

Supplemental Comment Period
Extended for Local Competition
Proceeding, CC Docket 96-98

Released June 25, 1996.

1. On June 17, 1996, the FCC's Industry Analysis Division, Common Carrier Bureau, and the Competition Division, Office of General Counsel, released a staff model of the telecommunications industry which allows model users to calculate a variety of outputs from nearly 200 specifications (News Release, "FCC Staff Releases Working Copy of an Industry Demand & Supply Simulation Model," released June 17, 1996.) The staff model allows the user to specify growth rates, pricing trends, demand elasticities and cost relationships to simulate effects in traditional industry segments. The staff model, using publicly-available, industry-wide information, allows the user to simulate the relative impact of particular changes in the industry. On June 20, 1996, the Common Carrier Bureau, on delegated authority, issued a Public Notice that announced that a copy of the staff model had been placed in the public file in CC Docket No. 96-98, Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Parties were requested to file Comments on the staff model in that proceeding no later than Monday, July 1, 1996. (Public Notice, "Supplemental Comment Period Designated for Local Competition Proceeding, CC Docket 96-98," DA 96-1007, released June 20, 1996.) (61 FR 32766, June 25, 1996).

2. On June 21, 1996, Cox Communications, Inc. ("Cox") filed a Motion for Extension of Time seeking an extension, to July 8, 1996, to file its supplemental comments about the staff model.¹ In its petition, Cox argues, *inter alia*, that the comment period is insufficient to give parties a meaningful opportunity to analyze and comment on the staff model.²

3. The Commission faces severe time constraints, imposed by Section 251 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 251, to resolve the interconnection proceeding within the timeframe prescribed. Nevertheless, in order to afford commenters in CC Docket No. 96-98 as much opportunity as possible to analyze and utilize the staff model, a limited extension of the supplemental comment period is

¹ Motion for Extension of Time of Cox Communications, Inc. ("Cox Petition"), CC Docket No. 96-98 (filed June 21, 1996). On June 24, 1996, Cox supplemented its petition with an Attachment to the original motion. See Affidavit of Joshua E. Fine In Support of Cox Communications, Inc. Motion for Extension of Time (filed June 24, 1996).

² Cox Petition, 2-5.

authorized. Parties who wish to comment on the model, use the model, create variations of the model, or file models of their own, in that proceeding are requested to file Comments no later than Monday, July 8, 1996. As stated in the June 20 Public Notice, there will be no Reply Comment filing opportunity.

4. Copies of the model may be purchased by calling International Transcription Services, Inc. (ITS) at (202) 857-3800. The model also can be downloaded from the Common Carrier Bureau's home page on the World Wide Web. The home page can be accessed directly (<http://www.fcc.gov/ccb.html>) or through a direct link from the main FCC home page (<http://www.fcc.gov>). The model also can be downloaded from the FCC-State Link computer bulletin board at (202) 418-0241 [BBS file name: MODELV30.ZIP].

For further information, contact Thomas J. Beers at (202) 418-0952 (e-mail: tbeers@fcc.gov). For further information about the model, contact Jim Lande at (202) 418-0498 (e-mail: jlande@fcc.gov) or Doron Fertig at (202) 418-1869 (e-mail: dfertig@fcc.gov).

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,
Acting Secretary.

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47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 96-134; RM-8817]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Kansas City, MO

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition filed by TV-32, Inc. requesting the substitution of UHF Channel 29 for UHF Channel 32 at Kansas City, Missouri, and modification of the construction permit for Station KCWB to specify operation on Channel 29. The coordinates for Channel 29 at Kansas City are 39-05-01 and 94-30-57. We shall propose to modify the construction permit for Station KCWB and will not accept competing expressions of interest for the use of the channel. To accommodate the allotment of Channel 29 at Kansas City, we shall also propose to change the reference site coordinates for vacant Channel *22 at St. Joseph, Missouri, from 39-46-00 and 94-50-18 to 39-54-40 and 94-50-18.

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: Meredith S. Senter, Jr., Renee L. Roland, Leventhal, Senter & Lerman, 2000 K. Street, NW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20006-1809.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's *Notice of Proposed Rule Making*, MM Docket No. 96-134, 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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47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 96-135; RM-8825]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Mena, AR

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition for rule making filed by Wendell Harlan requesting the