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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.

**John A. Karousos,**

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#### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

##### 47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 98-174, RM-9356]

#### Radio Broadcasting Services; Spencer and Webster, MA

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document requests comments on a petition filed by Chowder Broadcast Group LLC, requesting the reallocation of Channel 255A from Webster, Massachusetts, to Spencer, Massachusetts, and modification of the license for Station WXXW to specify Spencer as the community of license. The coordinates for Channel 255A at Spencer are 42-11-00 and 72-02-30. Canadian concurrence will be requested for this allotment. In accordance with Section 1.420(i) of the Commission's Rules, we shall not accept competing expressions of interest in the use of Channel 255A at Spencer or require the petitioner to demonstrate the availability of an additional equivalent class channel for use by such parties.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed on or before November 16, 1998, and reply comments on or before December 1, 1998.

**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: Brian M. Madden, Leventhal, Senter & Lerman, 2000 K street, N.W., Suite 600, Washington, D.C. 20006-1809.

**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. 98-174, adopted September 16, 1998, and released September 25, 1998. 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.

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Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

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#### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

##### 47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 98-175, RM-9364]

#### Television Broadcasting Services, DTV Broadcasting Services; Buffalo, NY

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document requests comments on a petition filed by Western New York Public Broadcasting Association, licensee of Stations WNED-TV, Channel 17, and WNEQ-TV, Channel \*23, Buffalo, New York, requesting amendment of the Television Table of Allotments to reflect Channel \*17 as reserved for non-commercial educational use, and Channel 23 as nonreserved. Petition also requests that the DTV Table of Allotments for Buffalo be amended to reflect a similar change for Channel 17's companion channel, Channel 43 and Channel \*23's companion channel, Channel \*32.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed on or before November 16, 1998, and reply comments on or before December 1, 1998.

**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: Robert A. Woods Schwartz, Woods and Miller, 1350 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20036-1717.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Victoria M. McCauley, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2130.

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#### List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Television broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### 50 CFR Part 17

RIN 1018-AF03

#### Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Extension of Comment Period for Proposed Rule to List the Contiguous United States Distinct Population Segment of the Canada Lynx

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; notice of extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) provides notice that the comment period on the proposal to list the contiguous United States distinct

population segment of the Canada Lynx is being extended. All interested parties are invited to submit comments on this proposal.

**DATES:** Comments will be accepted until October 14, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and materials concerning this proposal should be sent to the Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Montana Field Office, 100 N. Park Avenue, Suite 320, Helena, Montana 59601.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kemper McMaster, Field Supervisor, Montana Field Office, (see **ADDRESSES** section) (telephone 406/449-5225; facsimile 406/449-5339).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On July 8, 1998 (63 FR 36994), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) published a proposed rule to list the contiguous United States distinct population of the Canada lynx (*Lynx canadensis*) as threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. This population segment includes the States of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts. The contiguous United States population segment of the Canada lynx is threatened by human alteration of forests, low numbers as a result of past overexploitation, expansion of the range of competitors (bobcats (*Felis rufus*) and coyotes (*Canis latrans*)), and elevated levels of human access into lynx habitat. This rule also lists the captive population of Canada lynx within the

coterminous United States (lower 48 States) as threatened due to similarity of appearance and permits the continued export of captive-bred Canada lynx.

#### Public Comments Solicited

The Service intends that any final action resulting from this proposal will be as accurate and as effective as possible. Therefore, comments, or suggestions from the public, other concerned governmental agencies, the scientific community, industry, or any other interested party concerning this proposed rule are solicited.

The previous comment period on this proposal is scheduled to close on September 30, 1998. To accommodate the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission council meeting schedule, the Service extends the comment period. Written comments may now be submitted until October 14, 1998, to the Service's Montana Field Office (see **ADDRESSES** section above). All comments must be received before the close of the comment period to be considered.

#### Author

The author of this notice is Lori Nordstrom, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Montana Field Office (see **ADDRESSES** section).

#### Authority

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: September 25, 1998.

**Terry Terrell,**

Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.

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