

of pleading (comment or reply) and the date of submission. The diskette should be accompanied by a cover letter setting forth the same information. Each diskette should contain only one party's pleading, preferably in a single electronic file. The party should submit one copy of the diskette to John Copes, International Bureau, Telecommunications Division, 2000 M St., N.W., Room 844, Washington, D.C. 20054. The party should file an exact copy of the diskette, identically marked, with the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc.

15. Persons wishing to comment on the proposed and/or modified information collections should file written comments on or before August 24, 1998. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) must submit its written comments on the proposed information collections, if any, on or before [insert date 60 days after the date of publication of the summary of this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the **Federal Register**]. In addition to filing comments with the Secretary, they should also submit a copy of any comments on the information collections contained herein Judy Boley, Federal Communications Commission, Room 234, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20554, or via the Internet to jboley@fcc.gov.

Conclusion

16. The Commission is proposing these rules to clarify the public service requirements for all those pending applicants and all future entities who may wish to serve as accounting authorities for the settlement of international radio maritime accounts involving U.S. registered vessels operating in foreign or international waters. By these rules, the Commission seeks to ensure that the public interest is adequately served as the Commission withdraws from its function as an accounting authority for non-governmental users of maritime mobile and maritime mobile-satellite radio services. It seeks comment on the proposed changes to the application procedure and any alternatives interested persons may wish to suggest.

Ordering Clauses

17. Accordingly, it is ordered, pursuant to Sections 4(i), 4(j), 11, 201–205 and 303(r) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j), 161, 201–205 and 303(r), that this NPRM is hereby adopted.

18. It is further ordered that the Office of Public Affairs, Reference Operations

Division, shall send a copy of this *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, including the regulatory flexibility certification, to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,
Secretary.

Rule Changes

Part 3 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations (Chapter 1 of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations) is amended as follows:

PART 3—AUTHORIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF ACCOUNTING AUTHORITIES IN MARITIME AND MARITIME MOBILE-SATELLITE RADIO SERVICES

1. The authority citation for part 3 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154(i), 154(j) and 303(r).

2. Section 3.10 is proposed to be amended by revising the first sentence of paragraph (e) to read as follows:

§ 3.10 Basic qualifications.

(e) Applicants must offer their services to any member of the public making a reasonable request therefor, without undue discrimination against any customer or class of customer, and charge reasonable and non-discriminatory fees for service. * * *

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 98-130; RM-9297]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Saratoga, WY

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Mountain Tower Broadcasting proposing the allotment of Channel 259C at Saratoga, Wyoming, as the community's first local aural transmission service. Channel 259C can be allotted to Saratoga in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 16.3 kilometers (10.1

miles) northwest to avoid a short-spacing to the construction permit site of Station KRRR(FM), Channel 260C2, Cheyenne, Wyoming. The coordinates for Channel 259C at Saratoga are North Latitude 41°31'38" and West Longitude 106°58'37".

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before September 8, 1998, and reply comments on or before September 23, 1998.

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: Victor A. Michael, Jr., President, Mountain Tower Broadcasting, 7901 Stoneridge Drive, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009 (Petitioner).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon P. McDonald, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 98-130, adopted July 8, 1998, and released July 17, 1998. 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, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, 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.

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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