

296C3 at Clear Lake, South Dakota, as the community's first local aural transmission service. Channel 296C3 can be allotted to Clear Lake in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 2.7 kilometers (1.6 miles) southwest to avoid a short-spacing to the licensed site of Station KMGK(FM) Channel 296A, Glenwood, Minnesota. The coordinates for Channel 296C3 at Clear Lake are North Latitude 44-44-21 and West Longitude 96-42-38.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before December 30, 1996, and reply comments on or before January 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows: Maynard R. Meyer, Vice President, Lac Qui Parle Broadcasting Co., Inc., 623 W. 3rd Street, P.O. Box 70, Madison, Minnesota 56256 (Petitioner).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon P. McDonald, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 96-224, adopted November 1, 1996, and released November 8, 1996. The full text of this Commission decision 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. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 2100 M Street, N.W., Suite 140, Washington, D.C. 20037.

Provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to this proceeding.

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For information regarding proper filing procedures for comments, see 47 CFR 1.415 and 1.420.

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[MM Docket No. 96-225; RM-8894]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Canton and Normal, IL

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by WSHY, Inc., proposing the allotment of Channel 252A at Canton, Illinois, as the community's third local FM transmission service. Petitioner also proposes the allotment of Channel 250A at Normal, Illinois, as the community's second local commercial FM transmission service. Channel 252A can be allotted to Canton in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 3.9 kilometers (2.4 miles) west to avoid a short-spacing to the licensed site of Station WIVR(FM), Channel 253A, Eureka, Illinois. The coordinates for Channel 252A at Canton are North Latitude 40-32-46 and West Longitude 90-04-59. Additionally, Channel 250A can be allotted to Normal in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 0.7 kilometers (0.4 miles) northwest to accommodate petitioner's requested site. The coordinates for Channel 250A at Normal are North Latitude 40-30-51 and West Longitude 88-59-26.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before December 30, 1996 and reply comments on or before January 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows: John F. Garziglia, Esq., Pepper & Corazzini, L.L.P., 1776 K Street, N.W., Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20006 (Counsel for Petitioner).

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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[Docket No. 960826231-6231-01]

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Streamlining of Commerce Acquisition Process

AGENCY: Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce has reengineered its acquisition processes and is planning to implement these new processes department-wide. The Department is also testing the effectiveness of the new processes at two Pilot sites within the agency. The new processes are described in the Acquisition Process Case for Change, Concept of Operations (CONOPS). The new processes were developed by a team of departmental representatives who extensively reviewed private and public sector acquisition practices and recommendations. The intended effect is to create a more customer-friendly acquisition process that is less complex,