

needs to decide on the appeal. The M+C organization must supply this information as soon as possible, but no later than by close of business of the first day after the day that the IRE notifies the M+C organization that an appeal has been received from the enrollee. The M+C organization must make the information available by phone (with a written record made of what is transmitted in this manner) and/or in writing, as determined by the IRE.

(2) Upon an enrollee's request, the M+C organization must provide the enrollee a copy of, or access to, any documentation sent to the IRE by the M+C organization, including records of any information provided by telephone. The M+C organization may charge the enrollee a reasonable amount to cover the costs of duplicating the information for the enrollee and/or delivering the documentation to the enrollee. The M+C organization must accommodate such a request by no later than close of business of the first day after the day the material is requested.

(3) An M+C organization is financially responsible for continuation of coverage as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, regardless of whether it has delegated responsibility for authorizing coverage or termination decisions to its providers.

(g) *Reconsiderations of IRE decisions.*
(1) If the IRE upholds an M+C organization's termination decision in whole or in part, the enrollee may file, no later than 60 days after notification that the IRE has upheld the decision, a request with the IRE for a reconsideration of its original decision.

(2) The IRE must issue its reconsidered determination as expeditiously as the enrollee's health condition requires but no later than within 14 days of receipt of the enrollee's request for a reconsideration.

(3) If the IRE reaffirms its decision, in whole or in part, the enrollee is permitted to appeal the IRE's reconsidered determination to an ALJ, the DAB, or a federal court, as provided for under this subpart M.

(4) If on reconsideration the IRE determines that coverage of provider services should terminate on a given date, the enrollee is liable for the costs of continued services after that date unless the IRE's decision is reversed on appeal. If the IRE's decision is reversed on appeal, the M+C organization must reimburse the enrollee, consistent with the appealed decision, for the costs of any covered services for which the enrollee has already paid the M+C organization or provider.

PART 489—PROVIDER AGREEMENTS AND SUPPLIER APPROVAL

B. Part 489 is amended as set forth below:

1. The authority citation for part 489 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Secs. 1102, 1819, 1861, 1864(m), 1866, and 1871 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1302, 1395i-3, 1395x, 1395aa(m), 1395cc, and 1395hh).

2. In § 489.20, paragraph (p) is revised to read as follows:

§ 489.20 Basic commitments.

The provider agrees to the following:

(p) To comply with § 489.27 concerning notification of Medicare beneficiaries of their rights associated with the termination of Medicare services.

3. In § 489.27, the existing text is redesignated as paragraph (a) and revised as follows; and a new paragraph (b) is added to read as follows:

§ 489.27 Beneficiary notice of discharge rights

(a) *Notification by hospitals.* A hospital that participates in the Medicare program must furnish each Medicare beneficiary, or authorized representative, notice of the beneficiary's rights in the case of a termination of hospital services, as required under section 1866(a)(1)(M) and in the format specified by HCFA, provided that the notices have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act. In the case of all Medicare beneficiaries, including those enrolled in an M+C plan, the notice specified in the previous sentence (specifying the reasons for the discharge and the right to PRO review of the discharge decision) must be provided to the beneficiary a day before the effective date of the discharge. In the case of beneficiaries enrolled in an M+C plan, notice must be provided in accordance with § 422.620. The hospital must be able to demonstrate compliance with this requirement.

(b) *Notification by other providers.* Other providers (that is, nonhospital providers identified at § 489.2(b)) that participate in the Medicare program must furnish each Medicare beneficiary, or authorized representative, applicable HCFA notices in advance of the termination of Medicare services, provided that the notices have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.773, Medicare-Hospital

Insurance; and Program No. 93.774, Medicare-Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: January 2, 2001.

Robert A. Berenson,

Acting Deputy Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.

Dated: January 5, 2001.

Donna E. Shalala,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[DA 01-60; MM Docket No. 01-5; RM-10028]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Butler, GA

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition for rule making filed by H. David Hedrick proposing the allotment of Channel 245A to Butler, GA, as the community's first local aural service. Channel 245A can be allotted to Butler in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements without the imposition of a site restriction, at coordinates 32-33-25 NL; 84-14-18 WL.

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

ADDRESSES: Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, as follows: H. David Hedrick, P.O. Box 27, 317 Stonegables Court, Gray, GA 31032 (Petitioner).

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. 01-5; adopted January 3, 2001 and released January 12, 2001. 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 Butler, Channel 245A.

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

[DA 01-64; MM Docket No. 01-4; RM-10020]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Willow Creek, CA

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on the proposed allotment of FM Channel 295A to Willow Creek, California, as that community's first local aural transmission service. Coordinates used for this proposal are 40-56-24 NL and 123-37-48 WL.

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

ADDRESSES: Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, as follows: Howard M. Weiss and Alison J. Shapiro, Fletcher, Heald & Hildreth, P.L.C., 1300 North 17th Street, 11th Floor, Arlington, VA 22209.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: R. Barthen Gorman, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 01-4, adopted January 3, 2001, and released January 12, 2001. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC's Reference Information Center (Room CY-A257), 445 Twelfth Street, SW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036, (202) 857-3800.

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 California, is amended by adding Willow Creek, Channel 295A.

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 101

[ET Docket No. 98-206, RM-9147, RM-9245; FCC 00-418]

Multichannel Video and Data Distribution Service (MVDDS)

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document proposes to authorize MVDDS in the 12.2-12.7 GHz band. The Commission seeks comment on various technical and service issues concerning authorizing MVDDS in the band, including: technical sharing criteria between MVDDS and Broadcast Satellite Services (BSS) and between MVDDS and Non-geostationary Orbit Fixed Satellite Services (NGSO FSS); service areas and frequency assignments; permissible operations, eligibility requirements and regulatory status of MVDDS; other service, technical and licensing rules; disposition of pending applications filed by Broadwave USA, PDC Broadband Corporation, and Satellite Receivers, Ltd.; and use of the Commission's general competitive bidding rules in the event an auction is conducted.

DATES: Comments are due on or before March 12, 2001 and reply comments are due on or before March 26, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: MVDDS licensing and service issues: Jennifer Burton, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, (202) 418-7581, or Nese Guendelsberger, Auctions and Industry Analysis Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, (202) 418-0634, or via E-mail to jburton@fcc.gov or nguendel@fcc.gov. MVDDS spectrum sharing issues: Tom Derenge, Spectrum Policy Branch, Office of Engineering and Technology, (202) 418-2451 or via E-mail to tderenge@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. This is a summary of the Commission's *Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Further NPRM)*, FCC 00-418 in ET Docket No. 98-206, adopted November 29, 2000, and