Rural Task Force Recommendation on § 54.305, because application of § 54.305 to transfers between non-rural carriers may impede operation of the forward-looking mechanism by preventing calculation of the forward-looking economic costs of operating a transferred exchange on an ongoing, quarterly basis. We, therefore, seek comment on whether to amend § 54.305 of our rules so that it does not apply to transfers of exchanges between non-rural carriers following the phase-down of interim hold-harmless support.

III. Procedural Matters

a. Regulatory Flexibility Act Certifications—Final and Initial

3. The Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) requires an Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (IRFA) of the possible significant economic impact on small entities of proposed policies and rules, and a Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (FRFA) whenever an agency subsequently promulgates a final rule, unless the agency certifies that the proposed or final rule will not have ''a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities,'' and includes the factual basis for such certification. The RFA generally defines ''small entity'' as having the same meaning as the terms ''small business,'' ''small organization,'' and ''small governmental jurisdiction.'' In addition, the term ''small business'' has the same meaning as the term ''small business concern'' under the Small Business Act. A small business concern is one which: (1) Is independently owned and operated; (2) is not dominant in its field of operation; and (3) satisfies any additional criteria established by the Small Business Administration (SBA). The SBA defines a small telecommunications entity in Standard Industrial Classification Code 4813 (Telephone Communications, Except Radiotelephone) as an entity with 1,500 or fewer employees.

4. We conclude that an IRFA is not required here. The foregoing Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposes a rule change. The proposed rules affect the amount of high-cost support provided to non-rural carriers. Non-rural carriers generally do not fall within the SBA's definition of a small business concern because they are usually large corporations or affiliates of such corporations. Thus, the rules proposed here do not affect a substantial number of small entities. Therefore, we certify, pursuant to section 605(b) of the RFA, that the rule change proposed in the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The Commission will send a copy of the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and of this certification to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the SBA. In addition, this certification will be published in the **Federal Register**. The Commission will send a copy of this Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, including a copy of this certification, in a report to Congress pursuant to the SBREFA.

b. Paperwork Reduction Act

5. The instant Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposes no information collections.

c. Comment Filing Procedure

6. Pursuant to §§ 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, interested parties may file comments on or before January 17, 2001, and reply comments on or before February 1, 2001. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121, May 1, 1998.

7. Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to *http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html*. Only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit electronic comments by Internet e-mail. To receive filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to *ecfs@fcc.gov*, and should include the following words in the body of the message, ''get form <your e-mail address>.'' A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. In addition, parties who choose to file by paper must send diskette copies to the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

IV. Ordering Clauses

21. Pursuant to the authority contained in sections 1–4, 201–205, 214, 218–220, 254, 303(r), 403, and 410 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, this Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is adopted and comments are requested as described.

22. The Commission's Consumer Information Bureau, Reference Information Center, shall send a copy of the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, including the Regulatory Flexibility Act Certifications, to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 54

Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Telecommunications, Telephone.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[DA 00–2791, MM Docket No. 00–246, RM–9859]

Digital Television Broadcast Service; Great Falls, MT

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by KRTV Communications, Inc., licensee of station KRTV(TV), NTSC Channel 3, Great Falls, Montana, requesting the substitution of DTV Channel 7 for its assigned DTV Channel 44. DTV Channel 7 can be allotted to Great Falls, Montana, in compliance with the principle community coverage requirements of Section 73.625(a) at reference coordinates 47–32–09 N and 111–17–02 W. However, since the community of Great Falls is located within 400 kilometers of the U.S.-Canadian border, concurrence by the Canadian government must be obtained for this proposal. As requested, we propose to allot DTV Channel 7 to Great Falls with a power of 160 (kW) and a height average terrain (HAAT) of 180 meters.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before February 5, 2001, and reply comments on or before February 20, 2001.

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: Scott S. Patrick, Dow, Lohnes & Albertson, 1200 New Hampshire Avenue, NW., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20036–6802 (Counsel for KRTV Communications, Inc.).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pam Blumenthal, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418–1600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 00–246, adopted December 14, 2000, and released December 15, 2000. 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

Television, Digital television broadcasting.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission proposes to amend 47 CFR part 73 as follows:

PART 73—TELEVISION BROADCAST SERVICES

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

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

§ 73.622 [Amended]

2. Section 73.622(b), the Table of Digital Television Allotments under Montana is amended by removing DTV Channel 44 and adding DTV Channel 7 at Great Falls.

Federal Communications Commission.

Barbara A. Kreisman,

Chief, Video Services Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[DA 00–2603, MM Docket No. 00–6, RM–9791, RM–9890]

Radio Broadcasting Services; McCook, Alliance, Imperial, NE, Limon, Parker, Aspen, Avon, Westcliffe, CO

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission, in response to the counterproposal of The Meadowlark Group, permittee of Station KAVD(FM), Limon, CO, requesting the substitution of Channel 276C for Channel 276C1, its reallotment to Parker, CO, as the community's first local aural service, and the modification of Station KAVD's permit accordingly, issues an Order to Show Cause to Halstead Communications, licensee of Station KPNY, Channel 271C1, Alliance, NE, as to why its license should not be modified to specify operation on Channel 263C1 and to Imperial Media Association, permittee of a new station on Channel 275C, Imperial, NE, as to why its permit should not be modified to specify operation on Channel 271C. The counterproposal was filed in response to the proposed allotment of Channel 271C1 to McCook, NE. *See* 65 FR 4798, February 1, 2000.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before January 8, 2001, and reply comments must be filed on or before January 23, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW–A325, Washington, DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leslie K. Shapiro, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418–2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission proposes the following channel changes to accommodate the allotment of Channel 276C to Parker, CO, at coordinates 39–26–08 NL; 104–02–05 WL, or alternatively, to Limon, CO, at coordinates 39–25–27 NL; 104–00–38 WL: (1) The substitution of Channel 249C2 for Channel 276C2 at Avon, CO, at coordinates 39–37–52 NL; 106–27–42 WL, and modify the license of Station KZYR; (2) substitute Channel 276C3 for Channel 249C3 at Aspen, CO, at coordinates 39–13–33 NL; 106–50–00 WL, and modify the license of Station KSPN–FM; (3) substitute Channel 227A for vacant Channel 276A at Westcliffe, CO, at coordinates 38–04–28 NL; 105–32–13 WL; (4) substitute Channel 263C1 for Channel 271C1 at Alliance, NE, at coordinates 42–07–01 NL; 103–07–09 WL, and modify the license of Station KPNY; (5) substitute Channel 271C for Channel 275C at Imperial, NE, at coordinates 40–45–31 NL; 101–54–32 WL, and modify the construction permit of Imperial Media Association (BPH–19970924ML); allot Channel 275C1 to McCook, NE, at coordinates 40–12–00 NL; 100–51–25 WL. This is a synopsis of the Commission's Order to Show Cause, MM Docket No. 00–6, adopted November 8, 2000, and released November 17, 2000. 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

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 Colorado, is amended by adding Channel 276C3 and removing Channel 249C3 at Aspen, adding Channel 249C2 and removing Channel 276C2 at Avon, adding Channel 227A and removing Channel 276A at Westcliffe, adding Channel 276C and removing Channel 276C1 at Limon. Alternatively, remove Channel 276C1 at Limon and add Parker, Channel 276C.