FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

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AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

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DATES: Comments must be filed on or before August 5, 2013, and reply comments on or before August 20, 2013.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rolanda F. Smith, Media Bureau, (202) 418–2700.


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For information regarding proper filing procedures for comments, see 47 CFR 1.415 and 1.420.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

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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

§ 73.202 [Amended]

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


2. Amend § 73.202(b) Table of FM Allotments as follows:

a. Remove Port Lions, under Alaska, Channel 221C0

b. Remove De Beque, under Colorado, Channel 247C3

c. Remove Benjamin, under Texas, Channel 237C3; Cisco, Channel 261C3; Rule, Channel 288C2; and Shamrock, Channel 225C2.