

and least burdensome alternative that achieves the objectives of the rule and is consistent with statutory requirements. Section 203 requires EPA to establish a plan for informing and advising any small governments that may be significantly or uniquely impacted by the rule.

EPA has determined that the proposed action does not include a Federal mandate that may result in estimated annual costs of \$100 million or more to either State, local, or tribal governments in the aggregate, or to the private sector. This proposed Federal action acts on pre-existing requirements under State or local law, and imposes no new requirements. Accordingly, no additional costs to State, local, or tribal governments, or to the private sector, result from this action.

G. National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act

Section 12 of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act (NTTAA) of 1995 requires Federal agencies to evaluate existing technical standards when developing a new regulation. To comply with NTTAA, EPA must consider and use "voluntary consensus standards" (VCS) if available and applicable when developing programs and policies unless doing so would be inconsistent with applicable law or otherwise impractical.

EPA believes that VCS are inapplicable to today's proposed action because it does not require the public to perform activities conducive to the use of VCS.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Carbon monoxide, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Nitrogen oxide, Ozone, and Particulate matter.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

Dated: August 23, 2000.

Nora McGee,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region IX.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[DA 00-2031, MM Docket No. 00-163, RM-9934]

Digital Television Broadcast Service; Thief River Falls, MN

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Red River Broadcast Company, LLC, licensee of station KBRR(TV), NTSC Channel 10, Thief River Falls, Minnesota, requesting substitution of DTV Channel 32 for station KBRR(TV)'s assigned DTV Channel 57. DTV Channel 32 can be allotted to Thief River Falls, Minnesota, in compliance with the principle community coverage requirements of Section 73.625(a) at reference coordinates (48-01-19 N. and 96-22-12 W.). However, since the community of Thief River Falls is located within 400 kilometers of the U.S.-Canadian border, concurrence by the Canadian government must be obtained for this proposal. As requested, we propose to allot DTV Channel 32 to Thief River Falls with a power of 1000 and a height above average terrain (HAAT) of 183 meters.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before October 30, 2000, and reply comments on or before November 14, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows: John T. Scott, III, Crowell & Moring LLP, 1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004 (Counsel for Red River Broadcast Company).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pam Blumenthal, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-1600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 00-163, adopted September 7, 2000, and released September 8, 2000. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, 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.

Federal Communications Commission.

Barbara A. Kreisman,

Chief, Video Services Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[DA 00-2030, MM Docket No.00-162, RM-9948]

Digital Television Broadcast Service; Fresno, CA

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Fisher Broadcasting-Fresno, L.L.C., licensee of Station KJEO(TV), NTSC Channel 47, Fresno, California, requesting the substitution of DTV Channel 34 for Station KJEO(TV)'s assigned DTV Channel 14. DTV Channel 34 can be allotted to Fresno, California, in compliance with the principle community coverage requirements of Section 73.625(a) at reference coordinates (37-04-14 N. and 119-25-31 W.). As requested, we propose to allot DTV Channel 34 to Fresno with a power of 330 and a height above average terrain (HAAT) of 597 meters.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before October 30, 2000, and reply comments on or before November 14, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows: Clifford M. Harrington, Brendan Holland, Shaw Pittman, 2001 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20006 (Counsel for Fisher Broadcasting-Fresno, L.L.C.).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pam Blumenthal, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-1600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 00-162, adopted September 7, 2000, and

released September 8, 2000. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, 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.

Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[DA 00-1963, MM Docket No. 00-153, RM-9936; MM Docket No. 00-154, RM-9935]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Marceline, MO, Fair Haven, VT

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on two petitions for rule making requesting FM channel allotments at Marceline, MO, and Fair Haven, VT. Channel 256A can be allotted to Marceline in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 7.2 kilometers (4.5 miles) northeast, at coordinates 39-44-42 NL; 92-52-33 WL, to avoid a short-spacing to Station KQRC-FM, Channel 255C, Leavenworth, Kansas. Channel 223A can be allotted to Fair Haven in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements, with respect to all domestic allotments, without the imposition of a site restriction at coordinates 43-35-41 NL; 73-15-58

WL. Fair Haven is located within 320 kilometers (200 miles) of the U.S.-Canadian border and the allotment, at the proposed coordinates, will result in a 29.1 kilometer short-spacing to Station CFQR-FM, Channel 223C1, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Therefore, concurrence by the Canadian Government in the allotment, as a specially negotiated short-spaced allotment, must be obtained.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before October 16, 2000, and reply comments on or before October 31, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows: RC Broadcasting Company, 9118 NE 198th Street, Trimble, MO 64492 (Petitioner in RM-9936); Vermont Community Radio c/o Peter Morton, Vice President, Research, P.O. Box 8260, Essex, VT 05451-8260 (Petitioner in RM-9935).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leslie K. Shapiro, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket Nos. 00-153, 00-154, adopted August 16, 2000, and released August 25, 2000. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, 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.

Federal Communications Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 600

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Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Applications for Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs)

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notification of a proposal for EFPs to conduct experimental fishing; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces that the Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS (Regional Administrator), has made a preliminary determination to issue EFPs to conduct experimental fishing operations otherwise restricted by the regulations governing the fisheries of the Northeastern United States. The Northeast Region has received a request to allow several purse seine vessels to fish in Closed Area I. Therefore, this document invites comments on the issuance of EFPs to conduct experimental fishing with a maximum of 5 commercial fishing vessels. The EFPs would allow tuna purse seine vessels to fish for giant bluefin tuna in Northeast Multispecies Closed Area I, where purse seine gear is normally prohibited. This exempted fishery would allow NMFS and the New England Fishery Management Council to evaluate the feasibility of allowing this type of gear in the closed area as an exempted gear on a permanent basis.

DATES: Comments on this document must be received by September 12, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Patricia A. Kurkul, Regional Administrator, NMFS, Northeast Regional Office, 1 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Mark the outside of the envelope "Comments on Proposed EFP Proposal." Comments may also be sent via facsimile (fax) to (978) 281-9135. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet.