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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's *Order Extending Time for Filing Comments and Reply Comments*, MM Docket No. 97-217, adopted and released December 5, 1997. The full text of this *Order* 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., and also may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 1231 20th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

Synopsis of Order Extending Time for Filing Comments and Reply Comments

1. This *Order* was issued in response to a request filed by the Catholic Television Network ("CTN") for a supplemental period to comment on the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in this docket. *MDS and ITFS Two-Way Transmissions*, 62 FR 60025 (Nov. 6, 1997), as corrected, 62 FR 60750 (Nov. 12, 1997). Expressing concern that the proposed rules would create a potential for "brute force overload" interference from response stations to nearby non-co- nor adjacent channel ITFS receive sites, CTN argued that a two-way system should be implemented only if sufficient frequency separation is provided between "downstream" and "upstream" transmissions. CTN proposed to "refarm" the E, F, G and H channel groups to create a band of contiguous ITFS spectrum at 2500-2620 MHz and a band of contiguous spectrum for response transmissions at 2644-2690 MHz, making available up to 24 MHz for downstream MDS operations as a guard band. ITFS G channel licensees would be allowed to (i) consent to their channels being used as response channels, so long as they satisfy ITFS programming requirements on other system channels; (ii) request relocation of some or all of their channels to vacant or vacated ITFS frequencies, or to MDS Channels E1-2 and F1-2; or (iii) enter into a shared-time agreement with another ITFS licensee, under which both licensees could use the G channels as response channels and the partner's channels for ITFS programming requirements. CTN added that the 125 KHz channels should be reallocated to ITFS and used only as response channels. CTN suggested that its proposal would reduce harmful interference potential, encourage efficient spectrum usage, and preserve the spectrum reservation for ITFS.

2. The parties who commenced this proceeding ("Petitioners") filed a response countering that other solutions to brute force interference may be more efficient, such as rendering the response hub licensee responsible to either cure any brute force interference to protected ITFS receive sites or to cease operating the offending transceiver. Regarding CTN's proposal, Petitioners disagreed with its limits on the location of response channels, and further disagreed that refarming only should occur where the ITFS G channels licensee voluntarily agrees.

3. Given the recent submission of CTN's proposal and its potential importance to this proceeding, and the complexity of CTN's proposal and of the other issues involved in this proceeding, interested parties are afforded an additional 30 days in which to file comments and reply comments.

4. *Authority.* This *Order* is issued pursuant to authority contained in Sections 4(i) and 303(r) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 USC §§ 154(i) and 303(r), and §§ 0.204(b), 0.283, and 1.45 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 0.204(b), 0.283, and 1.45.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 97-180; RM-9104]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Hawthorne, WI

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document denies the petition filed by Burce F. Elving proposing the allotment of Channel 293A to Hawthorne, Wisconsin, as that community's first local service. See 62 FR 44434, August 21, 1997. Petitioner failed to provide sufficient information showing that Hawthorne meets the Commission's requirements with respect to community status for allotment purposes. The Commission also dismissed a counterproposal filed by WTRW, Incorporated seeking the allotment of Channel 293A at Superior, Wisconsin, as being technically deficient. With this action, this proceeding is terminated.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Report and Order, MM Docket No. 97-180, adopted November 19, 1997, and released December 5, 1997. 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., 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC. 20036, (202) 857-3800; facsimile (202) 857-3805.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 97-235, RM-9187]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Pecos and Wink, TX

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Ronald W. Latimer requesting the reallocation of Channel 247C1 from Pecos to Wink, Texas, and the modification of Station KKLY(FM)'s construction permit to specify Wink as its community of license. Channel 247C1 can be allotted to Wink in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 36.7 kilometers (22.8 miles) southeast. The coordinates for Channel 247C1 at Wink are 31-28-16 NL and 102-57-28 WL. Since Wink is located within 230 kilometers (199 miles) of the U.S.-Mexican border, concurrence by the Mexican government has been requested. In accordance with the provision of Section 1.420(i) of the Commission's Rules, we will not accept competing expressions of interest in use of Channel 247C1 at Wink.