

In reviewing SIP submissions, EPA's role is to approve state choices, provided that they meet the criteria of the Clean Air Act. In this context, in the absence of a prior existing requirement for the State to use voluntary consensus standards (VCS), EPA has no authority to disapprove a SIP submission for failure to use VCS. It would thus be inconsistent with applicable law for EPA, when it reviews a SIP submission, to use VCS in place of a SIP submission that otherwise satisfies the provisions of the Clean Air Act. Thus, the requirements of section 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (15 U.S.C. 272 note) do not apply. This proposed rule does not impose an information collection burden under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Intergovernmental relations, Nitrogen dioxide, Ozone, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

Dated: January 22, 2002.

Gregg A. Cooke,

Regional Administrator, Region 6.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[DA 02-58; MM Docket No. 00-161; RM-9929]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Fort Bridger, WY and Woodruff, UT

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule; denial.

SUMMARY: The Allocations Branch denies the petition for rule making filed by M. Kent Frandsen proposing the reallocation of Channel 256C1 from Fort Bridger, Wyoming to Woodruff, Utah, as the community's first local aural transmission service. See 65 FR 55930, September 15, 2000. We find no compelling public interest benefit in removing the sole local service at Fort Bridger, Wyoming to provide a first local service at Woodruff, Utah.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon P. McDonald, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Report

and Order, MM Docket No. 00-161, adopted January 2, 2002, and released January 11, 2002. 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 contractors, International Transcription Service, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

Federal Communications Commission.

John A. Karousos,

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 80

[PR Docket No. 92-257; FCC 01-358]

Maritime Communications

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Commission proposes to amend the rules governing very high frequency public coast (VPC) stations. The Commission proposes, among other things, to allow the U.S. Coast Guard and VPC licensees the additional flexibility to choose non-offset, as well as offset, channel pairs when negotiating an agreement regarding the specification of two narrowband channel pairs that will be used by the U.S. Coast Guard for its Ports and Waterways Safety System (PAWSS); to expand the types of emission masks and designators permissible under the Commission's Rules in order to allow VPC licensees to provide a full range of data services; to allow public coast stations to maintain station documents via electronic means; and to limit the posting requirement for VPC geographic area licensees to a document identifying the licensee and a representative that may be contacted to answer any questions regarding the operation of a particular station transmitter.

DATES: Comments are due on or before April 5, 2002, Reply Comment are due on or before May 6, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Parties who choose to file comments by paper must file an original and four copies to the Commission's Secretary, Magalie Roman Salas, Office

of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th St., SW., Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Comments may also be filed using the Commission's Electronic Filing System, which can be accessed via the Internet at www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Keith Fickner, Policy and Rules Branch, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau at (202) 418-0680.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission's *Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making*, PR Docket No. 92-257, FCC 01-358, adopted December 11, 2001, and released on December 28, 2001. The full text of this *Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making* is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center, Room CY-A257, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC. The complete text may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, Qualex International, Inc., 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402 Washington, DC 20554. The full text may also be downloaded at: <http://www.fcc.gov/Wireless/Orders/2000/fcc01358.txt>. Alternative formats are available to persons with disabilities by contacting Martha Contee at (202) 418-0260 or TTY (202) 418-2555.

Summary of the Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making

The Commission concludes that it should not propose to amend Part 80 by adopting from Part 90 the occupied bandwidth, emission mask and related regulations that govern the operation of stations that employ 12.5 kHz narrowband channels. Its intent when it adopted the rule permitting offset operations without also adopting technical rules for narrowband operations was to maximize licensee flexibility by leaving such matters to the licensee's discretion, so long as emissions are attenuated at the edge of the licensee's contiguous 25 kHz channels.

The Commission tentatively concludes that it should not propose to reallocate to VPC stations nine channel pairs in the 156.0375-156.2375 MHz band and the 160.6375-160.8375 MHz band without first assessing the demand for this spectrum from Part 90 public safety eligibles.

The Commission proposes that the channel pairs for the Ports and Waterways Safety System. That are negotiated between the Coast Guard and the VPC licensee may be either offset channel pairs on non-offset channel