

PART 73—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for Part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 303, 334, 336.

§ 73.202 [Amended]

2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Wyoming, is amended by adding Channel 280C2 at Cheyenne.

3. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Nebraska, is amended by removing Channel 280C1 and adding Channel 239C3 at Gering.

Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**47 CFR Part 73**

[DA No. 00-917; MM Docket No. 99-134; RM-9543 and RM-9572]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Drummond and Victor, MT

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document allots Channel 268C to Drummond, Montana, in response to a petition filed by the Battani Corporation and allots Channel 250C3 to Victor, Montana, in response to a petition filed by Mountain West Broadcasting. See 64 FR 24996, May 10, 1999. The coordinates for Channel 268C at Drummond are 46-16-47 and 113-31-05. The coordinates for Channel 250C3 at Victor are 46-25-06 and 114-08-54. Canadian concurrence has been obtained for Channel 268C at Drummond. Allotment of Channel 250C3 at Victor is conditioned on concurrence of the Canadian Government in accordance with the 1991 Canada-USA FM Broadcast Agreement. With this action, this proceeding is terminated.

DATES: Effective June 9, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathleen Scheuerle, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Report and Order, MM Docket No. 99-134, adopted April 12, 2000, and released April 25, 2000. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the Commission's

Reference Center, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractors, International Transcription Services, Inc., 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC. 20036, (202) 857-3800, facsimile (202) 857-3805.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Part 73 of title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 73—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for Part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 303, 334 and 336.

§ 73.202 [Amended]

2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Montana, is amended by adding Drummond, Channel 268C and Victor, Channel 250C3.

Federal Communications Commission.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**48 CFR Parts 1804, 1806, 1815, 1823, 1832, and 1845****Contract Financing**

AGENCY: Office of Procurement, Contract Management Division, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule amends the NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) to: provide guidance on administering progress payments on indefinite-delivery contracts; delete outdated performance-based payments guidance; and provide guidance on using performance-based payments in competitive negotiated acquisitions. These revisions result from the final FAR rule (FAR Case 98-400) on contract financing that was published in the March 27, 2000, **Federal Register**. This final rule also makes changes to conform the NFS with changes made by FAC 97-15; and makes editorial corrections and miscellaneous changes dealing with NASA internal and administrative matters.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 16, 2000.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Background**

A final FAR rule was published in the **Federal Register** that simplified and streamlined the administration of progress payments, and removed the prohibition against using performance-based payments in contracts for research and development and contracts awarded through competitive negotiation procedures.

The FAR revisions deleted previous language on the administration of progress payments under indefinite delivery contracts that allowed administration on an overall contract basis, or for the treatment of a group of orders as a single unit. However, the FAR rule also allows for agency procedures to specify other procedures. In order to provide contracting officers with the maximum flexibility for administering progress payments, NASA chooses to retain the deleted FAR language.

The FAR revisions incorporated language requiring that the amounts of performance-based payments not result in unreasonably low or negative level of contractor investment in the contract and provide guidance on how the contracting officer would assure this did not take place. As a result of this change, similar NFS language is unnecessary and is deleted. The FAR rule also deleted section 32.1006, Agency Approvals, and the NFS implementing guidance at 1832.1006 is no longer necessary and is likewise deleted.

FAR 32.1001(a) requires two conditions for the use of performance-based payments: "the contracting officer finds them practical, and the contractor agrees to their use." Although the FAR does not offer any guidance for determining practicality of use, the preamble to the final FAR rule indicates that, relative to the use of performance-based payments in competitive negotiations, contracting officers may consider the effect on the source selection process and the "potential impact on small business competitiveness" among the factors for determining practicality. In the last few years, NASA has adopted a number of source selection streamlining procedures (awarding without discussions and requiring no cost information on firm-fixed-price competitions) that could be