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FCC NOTES

FCC Tweaks 24 GHz Auction to Boost Bidding Increases frequency, decreases duration, of rounds

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With the 24 GHz auction bidding having slowed in the past few days, the FCC has decided to goose the process.

Beginning Thursday, April 4, bidding will increase from three, one-hour rounds, per day to five, half-hour rounds.

At press time, the bid total after round 42 was \$1,777,850,720.

The high bids in the top two markets, New York and L.A., respectively, were \$41,113,000 and \$31,635,000, respectively. But **those bids have not increased in over a dozen rounds** after steadily climbing in previous rounds.

The FCC is auctioning the spectrum to free up more bandwidth for 5G wireless broadband, to help close the rural digital divide, and to make

wireless a stronger competitor to wired broadband.

The millimeter-wave (high-band) auction opened March 14 and is being held in two phases. Initial bidding (clock phase) is on generic spectrum, with a follow-on auction (assignment phase) among the winners for specific frequencies.

[Related: FCC Launches Latest 5G Auction](#)

The clock auction means the FCC continues to raise prices automatically after each round, so long as there is more demand than supply, until there are not bidders left, high bidder at that point wins.

The initial license periods are not to exceed 10 years.

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There are also build-out requirements—so the spectrum can't be warehoused but must be used as advertised.

Bidding credits were available for rural service, small businesses and tribal lands, capped at \$25 million. The 24 GHz spectrum is divided into a lower and higher portion, the lower (24.25 – 24.45 GHz and 24.75 – 25.25 GHz) being licenses as two, 100-MHz blocks and the upper (24.75 – 25.25 GHz) licenses as five, 100 MHz blocks.

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EL PASO, TX SBE CHAPTER 38 MEETING MINUTE

DATE **3/12/2019** LOCATION: **KTSM-TV STUDIOS** .

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 12:15 PM, BY ANTONIO CASTRO.
THERE WERE 19 ATTENDANTS.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY: MINUTES IN THE MARCH NEWSLETTER. ACCEPTED BY NORBERT MILES, SECONDED BY MARIO JIMENEZ.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: \$ 5,105.64 IN THE BANK. ACCEPTED BY ANTHONY PORRAS, SECONDED BY NORBERT MILES.

REPORT OF THE CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE: GLENN LEFFLER TO RE-CERTIFY AS CSRE.

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: NO REPORT

REPORT OF THE FREQUENCY COORDINATOR COMMITTEE: WARREN REEVES REPORTED THAT A NEW FM STATION (KB4WK) SIGNED UP IN TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, NM.

REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: UPDATED THE APPLICATION IN THE WEBPAGE. RICK VILARDELL WILL POST AT THE SCHOOLS.

REPORT OF THE WEBSITE COMMITTEE: 2415 HIST LAST TIME. NOW 2541= 26

REPORT OF THE EAS CHAIRMAN: MONTHLY TEST NM AND TX WERE FINE. FORWARDED TEST FROM EL PASO COUNTY ALERT SYSTEM.

REPORT OF THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE: COLIN TESLER FROM BURST COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE AT THE MARCH MEETING.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: ENNES WORKSHOP TO BE HELD IN MAY 30.

NEW BUSINESS OR ANY ITEMS FOR THE CHAPTER INTEREST: EAS ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON JUNE 11 AT THE 911 BUILDING, 9:30 AM.

OTHER: GLENN LEFFLER IN CHARGE OF KBNA-KAMA RADIO ENGINEERING.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION: APRIL 9, 2019. COMO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT AT LUNCH TIME

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
GUILLERMO FRANCO
FOR HIS CBRE
RECERTIFICATION**

APRIL PROGRAM

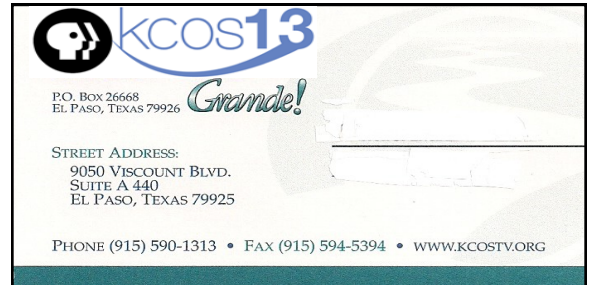
FOR MARCH, WE HAD A DOUBLE FEATURE IN OUR CHAPTER MEETING: IT WAS HELD AT THE KTSM-TV PLACE , AND THE VISIT OF **TOM AMADOR, REGIONAL SALES MANAGER OF DIALIGHT** , WHO DID PRESENT NEW OBSTRUCTION LIGHT PRODUCTS . LUNCH WAS ON HIM.....THANKS TOM.

FOR APRIL, DUE TO LAS VEGAS NAB, SOME PEOPLE GOES TO THERE AS WELL AS THE PRESENTERS, SO WE WILL HAVE ONLY OUR REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING

WHEN:
TUESDAY APRIL 9, 2019.

PLACE:
COMO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT .

TIME:
12:00 PM



El Paso Association of Radio Stations

March 14th, 2019

To: Officials and Partners of the El Paso Area Emergency Alert System

From: The El Paso Association of Radio Stations (EARS)

RE: Emergency Alert System

El Paso- Las Cruces- Juarez

EARS Summit Meeting: June 11th, 2019

It's time to review and update EAS procedures within our region. The local EAS community: broadcasters, public information officers, public and government agencies, military, weather officials, and others are invited to attend this 2019 Borderland EAS summit.

The El Paso Association of Radio Stations (EARS) is hosting this meeting, providing pastries, snacks, coffee, and beverages. Thanks to Scott Calderwood, Deputy Director of the El Paso County 911 District, we have secured the AV auditorium inside the state of the art El Paso Regional Communications Center, at 6055 Threadgill Avenue (just off Railroad Drive).

The auditorium will open at 9:30 am and the meeting will begin at 10:00 am. The meeting should last no more than ninety minutes. Your presence, or a key person from your team, is invited. For more particulars about this event, you can reach out to David Halperin, Chief Engineer, Townsquare Media of El Paso, at (915) 838-4349. Please RSVP your attendance at this very important meeting by contacting Samantha Reveles at (915) 544-9550 or Alexandra Caldera at (915) 521-6307.

Please RSVP by June 4th for the June 11th meeting.

Thank you