

allotment of Channel 287C3 to Mena, Arkansas, as that community's third local FM transmission service. Coordinates used for Channel 287C3 at Mena, Arkansas, are 34-38-46 and 94-16-53.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before August 12, 1996, and reply comments on or before August 27, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, as follows: Wendell Harlan, 3906 Hwy 375 West, P.O. Box 1426, Mena, AR 71953.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Joyner, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's *Notice of Proposed Rule Making*, MM Docket No. 96-135, adopted June 14, 1996, and released June 21, 1996. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC's Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractors, International Transcription Service, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 2100 M Street, NW., Suite 140, Washington, DC 20037.

Provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to this proceeding.

Members of the public should note that from the time a Notice of Proposed Rule Making is issued until the matter is no longer subject to Commission consideration or court review, all *ex parte* contacts are prohibited in Commission proceedings, such as this one, which involve channel allotments. See 47 CFR 1.1204(b) for rules governing permissible *ex parte* contacts.

For information regarding proper filing procedures for comments, See 47 CFR 1.415 and 1.420.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

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[MM Docket No.96-136; RM-8816]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Mililani Town, HI

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition for rule making filed by James Boersema seeking the allotment of UHF television Channel 60 to Mililani Town, Hawaii, as that locality's first local television service. Coordinates for this proposal are 21-27-29 North Latitude and 158-01-04 West Longitude. Although the Commission has imposed a freeze on TV allotments in certain metropolitan areas pending the outcome of an inquiry into the uses of advanced television systems (ATV) in broadcasting, this proposal is not affected thereby.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before August 12, 1996, and reply comments on or before August 27, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, as follows: James Boersema, 733 Bishop Street, #170-460, Honolulu, HI 96813.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Joyner, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

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Radio broadcasting.

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47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No.96-138, RM-8822]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Shell Knob, MO

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition filed by Galen Gilbert proposing the allotment of Channel 249A at Shell Knob, Missouri, as that community's first local service. The coordinates for Channel 249A are 36-42-51 and 93-34-36. There is a site restriction 10.5 kilometers northeast of the community. Petitioner has been requested to provide information demonstrating that Shell Knob qualifies as a community for allotment purposes. Since Shell Knob is located inside the Mark Twain National Forest, petitioner has also been requested to provide information showing a site is available that will provide city grade coverage to the community.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before August 12, 1996, and reply comments on or before August 27, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner's counsel, as follows: William J. Pennington, III, Post Office Box 1447, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29465.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathleen Scheuerle, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's *Notice of Proposed Rule Making*, MM Docket No.96-138, adopted June 14, 1996, and released June 21, 1996. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the Commission's Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractors,

International Transcription Services, Inc., 2100 M Street, NW., Suite 140, Washington, DC 20037, (202) 857-3800.

Provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to this proceeding.

Members of the public should note that from the time a Notice of Proposed Rule Making is issued until the matter is no longer subject to Commission consideration or court review, all *ex parte* contacts are prohibited in Commission proceedings, such as this one, which involve channel allotments. See 47 CFR 1.1204(b) for rules governing permissible *ex parte* contact.

For information regarding proper filing procedures for comments, see 47 CFR 1.415 and 1.420.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

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[CS Docket No. 96-139; DA 96-1012]

Cable Television Service; List of Major Television Markets

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission, through this action, invites comments on its proposal to amend its rules regarding the listing of major television markets, to change the designation of the Houston television market to include the communities of Baytown, Galveston, Alvin, Rosenberg, Katy and Conroe, Texas. This action is taken at the request of Pray, Inc., licensee of television station KRTW(TV), Channel 57 (presently KVVV), Baytown, Texas and it is taken to test the proposal for market hyphenation through the record established based on comments filed by interested parties.

DATES: Comments are due on or before August 26, 1996 and reply comments are due on or before September 16, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vanessa Stallings, Cable Services Bureau, (202) 418-7200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's *Notice of*

Proposed Rulemaking, CS Docket 96-139, adopted June 21, 1996 and released June 24, 1996.

The full text of this decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20554, and may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, (202) 857-3800, 1919 M Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20554.

Synopsis of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

1. The Commission, in response to a Petition for Rulemaking filed by the petitioner, proposed to amend Section 76.51 of the Rules to add the communities of Baytown, Galveston, Alvin, Rosenberg, Katy and Conroe to the Houston television market.

2. In evaluating past requests for hyphenation of a market, the Commission has considered the following factors as relevant to its examination: (1) the distance between the existing designated communities and the community proposed to be added to the designation; (2) whether cable carriage, if afforded to the subject station, would extend to areas beyond its Grade B signal coverage area; (3) the presence of a clear showing of a particularized need by the station requesting the change of market designation; and (4) an indication of benefit to the public from the proposed change. Each of these factors helps the Commission to evaluate individual market conditions consistent "with the underlying competitive purpose of the market hyphenation rule to delineate areas where stations can and do, both actually and logically, compete."

3. Based on the facts presented, the Commission believes that a sufficient case for redesignation of the subject market has been set forth so that this proposal should be tested through the rule making process, including the comments of interested parties. It appears from the information before the Commission that the television stations licensed to Houston, Baytown, Galveston, Alvin, Rosenberg, Katy and Conroe, Texas do compete throughout much of the proposed combined market area, and that sufficient evidence has been presented tending to demonstrate commonality between the proposed communities to be added to the market designation and the market as a whole that "hyphenation" of the market should be proposed. Moreover, the petitioners' proposal appears to be consistent with the Commission's policies regarding redesignation of a

hyphenated television market.

Accordingly, comment is requested on the proposed addition of Baytown, Galveston, Alvin, Rosenberg, Katy and Conroe to the Houston, Texas television market.

Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

4. The Commission certifies that the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 does not apply to this rulemaking proceeding because if the proposed rule amendment is promulgated, there will not be a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small business entities, as defined by Section 601(3) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. A few cable television system operators will be affected by the proposed rule amendment. The Secretary shall send a copy of this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, including the certification, to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration in accordance with paragraph 603(a) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. Public Law No. 96-354, 94 Stat. 1164, 5 U.S.C. Section 601 *et seq.* (1981).

Ex Parte

5. This is a non-restricted notice and comment rulemaking proceeding. *Ex parte* presentations are permitted, provided they are disclosed as provided in the Commission's Rules. See generally 47 CFR §§ 1.1202, 1.1203 and 1.1206(a).

Comment Dates

6. Pursuant to applicable procedures set forth in §§ 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's Rules, interested parties may file comments on or before August 26, 1996 and reply comments on or before September 16, 1996. All relevant and timely comments will be considered before final action is taken in this proceeding. To file formally in this proceeding, participants must file an original and four copies of all comments, reply comments, and supporting comments. If participants want each Commissioner to receive a personal copy of their comments, an original plus nine copies must be filed. Comments and reply comments should be sent to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554. Comments and reply comments will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239) of the Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

7. This action is taken pursuant to authority delegated by Section 0.321 of the Commission's Rules.