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Labour networks from state enterprises picket at the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission (NBTC) to oppose the June 29 auction of four key frequency bands. They called on the body to cancel the auction and proposed allocating the spectrum to state-owned National Telecom (NT), warning of potential monopoly risks with only two private bidders. The NBTC said the auction would proceed as scheduled. PORNFROM SATRABHAYA

INBrief

NBTC urged to shelve auction

TELECOMS: The State Enterprise Worker's Federation of Thailand, government employee unions and staff from state enterprise National Telecom (NT) have submitted a petition to the National Broadcasting and Telecommunication Commission (NBTC) calling for a halt of the plan to auction two key spectrum bands. The move, led by Tankhun Jitt-itsara, chairman of Santi Pracha Dhamma Club, along with about 100 supporters, calls on the NBTC to shelve the June 29 auction. The two key bands include 2100 MHz and 2300 MHz. The group said the concern was raised due to a lack of competition, as only two major players — True Move H Universal Communication Co Ltd and Advanced Wireless Network Co Ltd — are expected to participate.