

4G Frequencies Considered

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LTE Union, the fourth-generation network consortium of telecommunications operators Mobile TeleSystems, VimpelCom, MegaFon and Rostelecom, sent its recommendations on the creation of a national 4G network to the State Radio Frequency Commission on Friday.

The consortium suggested holding auctions to distribute the frequencies for 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1,800 MHz, 2,100 MHz, and 2,500 MHz to 2,700 MHz.

Winners of the auctions would be responsible for clearing the frequencies. It was estimated earlier that clearing the 790 MHz to 862 MHz frequencies alone would cost 56 billion rubles (\$2 billion). The Communications and Press Ministry will review the recommendations before the summer's end, Kommersant reported. Construction of 4G networks was estimated to cost \$7 billion, the newspaper said.

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