

being considered in the preparation of a proposed rule.

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Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Parts 73 and 74

[MM Docket No. 98-93; DA 98-1406]

1998 Biennial Regulatory Review

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice of available technical information.

SUMMARY: The Office of Engineering and Technology is making available technical information relating to the *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order*, 63 FR 33892 (June 22, 1998), in MM Docket No. 98-93. The information consists of two items: A report, "Field Strength Prediction in Irregular Terrain," describing the derivation of the point-to-point (PTP) model proposed in the *NPRM*, and; Comparisons of the predictions of the PTP model with field measurement data. FCC staff has also placed in the docket of this proceeding a spacing table for Class C0 minimum distance separation requirements. See memo dated July 22, 1998 from Peter H. Doyle to Magalie Roman Salas. This table supplements the description of Class C0 separation requirements provided at footnote 72 of the *NPRM*.

This technical information is part of the record in MM Docket No. 98-93 and is available for public inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Public Reference Room, Room 238, 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, DC. A complete copy of these materials may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service (ITS), 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC, (202) 857-3800 (phone), (202) 857-3805 (facsimile). This information may be reviewed or downloaded from the FCC Worldwide Web site at [<http://www.fcc.gov/oet/fm/ptp/>].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peter Doyle (202-418-2126), Mass Media Bureau.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Parts 73 and 74

[MM Docket No. 98-93; DA 98-1468]

1998 Biennial Regulatory Review

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment and reply comment deadline.

SUMMARY: The Commission granted an extension for filing comments and reply comments in the *NPRM* Re: Biennial Regulator Review released July 23, 1998 in response to a request filed by the National Association of Broadcasters ("NAB"). The intended effect of this action is to allow parties to have additional time in which to file comments and reply comments in this proceeding.

DATES: Comments are due on or before October 20, 1998; reply comments are due on or before November 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Gordon (202-418-2130) or Peter Doyle (202-418-2126), Mass Media Bureau.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the *Order* granting an extension of time for filing comments and reply comments in MM Docket No. 96-98-93, DA 98-1468, adopted July 23, 1998, and released July 23, 1998. The complete text of this *Order* is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, NW, Washington, DC, and also may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, (202) 857-3800, 2100 M Street, NW, Suite 140, Washington, DC 20037.

Synopsis of Order Granting Extension of Time for Filing Comments

1. On June 11, 1998, the Commission adopted a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order*, 63 FR 33892 (June 22, 1998), in this proceeding. The *Notice* solicited comment on several proposals to substantially streamline and otherwise revise a wide variety of radio technical rules. The *Notice* set the comment filing deadline at August 21, 1998 and the reply comment filing deadline at September 21, 1998.

2. On July 15, 1998, the National Association of Broadcasters ("NAB") filed a "Motion for Extension of Time of Comment and Reply Comment Deadlines." In support of its request,

NAB reports that it has formed an *ad hoc* committee of broadcast engineers to study the proposals set forth in the *Notice*. According to NAB, the committee needs additional time to meet, discuss the issues, and form conclusions regarding the possible impact of the Commission's proposals. Therefore, NAB requests an extension of the comment and reply comment deadlines to October 20, 1998 and November 20, 1998, respectively, so that NAB and radio broadcasters can participate more effectively in this proceeding.

3. We will grant the requested extension. This proceeding raises a number of complex technical issues affecting the nature of the broadcast radio service provided to the public. We agree with NAB that a well-documented record will provide a more informed decision as to how the technical rules should be modified. The *ad hoc* committee of engineers that NAB has formed has the potential to make a significant contribution to such a record. NAB represents many of the parties that will most directly be affected by any actions we take in this regard, and it has shown good cause why a sixty-day extension will enable it to provide more well-informed comments.

4. Accordingly, *it is ordered* That the "Motion for Extension of Time of Comment and Reply Comment Deadlines" filed by the National Association of Broadcasters in MM Docket No. 98-93 Is granted. The time for filing comments *are extended* by sixty days, until October 20, 1998.

5. *It is further ordered* That the time for filing reply comments in this proceeding likewise *Is extended* for sixty days, until November 20, 1998.

6. This action is taken pursuant to the authority found in sections 4(i) and 303(r) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. sections 154(i) and 303(r), and sections 0.204(b), 0.283, and 1.46 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 0.204(b), 0.283, and 1.46.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Parts 73 and 74

Radio, reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Federal Communications Commission.

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