



PUBLIC NOTICE

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AUCTION 106 POSTPONED

DELAY OF AUCTION OF FM BROADCAST CONSTRUCTION PERMITS INITIALLY SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON APRIL 28, 2020

AU Docket No. 19-290

1. By this Public Notice, the Office of Economics and Analytics (OEA), in conjunction with the Media Bureau (MB), announces an indefinite postponement of Auction 106, an auction of construction permits in the FM broadcast service, which had been scheduled to begin on Tuesday, April 28, 2020. OEA and MB take this action in order to protect the health and safety of Commission staff during the auction and so that parties have additional time to prepare to participate in Auction 106 given the COVID-19 pandemic.¹ OEA and MB will announce a revised schedule in a future public notice.

2. *Refund of Upfront Payments.* Auction 106 applicants that had submitted upfront payments may obtain a refund of those deposits after submitting a written request with the information specified below. All refunds of upfront payments will be returned to the payer of record as identified on the FCC Form 159 unless the payer submits written authorization instructing otherwise. Each applicant can provide this information by using the FCC auction application system to file its refund information electronically using the **Refund Form** icon found on the *Auction Application Manager* page in the FCC auction application system. After the required information is completed on the blank form, the form should be printed, signed, and submitted to the Commission by fax, email, or mail as instructed below.

3. If you elect not to access the Refund Form through the *Auction Application Manager* page, the Commission requests that all information listed below be supplied in writing.

Name, address, contact, and phone number of Bank
Automated Clearing House (ACH) ABA Number (Please verify this number with your Bank)
Account Number to Credit
Name of Account Holder
FCC Registration Number (FRN)

4. The refund request must be submitted by fax to the Revenue & Receivables Operations Group/Auctions at (202) 418-2843 or by email to RROGWIREFAXES@fcc.gov. An applicant seeking a refund should verify that the Tax Identification Number (TIN) associated with its FRN is correct by

¹ See Proclamation No. 9994, 85 FR 153337 (Mar. 13, 2020), <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/proclamation-declaring-national-emergency-concerning-novel-coronavirus-disease-covid-19-outbreak/>. See also Motion of Coffee County Broadcasters, Inc., to modify procedural dates for FCC Auction 106, AU Docket 19-290 (filed Mar. 20, 2020), <https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/1031949046423/Motion%20to%20Postpone%20Auction%20106.pdf>.

visiting the FCC Registration Number website at <https://apps.fcc.gov/cores> to update its records before submitting a refund request. A refund request related to an FRN with no TIN on file cannot be processed until a TIN is provided.

5. Refund processing generally takes up to two weeks to complete. Any questions concerning refunds should be directed to Scott Radcliffe at (202) 418-7518, Scott.Radcliffe@fcc.gov, or Theresa Meeks at (202) 418-2945, Theresa.Meeks@fcc.gov. Auctions Accounting Branch staff may also be reached through the FCC Auctions Hotline at (717) 338-2868.

6. *Short-Form Applications Dismissed, Prohibited Communications Rule Suspended.* All short-form applications (FCC Form 175s) filed for Auction 106 are dismissed. OEA and MB will announce procedures for filing applications and other procedures to participate in Auction 106 in a future announcement.

7. The rules prohibiting certain communications set forth in section 1.2105(c) of the Commission's rules no longer apply to each applicant that filed a short-form application in Auction 106.

8. *More Information.* Additional information for applicants is available at the Auction 106 web page (www.fcc.gov/auction/106).

9. For further information, please contact:

General Auction Information

General Auction Questions

FCC Auctions Hotline

(888) 225-5322, option two; or
(717) 338-2868

Payment Information

Upfront Payment Refunds

**FCC Revenue & Receivables Operations
Group/Auctions**

Scott Radcliffe (202) 418-7518
Theresa Meeks (202) 418-2945
(202) 418-2843 (fax) or email to
RROGWireFaxes@fcc.gov

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10. To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format) for people with disabilities, send an email to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 or (202) 418-0432 (TTY).

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