

progress (ROP) plan to reduce volatile organic compounds (VOC) emissions in Lake and Porter Counties by 15 percent (%) by November 15, 1996; a contingency plan to reduce VOC emissions by an additional 3% beyond the ROP plan, and an Indiana agreed order requiring VOC emission controls on Keil Chemical Division, Ferro Corporation, located in Lake County (Keil Chemical). The 15% ROP plan, 3% contingency plan, and the agreed order were submitted together on June 26, 1995. The plans will help to protect the public's health and welfare by reducing the emissions of VOC that contribute to the formation of ground-level ozone, commonly known as urban smog. In the final rules section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving this action as a direct final rule without prior proposal because EPA views this as a noncontroversial action and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to that direct final rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed rule. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on the proposed rule. Any parties interested in commenting on this document should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments on this proposed rule must be received on or before May 5, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be mailed to: J. Elmer Bortzer, Chief, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR18-J), Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Copies of the State submittal are available for inspection at: Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR18-J), Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark J. Palermo, Environmental Protection Specialist, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR18-J), Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 886-6082.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information see the direct final rule published in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: February 19, 1997.

Michelle D. Jordan,

Acting Regional Administrator.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 63

[IB Docket No. 96-261, DA 97-440]

International Settlement Rates

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On December 19, 1996 the Federal Communications Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the matter of *International Settlement Rates*, FCC No. 96-484 (61 FR 68702, December 30, 1996). In response to a request for an extension of time, on February 27, 1997, the Commission released an order granting an extension of time for filing reply comments in this proceeding.

DATES: Reply comments must be submitted on or before March 31, 1997.

ADDRESSES: All supplemental comments and supplemental reply comments should be addressed to: Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington DC 20554. All supplemental comments and supplemental reply comments will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239) of the Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M St., NW., Washington, DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Giusti, Attorney-Advisor, Policy and Facilities Branch, Telecommunications Division, International Bureau, (202) 418-1407.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. On February 21, 1997, the Republic of Panama filed a motion to extend the reply comment date in the captioned proceeding from March 10, 1997 to April 14, 1997. The Republic of Panama contends that the current schedule provides it insufficient time to prepare informed reply comments for two reasons. First, the Republic of Panama asserts that the failure of the

Commission's Record Imaging Processing System ("RIPS") has made it difficult for it and other interested parties to obtain a complete set of the comments filed in this proceeding. Second, the Republic of Panama states that it needs more time to review the recent agreement of the World Trade Organization's Group on Basic Telecommunications and assess the agreement's impact on the proposals made in this proceeding.

2. Although we do not routinely grant extensions of time, *See* 47 CFR § 1.46(a), we believe that extending the reply comment date in this case will serve the public interest by allowing the Republic of Panama and other interested parties adequate time to review and reply to any comments that they had difficulty in obtaining because of the failure of RIPS. We believe that an extension to March 31, 1997 will provide sufficient time for interested parties to complete their reply comments. Interested parties may obtain copies of the comments filed in this proceeding from the Commission's Reference Center, 1919 M Street NW., Room 239, Washington, DC 20554. Copies of the comments filed in this proceeding are also available for purchase from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc. ("ITS"), 2100 M Street NW., Suite 140, Washington, DC 20037. In order to compensate further for the RIPS outage, we will place copies of the comments filed in this proceeding in the International Bureau Reference Center, Room 102, 2000 M Street NW., Washington, DC 20554.

3. Accordingly, *it is ordered*, pursuant to sections 4(i), 4(j) and 5(c) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 154(i), 154(j), and 155(c), and sections 0.51, 0.261, and 1.46 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 0.51, 0.261, and 1.46, that the reply comment date in the captioned proceeding *is extended* from March 10, 1997 to March 31, 1997.

4. *It is further ordered*, pursuant to sections 4(i), 4(j) and 5(c) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 154(i), 154(j), and 155(c), and sections 0.51, 0.261, and 1.46 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 0.51, 0.261, and 1.46, that the Republic of Panama's motion to extend the reply comment date *is granted* to the extent it requests additional time up to March 31, 1997, but *is denied* to the extent it requests additional time beyond that date.

Federal Communications Commission.

Ruth Milkman,

Deputy Chief, International Bureau.

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47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 97-105, RM-9046]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Atlanta, LA

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition by Winn Parish Broadcasting proposing the allotment of Channel 293A to Atlanta, Louisiana, as the community's first local aural transmission service. Channel 293A can be allotted to Atlanta in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements without the imposition of a site restriction at coordinates 31-48-18 NL and 92-44-36 WL.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before May 19, 1997, and reply comments on or before June 3, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 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, P.O. Box 403, Westfield, Massachusetts 01086 (Counsel for petitioner).

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. 97-105, adopted March 19, 1997, and released March 28, 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, DC. 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, DC 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. 97-104, RM-9048]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Wellington, TX

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Stacey Allen Austin proposing the allotment of Channel 267C3 to Wellington, Texas, as the community's first local FM service. Channel 267C3 can be allotted to Wellington in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 4.5 kilometers (2.8 miles) southwest in order to avoid a short-spacing conflict with the licensed operation of Station KWOX(FM), Channel 266C, Woodward, Oklahoma. The coordinates for Channel 267C3 at Wellington are 34-49-13 NL and 100-14-29 WL.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before May 19, 1997, and reply comments on or before June 3, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows: Stacey Allen Austin, Route 1, Box 420, Chancellor, Alabama 36316 (petitioner).

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. 97-104, adopted March 19, 1997, and released March 28, 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, DC. 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, DC 20037.

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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,

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47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 97-102, RM-8969]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Slidell and Kenner, LA

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition by Phase II Broadcasting, licensee of Station WLTS-FM, Channel 287C1, Slidell, Louisiana, proposing the reallocation of Channel 287C1 from Slidell to Kenner, Louisiana, and modification of Station WLTS-FM's license to specify Kenner as its community of license. Channel 287C1 can be allotted to Kenner in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements at the licensed site of Station WLTS-FM. The coordinates for Channel 287C1 at Kenner are 29-58-57 and 89-57-09. In accordance with the provisions of Section 1.420(i) of the Commission's Rules, we will not accept competing expressions of interest in the use of Channel 287C1 at Kenner, Louisiana.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before May 19, 1997, and reply comments on or before June 3, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In