

definition of “intermediate provider” to read as follows:

§ 64.2101 Definitions.

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Covered voice communication. The term “covered voice communication” means a voice communication (including any related signaling information) that is generated—

(1) from the placement of a call from a connection using a North American Numbering Plan resource or a call placed to a connection using such a numbering resource; and

(2) through any service provided by a covered provider.

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Intermediate provider. The term “intermediate provider” means any entity that—

(a) enters into a business arrangement with a covered provider or other intermediate provider for the specific purpose of carrying, routing, or transmitting voice traffic that is generated from the placement of a call placed—

(1) from an end user connection using a North American Numbering Plan resource; or

(2) to an end user connection using such a numbering resource; and

(b) does not itself, either directly or in conjunction with an affiliate, serve as a covered provider in the context of originating or terminating a given call.

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■ 3. Amend § 64.2107 by revising to read as follows:

§ 4.2107 Safe Harbor from Intermediate Provider Service Quality Standards.

(a)(1) A covered provider may qualify as a safe harbor provider under this subpart if it files one of the following certifications, signed under penalty of perjury by an officer or director of the covered provider regarding the accuracy and completeness of the information provided, in WC Docket No. 13–39:

I ___(name), (title), an officer of ___(entity), certify that ___(entity) uses no intermediate providers;” or

I ___(name), ___(title), an officer of ___(entity), certify that ___(entity) restricts by contract any intermediate provider to which a call is directed by ___(entity) from permitting more than one additional intermediate provider in the call path before the call reaches the terminating provider or terminating tandem. I certify that any nondisclosure agreement with an intermediate provider

permits ___(entity) to reveal the identity of the intermediate provider and any additional intermediate provider to the Commission and to the rural incumbent

local exchange carrier(s) whose incoming long-distance calls are affected by the intermediate provider’s performance. I certify that ___(entity) has a process in place to monitor the performance of its intermediate providers.

(2) The certification in paragraph (a)(1) must be submitted:

(A) for the first time on or before February 26, 2019; and

(B) annually thereafter.

(b) The requirements of section 64.2117 shall not apply to covered providers who qualify as safe harbor providers in accordance with this section.

■ 4. Add § 64.2115 to subpart V to read as follows:

§ 64.2115 Registration of Intermediate Providers.

(a) *Requirement to use registered intermediate providers.* A covered provider shall not use an intermediate provider to transmit covered voice communications unless such intermediate provider is registered pursuant to this section.

(b) *Registration.* An intermediate provider that offers or holds itself out as offering the capability to transmit covered voice communications from one destination to another and that charges any rate to any other entity (including an affiliated entity) for the transmission shall register with the Commission in accordance with this section. The intermediate provider shall provide the following information in its registration:

(1) The intermediate provider’s business name(s) and primary address;

(2) The name(s), telephone number(s), email address(es), and business address(es) of the intermediate provider’s regulatory contact and/or designated agent for service of process;

(3) All names that the intermediate provider has used in the past;

(4) The state(s) in which the intermediate provider provides service; and

(5) The name, title, business address, telephone number, and email address of at least one person as well as the department within the company responsible for addressing rural call completion issues.

(c) *Submission of registration.* An intermediate provider that is subject to the registration requirement in paragraph (b) of this section shall submit the information described therein through the intermediate provider registry on the Commission’s website. The registration shall be made under penalty of perjury.

(d) *Changes in information.* An intermediate provider must update the

information provided pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section within one week of any change.

(e) *Effect of registration.* An intermediate provider that submits registration pursuant to subsections (b) and (c) of this section, and receives confirmation that its registration is complete, is thereby granted an authorization to operate as an intermediate provider that covered providers may use under subsection (a). ■ 5. Add § 64.2117 to subpart V to read as follows:

§ 64.2117 Intermediate Provider Service Quality Standards.

An intermediate provider that offers or holds itself out as offering the capability to transmit covered voice communications from one destination to another and that charges any rate to any other entity (including an affiliated entity) for the transmission must comply with the following requirements when transmitting covered voice communications:

(a) The intermediate provider must take reasonable steps to:

(1) prevent handing off a call for completion to a provider that has previously handed off the same call;

(2) release a call back to the originating interexchange carrier if the intermediate provider fails to find a route for completion of the call; and

(3) prevent processing of calls in a manner that terminates and re-originates the calls.

(b) The intermediate provider must have processes in place to monitor its rural call completion performance.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MB Docket No. 18–43, RM–11797; DA 18–146]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Connerville, Oklahoma

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a Petition for Rule Making filed by The Chickasaw Nation, proposing to amend the FM Table of Allotments, by allotting Channel 247A at Connerville, Oklahoma, as the first local Tribal-owned commercial service. A staff engineering analysis indicates that Channel 247A can be allotted to

Connerville consistent with the minimum distance separation requirements of the Commission’s rules. The reference coordinates are 34–25–00 NL and 96–43–53 WL with a site restriction of 9.40 km (5.84 miles) southwest of the community.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before May 29, 2018, and reply comments on or before June 13, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 Twelfth Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner as follows: The Chickasaw Nation, c/o John Crigler, Esq., Suite 200, Flour Mill Building, 1000 Potomac Street NW, Washington, DC 20007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Adrienne Y. Denysyk, Media Bureau, (202) 418–2700.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission’s Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MB Docket No. 18–43, adopted February 14, 2018, and released February 14, 2018. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC’s Reference Information Center at Portals II, CY–A257, 445 Twelfth Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. The full text is also available online at <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/>. 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).

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.
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Proposed Rules

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, 309, 310, 334, 336 and 339.

■ 2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Oklahoma, is amended by adding Connerville, Channel 247A to read as follows in alphabetical order:

§ 73.202 Table of Allotments.

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(b) *Table of FM Allotments.*

Oklahoma	
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Connerville	247A
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