

code 517110). According to the FCC's Telephone Trends Report data, 21 companies reported that they were engaged in the provision of operator services. (See *Telephone Trends Report*, Table 5.3). Of these 21 companies, an estimated 20 have 1,500 or fewer employees, and one has more than 1,500 employees. Consequently, the Commission estimates that a majority of operator service providers may be affected by the rules.

Prepaid Calling Card Providers. The SBA has developed a size standard for small businesses within the category of Telecommunications Resellers. Under that size standard, such a business is small if it has 1,500 or fewer employees. (See 13 CFR 121.201, NAICS code 517310). According to the FCC's Telephone Trends Report data, 40 companies reported that they were engaged in the provision of prepaid calling cards. (See *Telephone Trends Report*, Table 5.3). Of these 40 companies, all 40 are estimated to have 1,500 or fewer employees. Consequently, the Commission estimates that all or most prepaid calling card providers may be affected by the rules.

Other Toll Carriers. Neither the Commission nor the SBA has developed a size standard for small entities specifically applicable to "Other Toll Carriers." This category includes toll carriers that do not fall within the categories of interexchange carriers, operator service providers, prepaid calling card providers, satellite service carriers, or toll resellers. The closest applicable size standard under the SBA rules is for Wired Telecommunications Carriers. Under that standard, such a business is small if it has 1,500 or fewer employees. (See 13 CFR 121.201, NAICS code 517110). According to the FCC's Telephone Trends Report data, 65 carriers reported that they were engaged in the provision of "Other Toll Services." (See *Telephone Trends Report*, Table 5.3). Of these 65 carriers, an estimated 62 have 1,500 or fewer employees, and three have more than 1,500 employees. Consequently, the Commission estimates that a majority of "Other Toll Carriers" may be affected by the rules.

Description of Projected Reporting, Recordkeeping, and Other Compliance Requirements for Small Entities

As noted, the Commission seeks comment on whether mandatory minimum standards for the exchange of customer account information between local service providers could provide consistency within the industry and could eliminate a significant percentage

of consumer complaints concerning billing errors. In addition, we ask whether the Commission should mandate the use of CARE transaction codes to facilitate the exchange of customer account information. In the event any new standards for LEC-to-LEC exchanges are adopted, we expect that such standards will be minimal and will provide sufficient flexibility in their application that they will not create any significant burden on small entities.

Steps Taken To Minimize Significant Economic Impact on Small Entities, and Significant Alternatives Considered

The RFA requires an agency to describe any significant alternatives that it has considered in reaching its proposed approach, which may include the following four alternatives (among others): (1) The establishment of differing compliance or reporting requirements or timetables that take into account the resources available to small entities; (2) the clarification, consolidation, or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements under the rule for such small entities; (3) the use of performance, rather than design standards; and (4) an exemption from coverage of the rule, or any part thereof, for small entities. (See 5 U.S.C. 603(c)(1)-(c)(4)).

The *FNPRM* seeks comment on whether the Commission should impose mandatory minimum standards on all LECs for the exchange of customer account information between local service providers. (See Further Notice at paragraphs 75-81). The Commission seeks specific information addressing the possible impact of such mandatory requirements on smaller carriers, and it asks whether implementing CARE codes would be problematic for any LECs, or for small or rural LECs in particular. The Commission also asks commenters to discuss how, if the Commission were to adopt minimum standards for the exchange of information among LECs, it could provide sufficient flexibility to protect carriers, particularly small/rural LECs, from unduly burdensome requirements. The Commission does not have any evidence before it at this time regarding whether proposals outlined in this *FNPRM* would, if adopted, have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. However, the record in the proceeding involving LEC-to-IXC transfers revealed that there would likely be some additional burdens on small LECs required to transfer customer account information to IXC. Therefore, the Commission recognizes, in the context of LEC-to-LEC exchanges, mandating the exchange of customer account

information may result in additional burdens on small entities. The Commission therefore seeks comment on the potential impact of these proposals on small entities, and whether there are any less burdensome alternatives that we should consider.

Federal Rules That May Duplicate, Overlap, or Conflict With the Proposed Rules

In addressing the exchange of customer account information between LECs and IXCs, the Commission noted that § 222 of the Communications Act governs carriers' use of customer proprietary network information and generally prohibits a carrier from disclosing such information. Although the Commission does not believe § 222 duplicates, overlaps, or conflicts with the proposed rules on LEC-to-LEC exchanges, it seeks comment on the interplay between § 222 and the proposed rules.

Ordering Clauses

Pursuant to the authority contained in §§ 1-4, 201, 202, 222, 258, and 303(r) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended; 47 U.S.C. 151-154, 201, 202, 222, 258, and 303(r), the further notice of proposed rulemaking is adopted.

The Commission's Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, Reference Information Center, shall send a copy of the *Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, including the Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis, to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 64

Communications common carriers, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[DA 05-1341; MB Docket No. 05-188; RM-11240]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Bass River Township and Ocean City, NJ

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition for rule making

filed by Press Communications, LLC ("Petitioner"), licensee of FM Station WKOE, Channel 292A, Ocean City, New Jersey. Petitioner requests that the Commission substitute 293A for Channel 292A, Station WKOE, and reallocate Channel 293A from Ocean City to Bass River Township, New Jersey. The coordinates for Channel 293A at Bass River Township are 39-39-00 NL and 74-21-20 WL, with a site restriction of 10.4 kilometers (6.4 miles) northeast of Bass River Township.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before July 11, 2005, and reply comments on or before July 26, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, 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 Petitioner's counsel, as follows: Alan C. Campbell, Esq. and Nathaniel J. Hardy, Esq.; Irwin, Campbell & Tannanwald, P.C.; 1730 Rhode Island Avenue, NW., Suite 200; Washington, DC 20036-3101.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MB Docket No. 05-188, adopted May 18, 2005 and

released May 20, 2005. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during regular business hours in the FCC's Reference Information Center at Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., CY-A257, Washington, DC, 20554. This document may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractors, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone 1-800-378-3160 or <http://www.BCPIWEB.com>. This document does not contain proposed information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. In addition, therefore, it does not contain any proposed information collection burden "for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees," pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, Public Law 107-198, see 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(4).

The 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, 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 New Jersey, is amended by adding Bass River Township, Channel 293A and by removing Channel 292A at Ocean City.

Federal Communications Commission.

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