

(e) The TNRCC submitted to EPA on March 6, 1996, a petition requesting that the Houston/Galveston and Beaumont/Port Arthur ozone nonattainment areas be granted an extension to a previously-granted temporary exemption from the NO_x control requirements of sections 182(f) and 182(b) of the Clean Air Act. The temporary exemption was granted on April 19, 1995. The current petition is based on the need for more time to complete UAM to confirm the need for, and the extent of, NO_x controls required. On December 6, 1996, EPA approved the State's request for an extension to the temporary exemption. The temporary extension automatically expires on December 31, 1997, without further notice from EPA. Upon expiration of the extension, the requirements pertaining to NO_x RACT, NSR, I/M, general and transportation conformity will become applicable, except that the NO_x RACT compliance date shall be implemented as expeditiously as practicable, but no later than May 31, 1999, unless the State has received a contingent NO_x exemption from the EPA prior to that time.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 96-244, RM-8936]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Madison, IN

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition for rule making filed on behalf of Edward E. Guinn requesting the allotment of Channel 266A to Madison, Indiana, as that community's second local FM service. Coordinates used for this proposal are 38-49-15 and 85-18-46.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before January 27, 1997, and reply comments on or before February 11, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner's counsel, as follows: Harry F. Cole, Esq., Bechtel & Cole, 1901 L Street, N.W., Suite 250, Washington, D.C. 20036.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 96-244, adopted November 29, 1996, and released December 6, 1996. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC's Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, NW, Washington, D.C. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractors, 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.

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.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

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47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 96-241, RM-8928]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Minden and Natchitoches, Louisiana

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition by Ninety-Five Point Seven, Inc., assignee of Station KASO (FM), Channel 239A, Minden, Louisiana, and Bundrick Communications, Inc., licensee of Station KZBL (FM), Channel 240A, Natchitoches, Louisiana, requesting the substitution of Channel 239C2 for Channel 239A at Minden, Louisiana, and the modification of Station KASO

(FM)'s authorization to specify the higher powered channel. Petitioners also request the substitution of Channel 264A for Channel 240A at Natchitoches, Louisiana, and modification of Station KZBL (FM)'s license to reflect the new channel. Channel 239C2 and Channel 264A can be allotted to Minden and Natchitoches, respectively, in compliance with Commission's minimum distance separation requirements. Channel 239C2 can be allotted to Minden with a site restriction of 9.2 kilometers (5.7 miles) northwest. Channel 264A can be allotted to Natchitoches at the transmitter site specified in Station KZBL (FM)'s license. See Supplemental Information, *infra*.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before January 27, 1997, and reply comments on or before February 11, 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: William J. Pennington, III, Post Office Box 403, Westfield, Massachusetts 01086 (Counsel for petitioners).

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 96-241, adopted November 29, 1996, and released December 6, 1996. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC's Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, NW, Washington, D.C. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, ITS, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 2100 M Street, NW, Suite 140, Washington, D.C. 20037.

The coordinates for Channel 239C2 at Minden are 32-39-06 and 93-22-15. The coordinates for Channel 264A at Natchitoches are 31-48-18 and 93-01-29. In accordance with Section 1.420(g) of the Commission's Rules, we will not accept competing expressions of interest for the use of Channel 239C2 at Minden or require petitioner to demonstrate the availability of an additional equivalent class channel.

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