

concern" under the Small Business Act, unless the Commission has developed one or more definitions that are appropriate to its activities. Under the Small Business Act, a "small business concern" includes a small organization, which is defined as a non-profit enterprise that is not independently owned and operated and is not dominant in its field. NECA is a non-profit, quasi-governmental association that was initially created to administer the Commission's interstate access tariff and revenue distribution processes. Therefore, NECA is not a small organization within the meaning of the RFA. Furthermore, these proposals do not apply to other "small business concerns" since they propose to modify the composition of NECA's Board of Directors. For this reason, we tentatively conclude that these proposals would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

14. We therefore certify, pursuant to Section 605(b) of the RFA, that these proposals would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. We seek comment on this tentative conclusion. The Commission shall publish this certification in the Federal Register, and shall provide a copy of this NPRM, including this certification, to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration.

Ordering Clauses

15. Accordingly, It is ordered that, pursuant to §§ 1, 4(i), 201-205, 218-220, 254 and 403 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i), 201-05, 218-20, 254 and 403, notice is hereby given of proposed amendments to Part 69 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR part 69, as described in this notice of proposed rulemaking.

16. Accordingly, it is ordered that, pursuant to sections 1, 4(i), 201-205, 218-220, 254 and 403 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i), 201-05, 218-20, 254 and 403, notice is hereby given of proposals described in this notice of inquiry.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,
Acting Secretary.

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47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 96-248, RM-8950]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Dickson, OK

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Redwood Broadcasting, Inc., seeking the allotment of Channel 278C3 to Dickson, Oklahoma, as the community's first local aural transmission service. Channel 278C3 can be allotted to Dickson in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements without the imposition of a site restriction, at coordinates 34-11-14 North Latitude and 96-59-03 West Longitude.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before February 3, 1997, and reply comments on or before February 18, 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: Ronald G. London, Esq., Pepper & Corazzini, L.L.P., 1776 K Street, NW., Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20006 (Counsel to petitioner).

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 No. 96-248, adopted December 6, 1996, and released December 13, 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, NW, Washington, D.C. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 2100 M Street, NW., 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.

John A. Karousos,

Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 96-264, RM-8977]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Roxton, TX

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition by Northeast Texas Broadcasters requesting the allotment of Channel 257A to Roxton, Texas, as the community's first local FM service. Channel 257A can be allotted to Roxton in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 12.2 kilometers (7.6 miles) north to avoid short-spacing conflicts with the licensed operation of Station KPLX(FM), Channel 258C, Fort Worth, Texas, and to a construction permit for a station operating on Channel 257C3 at Linden, Texas, at coordinates 33-39-17 NL; 95-44-54 WL.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before March 3, 1997, and reply comments on or before March 18, 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 10186 (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. 96-264, adopted December 27, 1996, and released January 10, 1997. 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.

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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