

labels or in any other mailing documentation.

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2.4 Sortation Level

[Amend 2.4 by inserting new sortation level and abbreviation immediately below SCF pallets (created from package reallocation) to read as follows:]

The actual sortation level (or corresponding abbreviation) is used for the package, tray, sack, or pallet levels required by 2.2 and shown below.

Sortation level	Abbreviation
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BMC [pallets created from package reallocation].	PBMC

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An appropriate amendment to 39 CFR 11.3 to reflect these changes will be published if the proposal is adopted.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[DA 99-2843, MM Docket No. 99-362, RM-9730]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Canton and Morristown, NY

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed jointly by Cartier Communications Inc., licensee of Station WVNC, Channel 244A, Canton, NY, and Waters Communications, Inc., licensee of Station WNCQ-FM, Channel 275A, Morristown, NY, seeking the substitution of Channel 275C3 for Channel 244A at Canton and the substitution of Channel 244C3 for Channel 275A at Morristown, and the modification of their respective licenses to specify operation on the higher powered channels. Comment is requested on whether the proposal should be considered as an incompatible channel swap pursuant to Section 1.420(g)(3) of the Commission's Rules, as requested by Cartier and Waters, since a second Class C3 channel, Channel 244C3, is available for allotment at Canton, with a site restriction of 20.8 kilometers (12.9 miles) west, at coordinates 44-33-26

NL; 75-25-48 WL. This allotment would be short-spaced to Channel 243A at Buckingham, Quebec, and to Station CKOI-FM, Channel 245C1, Verdun, Quebec, Canada. Channel 275C3 can be allotted to Canton in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements, with respect to domestic allotments, with a site restriction of 12 kilometers (7.4 miles) north, at coordinates 44-41-51 NL; 75-07-35 WL, to accommodate Cartier's desired transmitter site. Channel 275C3 at Canton will be short-spaced to 276A at Valleyfield, Quebec, Canada. Channel 244C3 can be allotted to Morristown in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements, with respect to domestic allotments, with a site restriction of 12 kilometers east, at coordinates 44-36-00 NL; 75-30-00 WL, to accommodate Waters' desired transmitter site. Channel 244C3 at Morristown will be short-spaced to Channel 243A at Buckingham, Quebec, Canada. Since both communities are located within 320 kilometers of the U.S.-Canadian border and the proposed allotments will result in short-spacings to Canadian allotments, concurrence by the Canadian Government in these allotments, as specially negotiated, short-spaced allotments, must be obtained.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before February 7, 2000, and reply comments on or before February 22, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows: David G. O'Neil, Rini, Coran & Lancellotta, P.C., 1350 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC 20036-1701 (Counsel to petitioners).

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. 99-362, adopted December 8, 1999, and released December 17, 1999. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center, 445 12th Street, SW, 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.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Parts 216 and 222

[Docket No. 990901242-9242-01; I.D.072099E]

North Atlantic Whale Protection

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

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: NMFS publishes an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) in response to a request by the Whale Watch Advisory Group (WWAG) that NMFS solicit comments on the appropriateness of codifying, through rulemaking, operational procedures for vessels engaged in whale watching in NMFS Northeast Region (Virginia to Maine).

The scope of this ANPR encompasses the activity of any vessel (commercial or private) that is engaged in whale watching. NMFS is requesting comments on whether existing whale protection measures are adequate to address the potential threat of injury or mortality by vessels engaged in whale watching (commercial and private) to large whales, (primarily humpback, fin, and minke whales), and, if not, what whale protection measures are needed.

DATES: Comments must be received at the appropriate address or fax number