

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1903(b); 46 U.S.C. 3306, 4302; 49 CFR 1.46.

5. Revise § 25.30–15 to read as follows:

§ 25.30–15 Fixed fire-extinguishing systems.

(a) When a fixed fire-extinguishing system is installed, it must be of a type approved or accepted by the Commandant (G–MSE) or the Commanding Officer, U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Center.

(b) If the system is of a carbon-dioxide type, then it must be designed and installed in agreement with the applicable provisions of subpart 76.15 of part 76 of subchapter H (Passenger Vessels) of this chapter.

PART 27—TOWING VESSELS

6. Revise the citation of authority for part 27 to read as follows:

Authority: 46 U.S.C. 3306, 4102 (as amended by Pub. L. 104–324, 110 Stat. 3947); 49 CFR 1.46.

§ 27.220 [Removed]

7. Remove the heading of § 27.220.

§ 27.221 [Removed]

8. Remove the heading of § 27.221.

§ 27.225 [Removed]

9. Remove the heading of § 27.225.
10. Add § 27.227 to read as follows:

§ 27.227 What type of fire-extinguishing equipment is required on an existing towing vessel?

(a) Each existing towing vessel must comply with subpart 25.30 of this part.

(b) By [Insert date 5 years after the effective date of the final rule] you must have a fixed fire-extinguishing system in the engine room of your vessel. You must keep the system tested and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's approved design manual. An existing fire-extinguishing system satisfies this requirement if—

(1) It uses carbon dioxide as an extinguishing agent and has been inspected and certified as meeting subpart 76.15 of part 76 of this subchapter or NFPA 12, "Carbon Dioxide Extinguishing Systems," by a Registered Professional Engineer or by a classification society recognized under 46 CFR part 8, subpart B; or

(2) It uses Halon 1301 as an extinguishing agent and has been inspected and certified as meeting either guidance of the Coast Guard for such systems onboard inspected vessels or NFPA 12A, "Halon 1301 Fire Extinguishing Systems," by a Registered Professional Engineer or by a classification society recognized under 46 CFR part 8, subpart B.

§ 27.235 [Removed]

11. Remove the heading of § 27.235.

§ 27.240 [Removed]

12. Remove the heading of § 27.240.

§ 27.320 [Removed]

13. Remove the heading of § 27.320.

§ 27.321 [Removed]

14. Remove the heading of § 27.321.

§ 27.325 [Removed]

15. Remove the heading of § 27.325.

§ 27.326 [Removed]

16. Remove the heading of § 27.326.
17. Add § 27.327 to read as follows:

§ 27.327 What type of fire-extinguishing equipment is required on a new towing vessel?

(a) Each new towing vessels must comply with subpart 25.30 of part 25 of this subchapter.

(b) You must have a fixed fire-extinguishing system in the engine room of your vessel. You must keep the system tested and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's approved design manual.

§ 27.345 [Removed]

18. Remove the heading of § 27.345.

§ 27.350 [Removed]

19. Remove the heading of § 27.350.

Dated: October 13, 2000.

R.C. North,

Rear Admiral, Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[DA 00–2364; MM Docket No. 00–204; RM–9983]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Blairsville, Georgia

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition for rule making filed by M. Terry Carter and Douglas Sutton, Jr, /dba/ Tugart Communications requesting the allotment of Channel 234A to Blairsville, Georgia as the community's first local aural transmission service. Channel 236A can be allotted to Blairsville in compliance with the

Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 9.9 kilometers (6.2 miles) north of city reference coordinates. The coordinates for Channel 236A at Blairsville are 34–57–51 North Latitude and 83–37–49 West Longitude.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before December 11, 2000, and reply comments on or before December 26, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, his counsel, or consultant, as follows, John F. Garzilgia, Esq, Pepper & Corazzini, LLP, 1776 K Street, NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20006–2334 (Counsel for Tugart Communications, petitioner)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Arthur D. Scrutchins, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418–2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 00–000; adopted October 11, 2000 and released October 20, 2000. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center (Room CY–A257), 445 12th Street, SW, 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.
For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission proposes to amend 47 CFR Part 73 as follows:

PART 73—RADIO BROADCAST SERVICES

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 Georgia, is amended by adding Blairsville, Channel 234A.

Federal Communications Commission,
John A. Karousos,
Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules
Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSION**

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 00-167; FCC 00-344]

**Children's Television; Obligations of
Digital Television Broadcasters**

AGENCY: Federal Communications
Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document seeks comment on a range of issues related to application of our existing children's programming rules to digital broadcasting. This document focuses primarily on two areas: the obligation of commercial television broadcast licensees to provide educational and informational programming for children and the requirement that television broadcast licensees limit the amount of advertising in children's programs.

In addition, this document seeks comment on how to address the issue of the airing in programs viewed by children promotions that may be inappropriate for children to watch. Although this document seeks comment largely on challenges unique to the digital area, it also discusses several issues that apply equally to analog and digital broadcasting.

DATES: Comments are due on or before December 18, 2000; reply comments are due on or before January 17, 2001. Written comments by the public on the proposed information collections are due December 18, 2000. Written comments must be submitted by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on the proposed information collection(s) on or before January 8, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this proposed rule to the Commission's Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 Twelfth Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the Secretary, a copy of any comments on the information

collections contained herein should be submitted to Judy Boley, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-C804, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554, or via the Internet to jboley@fcc.gov, and to Edward C. Springer, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10236 NEOB, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503 or via the Internet to edward.springer@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Matthews, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2130. For additional information concerning the information collection(s) contained in this document, contact Judy Boley at 202-418-0214, or via the Internet at jboley@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* ("NPRM"), MM 00-167; FCC 00-344 adopted September 14, 2000; released October 5, 2000. The full text of the Commission's NPRM is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Dockets Branch (Room TW-A306), 445 12 St. SW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this NPRM may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services (202) 857-3800, 1231 20th St., NW., Washington, DC 20036.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This NPRM contains a proposed new or modified information collection. The Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, invites the general public and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to comment on the information collection(s) contained in this NPRM, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Public and agency comments are due at the same time as other comments on this NPRM; OMB comments are due 60 days from date of publication of this NPRM in the **Federal Register**.

Comments should address: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

OMB Control Number: 3060-XXXX.

Title: NPRM—Children's Television Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters.

Form No: FCC Form 398.

Type of Review: Revision of Existing Collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents for FCC 398: 1,250.

Number of Respondents for Section 73.673: 1,225.

Estimated Time Per Response for FCC 398: 6 hours.

Estimated Time Per Response for Section 73.673: 1 minute per program and 6 minutes per program to publishers of program guides.

Total Annual Burden: 68,219 hours.

Total Annual Costs: \$489,600.

The estimated time, burden and costs are based upon the existing burdens for the FCC 398 (3060-0754) and Section 73.673 (3060-0750). This burden in those collections could increase depending on what requirements are ultimately adopted.

Needs and Uses: This NPRM invites comments on how the existing children's educational television programming obligations and limitations should be interpreted and adapted to apply to digital broadcasters in light of the new capabilities made possible by that technology. This NPRM also seeks comments on what steps the FCC might take to increase public awareness of the availability of core programming and how to locate it. The current obligations consist of the FCC 398 which is required to be filed by commercial television broadcast stations each quarter.

This form is used to provide information on the efforts of commercial television stations to provide children's educational and informational programs aired to meet its obligation under the Children's Television Act of 1990 (CTA). The FCC 398 assists in efforts by the public and the Commission to monitor station compliance with the CTA.

In addition, Section 73.673 requires commercial TV broadcasters to identify programs specifically designed to educate and inform children at the beginning of the program and to provide information identifying such programs and the age groups for which they are intended to publishers of program guides. Depending on what requirements are ultimately adopted, there may be an increase in the burden for these collections.