctions. These permits are available now because either a bidder withdrew a high bid during the previous auction or a winning bidder defaulted after the close of the auction.

5. The same commenter also suggests that the *Auction No. 68 Comment Public Notice* was deficient because it did not contain instructions for the submission of applications for NCE stations, citing a portion of 47 CFR 73.5002(a) which states that initial and other public notices will contain instructions for completing applications to participate in the broadcast auction, and applications for NCE stations. The commenter's argument fails to recognize that an initial auction public notice is limited to announcing the upcoming auction and specifying the period for short-form applications. The Commission's initial auction public notices for FM auctions do not supply specific application filing instructions. Rather, such instructions are typically supplied in a subsequent public notice, such as the *Auction No. 68 Procedures Public Notice*, which announces the