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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's *Order Extending Time for Filing Comments and Reply Comments*, MM Docket No. 97-217, adopted and released December 5, 1997. The full text of this *Order* is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., and also may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 1231 20th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

Synopsis of Order Extending Time for Filing Comments and Reply Comments

1. This *Order* was issued in response to a request filed by the Catholic Television Network ("CTN") for a supplemental period to comment on the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in this docket. *MDS and ITFS Two-Way Transmissions*, 62 FR 60025 (Nov. 6, 1997), as corrected, 62 FR 60750 (Nov. 12, 1997). Expressing concern that the proposed rules would create a potential for "brute force overload" interference from response stations to nearby non-co- nor adjacent channel ITFS receive sites, CTN argued that a two-way system should be implemented only if sufficient frequency separation is provided between "downstream" and "upstream" transmissions. CTN proposed to "refarm" the E, F, G and H channel groups to create a band of contiguous ITFS spectrum at 2500-2620 MHz and a band of contiguous spectrum for response transmissions at 2644-2690 MHz, making available up to 24 MHz for downstream MDS operations as a guard band. ITFS G channel licensees would be allowed to (i) consent to their channels being used as response channels, so long as they satisfy ITFS programming requirements on other system channels; (ii) request relocation of some or all of their channels to vacant or vacated ITFS frequencies, or to MDS Channels E1-2 and F1-2; or (iii) enter into a shared-time agreement with another ITFS licensee, under which both licensees could use the G channels as response channels and the partner's channels for ITFS programming requirements. CTN added that the 125 KHz channels should be reallocated to ITFS and used only as response channels. CTN suggested that its proposal would reduce harmful interference potential, encourage efficient spectrum usage, and preserve the spectrum reservation for ITFS.

2. The parties who commenced this proceeding ("Petitioners") filed a response countering that other solutions to brute force interference may be more efficient, such as rendering the response hub licensee responsible to either cure any brute force interference to protected ITFS receive sites or to cease operating the offending transceiver. Regarding CTN's proposal, Petitioners disagreed with its limits on the location of response channels, and further disagreed that refarming only should occur where the ITFS G channels licensee voluntarily agrees.

3. Given the recent submission of CTN's proposal and its potential importance to this proceeding, and the complexity of CTN's proposal and of the other issues involved in this proceeding, interested parties are afforded an additional 30 days in which to file comments and reply comments.

4. *Authority.* This *Order* is issued pursuant to authority contained in Sections 4(i) and 303(r) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 USC §§ 154(i) and 303(r), and §§ 0.204(b), 0.283, and 1.45 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 0.204(b), 0.283, and 1.45.

Federal Communications Commission.

Roy J. Stewart,

Chief, Mass Media Bureau.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 97-180; RM-9104]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Hawthorne, WI

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document denies the petition filed by Burce F. Elving proposing the allotment of Channel 293A to Hawthorne, Wisconsin, as that community's first local service. See 62 FR 44434, August 21, 1997. Petitioner failed to provide sufficient information showing that Hawthorne meets the Commission's requirements with respect to community status for allotment purposes. The Commission also dismissed a counterproposal filed by WTRW, Incorporated seeking the allotment of Channel 293A at Superior, Wisconsin, as being technically deficient. With this action, this proceeding is terminated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathleen Scheuerle, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Report and Order, MM Docket No. 97-180, adopted November 19, 1997, and released December 5, 1997. 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., 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC. 20036, (202) 857-3800; facsimile (202) 857-3805.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 97-235, RM-9187]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Pecos and Wink, TX

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Ronald W. Latimer requesting the reallocation of Channel 247C1 from Pecos to Wink, Texas, and the modification of Station KKLY(FM)'s construction permit to specify Wink as its community of license. Channel 247C1 can be allotted to Wink in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 36.7 kilometers (22.8 miles) southeast. The coordinates for Channel 247C1 at Wink are 31-28-16 NL and 102-57-28 WL. Since Wink is located within 230 kilometers (199 miles) of the U.S.-Mexican border, concurrence by the Mexican government has been requested. In accordance with the provision of Section 1.420(i) of the Commission's Rules, we will not accept competing expressions of interest in use of Channel 247C1 at Wink.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before January 26, 1998, and reply comments on or before February 10, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows: Barry A. Friedman, Thompson, Hine & Flory LLP, 1920 North Street, NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20036 (Counsel for petitioner).

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 97-235, adopted November 19, 1997, and released December 5, 1997. 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 contractor, ITS, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

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.

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Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 97-236, RM-9186]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Point Arena, CA

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition for rule making filed on behalf of Point Broadcasting, one of two mutually exclusive applicants for Channel 272B1 at Point Arena, California, proposing the allotment of Channel 296B1 to Point Arena to resolve the mutual exclusivity while providing a second local FM service to that community. If the channel is allotted with cut-off protection, petitioner also seeks to amend its pending application for Channel 272B1 at Point Arena to reflect operation on Channel 296B1. Coordinates used for Channel 296B1 at Point Arena are 39-01-22 and 123-31-17.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before January 26, 1998, and reply comments on or before February 10, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner's counsel, as follows: Jerrold Miller, Esq., Miller & Miller, P.C., P.O. Box 33003, Washington, DC 20033.

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

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Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

48 CFR Part 204

[DFARS Case 97-D033]

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Uniform Procurement Instrument Identification

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: Comments are solicited from Government and industry personnel on the contemplated revision of Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) guidance pertaining to uniform procurement instrument identification numbers. DoD has a need to address modifications to its system for numbering contracts, modifications, and orders.

DATES: Comments should be submitted in writing to the address shown below on or before February 17, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should submit written comments to: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Ms. Melissa Rider, DAR Council, IMD 3D139, PDUSD(A&T)DP/DAR, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301-3062. Telefax number (703) 602-0350.

E-mail comments submitted over the Internet should be addressed to: dfars@acq.osd.mil.

Please cite DFARS Case 97-D033 in all correspondence related to this issue. E-mail comments should cite DFARS Case 97-D033 in the subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Melissa Rider, telephone (703) 602-0131.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Defense Acquisition Regulations (DAR)