

MEETING #448
Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission
Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Center
1800 No. 33rd Street-Lincoln, NE
October 28, 2015
8:00 A.M.
AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- I. Presentation: Vincent Curren of Breakthrough Public Media Consulting, Inc.

- II. *Approve Federal Communications Commission (FCC) response to FCC Spectrum Auction* (Mark Leonard, Michael Winkle)

ADJOURNMENT

PROPOSED COMMISSION ACTION

DATE: Oct. 28, 2015

SUBJECT: Response to FCC Spectrum Auction

EXPLANATION:

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has issued a Public Notice that establishes **December 18, 2015 at 6 pm Eastern** as the deadline for submission of auction applications. The window for filing auction applications, using Form 177, will open on December 1, 2015 at 12 Noon Eastern. The FCC says that Form 177 will be released in the near future. License holders that do not wish to participate in the auction will have to file such notification by the same deadline.

December 18, 2015 at 6 pm Eastern also will be the start of the **Quiet Period**, during which there can be no further communication (public communication or communication with other TV stations and with wireless company forward auction applicants and indeed, for purposes of exercising due caution, with **any** other party) about bids or bidding strategies (if the choice is to be an applicant) or the bids or bidding strategies of any other TV station that has applied to participate in the auction.

The FCC has now released its Public Notice with the opening bid prices for all auction-eligible full power and Class A LPTV stations. A summary of the opening bids for NETC licenses can be found in the attached spreadsheet.

COMMISSION ACTION:

The Commission will need to choose one of up to four options for each NETC license. The four options are:

- To not participate in the auction;
- To permanently relinquish the UHF license;
- To relinquish the UHF license and move to a low VHF frequency;
- To relinquish the UHF license and move to a high VHF frequency.

The stations requiring a Commission decision are KTNE (Alliance), KRNE (Merriman), KYNE (Omaha), KMNE (Bassett), KXNE (Norfolk) and KPNE (North Platte).

**NETC
FCC Opening Bids
October 16, 2015**

| | <u>Mkt Rank</u> | <u>Virtual Channel</u> | <u>RF Channel</u> | <u>Off-Air</u> | <u>Move to low VHF</u> | <u>Move to high VHF</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Denver DMA | 17 | | | | | |
| KTNE - Alliance | | 13 | 13 | \$15,536,880 | \$9,063,180 | NA |
| KRNE - Merriman | | 12 | 12 | \$8,269,560 | \$4,823,910 | NA |
| Omaha DMA | 74 | | | | | |
| KYNE - Omaha | | 26 | 17 | \$110,782,800 | \$83,087,100 | \$44,313,120 |
| Lincoln-Hastings-Kearney DMA | 105 | | | | | |
| KUON - Lincoln | | 12 | 12 | \$93,391,380 | \$54,478,305 | NA |
| KMNE - Bassett | | 7 | 7 | \$11,043,000 | \$6,441,750 | NA |
| KHNE - Hastings | | 29 | 28 | Not needed | | |
| KLNE - Lexington | | 3 | 26 | Not needed | | |
| Souix City, IA DMA | 149 | | | | | |
| KXNE - Norfolk | | 19 | 19 | \$64,881,900 | \$48,661,425 | \$25,952,760 |
| North Platte DMA | 209 | | | | | |
| KPNE - North Platte | | 9 | 9 | \$16,068,780 | \$9,373,455 | NA |
| | | | | <u>\$319,974,300</u> | <u>\$215,929,125</u> | <u>\$70,265,880</u> |

For Immediate Release

NET Commission's October Meeting Scheduled

LINCOLN, Neb. (October 21, 2015) -- The Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission (NETC) will conduct a meeting on Wednesday, October 28, 2015 beginning at 8:00 a.m. CT. The meeting will originate at the Terry M. Carpenter & Jack G. McBride Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Center, 1800 North 33rd Street.

The Commissioners are scheduled to vote on approval of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) response to FCC Spectrum Auction. Commissioners will also hear a presentation from Vincent Curren of Breakthrough Public Media Consulting, Inc.

The Commission meeting agenda is available for inspection during business hours at the Terry M. Carpenter & Jack G. McBride Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Center, 1800 North 33rd Street, in Lincoln.

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