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### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

#### 47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 96-204, RM-8876, RM-9015]

#### Radio Broadcasting Services; Martin, Tiptonville and Trenton, TN

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; Order to Show Cause.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission in response to a counterproposal filed by Thunderbolt Broadcasting, proposes the substitution of Channel 269C3 for Channel 269A at Martin, Tennessee, and the modification of Station WCMT(FM)'s license accordingly; the substitution Channel 247A for vacant Channel 267C3 at Tiptonville,

Tennessee; and the substitution of Channel 249C3 for Channel 248C3 at Trenton, Tennessee, and the modification of Station WWEZ(FM)'s license to specify operation on Channel 249C3. An Order to Show Cause is directed Radiocorp of Jackson, Inc., licensee of Station WWEZ(FM), as to why its license should not be modified to specify the alternate Class C3 channel. Channel 267C3 can be substituted for Channel 267A at Martin, Tennessee, in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction 14.1 kilometers (8.8 miles) northwest, at coordinates 36-26-09 NL and 88-57-30 WL. Channel 247A can be substituted for Channel 267C3 at Tiptonville with a site restriction of 3.1 kilometers (1.9 miles) south, at coordinates 36-21-03 NL and 89-28-11 WL. Channel 249C3 can be substituted for Channel 248C3 at Trenton at the site specified in Station WWEZ(FM)'s license, at coordinates 36-05-10 NL and 88-54-39 WL.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed on or before May 11, 1998.

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

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a synopsis of the Commission's Order to Show Cause, MM Docket No. 96-204,

adopted March 11, 1998, and released March 20, 1998. 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, 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

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.

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