

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Citicasters Co., licensee of Station WKFX, Channel 289A, Marysville, OH, seeking the reallocation of Channel 289A from Marysville to Hilliard, OH, as the community's first local aural service, and the modification of Station WKFX's license accordingly. Channel 289A can be allotted to Hilliard in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 12.1 kilometers (7.5 miles) northeast, at coordinates 40-07-47 North Latitude and 83-05-20 West Longitude, to avoid a short-spacing to the licensed site of Station WCHO-FM, Channel 288A, Washington Court House, Ohio, and to the pending application of Station WMXG, Channel 292A, London, Ohio (BPH-971202IE). Canadian concurrence in this allotment is required since Hilliard is located within 320 kilometers (200 miles) of the U.S.-Canadian border.

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: Marissa G. Repp, F. William LeBeau, Hogan & Hartson L.L.P., Columbia Square, 555 Thirteenth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20004-1109 (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. 98-123, 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 Services, 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.

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Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 98-128, RM-9308]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Crystal Falls, MI

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition filed by Results Broadcasting Of Iron Mountain, Inc. proposing the allotment of Channel 244A at Crystal Falls, Michigan. Channel 244A can be allotted to Crystal Falls, Michigan, without a site restriction at coordinates 46-05-18 and 88-20-06. Canadian concurrence will be requested for this allotment.

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's counsel, as follows: John F. Garzigliani, Patricia M. Chuh, Pepper & Corazzini, L.L.P., 1776 K Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathleen Scheuerle, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 98-128, adopted July 7, 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 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,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 648

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Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Vessel Tracking System Power Down Exemption

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Proposed rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS proposes this rule to amend the regulations implementing the Atlantic Sea Scallop and Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plans (FMP). This action would change the name Vessel Tracking System (VTS) to Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) and would change the VMS operating requirements for vessels to allow the VMS unit to be turned off if the vessel is out of the water continuously for more than 72 consecutive hours, provided the vessel obtains and complies with a letter of exemption. The change in VMS operating requirements is necessary to address the problem of