

3. Our proposed rules concerning the filing requirements for cost allocation manuals and for adjusting for inflation references to carrier revenues apply to the Bell Operating Companies and other incumbent LECs, which, because they are dominant in their field of operations, are by definition not small entities under the RFA. These proposed rules would also affect filing requirements for new LECs entering the local exchange market under the competitive provisions of the 1996 Act to the extent that such carriers' revenues exceed the annual indexed revenue threshold of \$100 million in operating revenue as adjusted upward by the rules adopted and proposed herein. While these companies may have fewer than 1,500 employees and thus fall within the SBA's definition of small telecommunications entity, we do not believe that such entities should be considered small entities within the meaning of the RFA.

4. Similarly, our proposal to change the IXC report required by Section 43.22(b) of the Commission's rules affects only designated IXCs with annual operating revenues above \$100 million dollars. In addition, we propose to eliminate the report required by Section 43.21(b) of our rules that presently is filed only by AT&T. While IXCs may have fewer than 1,500 employees and thus fall within the SBA's definition of small telecommunications entity, we do not believe that such entities should be considered small entities within the meaning of the RFA.

5. Moreover, none of the proposed requirements contained in our NPRM will have a significant economic impact on the LECs or IXCs who are required to file these reports or manuals. The number of filings required would be reduced by our proposed rules, and raising revenue thresholds may allow certain carriers to avoid filing the reports or manuals. This should have a beneficial impact on carriers affected by the proposed rules.

6. We therefore certify, pursuant to Section 605(b) of the RFA, that the rules will not, if promulgated, have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. We seek comment on this tentative conclusion. The Secretary shall send a copy of this Notice, including this certification and statement, to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration. A copy of this

certification will also be published in the Federal Register.

Ordering Clauses

Accordingly, *it is ordered* that, pursuant to Sections 402(b)(2)(B) and 402(c) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Public Law No. 104-104, sec. 402(b)(2)(B) and 402(c), and Sections 1, 4, 201-205, 215, 218, 220 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 151(a), 154, 201-205, 215, 218 and 220, and Section 553(b)(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. § 553(b)(B), *notice is hereby given* of proposed amendments to Parts 32, 43 and 64 in accordance with the proposals, discussions, and statement of issues in this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and that *comment is sought* regarding such proposals, discussion and statement of issues.

Accordingly, *it is ordered* that a rulemaking proceeding *is instituted* to determine whether proposals made herein concerning regulatory reform for carrier classifications and filing requirements would be in the public interest.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Parts 32, 43 and 64

Communications common carriers, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Telephone.

Federal Communications Commission.
Shirley S. Suggs,
Chief, Publications Branch.
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47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 96-80; RM-8758, RM-8833]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Alva, Bartlesville and Ponca City, OK, and Deerfield, MO

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule; order to show cause.

SUMMARY: This document directs Mur-Thom Broadcasting, Inc., Ponca City, Oklahoma, to show cause why its license for Station KIXR should not be modified to specify operation on Channel 284A in lieu of Channel 261A. This action would allow Station KYFM, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, to upgrade its facility from Channel 260C3 to Channel

261C1. KYFM Radio, Inc., licensee of Station KYFM, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, filed a counterproposal in this proceeding requesting the substitution at Ponca City to accommodate its upgrade at Bartlesville. This *Order* does not afford additional opportunity either to comment on the merits of the conflicting proposal or for the acceptance of additional counterproposals because an opportunity has already been provided for the filing of such proposals.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before November 4, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's *Order to Show Cause*, MM Docket No. 96-80, adopted September 6, 1996, and released September 13, 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.
John A. Karousos,
Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau.
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