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47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No.96-130, RM-8818]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Grenada, MS

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition by Darby Radio Enterprises proposing the allotment of Channel 267A at Grenada, Mississippi, as an additional FM service. Channel 267A can be allotted to Grenada in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 9.2 kilometers (5.7 miles) west to avoid short-spacing conflicts with the licensed site of Station WJDQ(FM), Channel 267C1, Meridian, Mississippi, and to the proposal (FM-7437) to add Channel 269A at Coffeeville, Mississippi. The coordinates for Channel 267A at Grenada are 33-47-48 and 89-54-29.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before August 5, 1996, and reply comments on or before August 20, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows: Darby Radio Enterprises, P.O. Box 9, Charleston, Mississippi 38921 (petitioner).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pam Blumenthal, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's *Notice of Proposed Rule Making*, MM Docket No.96-130, adopted June 7, 1996, and released June 14, 1996. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC's Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, DC. The

complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, ITS, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 2100 M Street, NW., Suite 140, Washington, DC 20037.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

49 CFR Part 214

[FRA Docket No. RSOR 13, Notice No. 7]

RIN 2130-AA86

Roadway Worker Protection

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of hearing.

SUMMARY: On March 14, FRA published its Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Roadway Worker Protection (61 FR 10528), which was the product of the agency's first regulatory negotiation. FRA announced at that time that a public hearing would only be scheduled if it was requested, since the negotiated rulemaking process has already provided a significant opportunity for oral presentations and participation by the public. An expression of interest in having a hearing was submitted on behalf of one person whom we have not been able to identify or contact. However, in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 553 and 49 U.S.C. § 20103(e), FRA is holding the requested hearing.

DATES: A public hearing will be held from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on July 11, 1996. Any person who wishes to speak

at the hearing should notify the FRA Docket Clerk at least five working days before the hearing, by telephone (202) 366-2257 or by mail.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing will be held in the Executive Room, Holiday Inn Capitol Hill, which is located at 415 New Jersey Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gordon A. Davids, P.E., Bridge Engineer, Office of Safety, FRA, 400 Seventh Street S.W., Room 8326, Washington, D.C. 20590 (telephone: 202-366-0507); Phil Olekszyk, Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Compliance and Program Implementation, FRA, 400 Seventh Street S.W., Room 8320A, Washington, D.C. 20590 (telephone 202-366-0897); or Cynthia Walters, Trial Attorney, Office of Chief Counsel, FRA, 400 Seventh Street S.W., Room 8201, Washington, D.C. 20590 (telephone 202-366-0621).

S. Mark Lindsey,

Chief Counsel, Federal Railroad Administration.

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[FRA Docket No. RSOR 13, Notice No. 8]

RIN 2130-AA86

Roadway Worker Protection

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA); Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Federal Railroad Administration is announcing a meeting of the Roadway Worker Protection Advisory Committee (Committee) to review comments submitted in response to the publication of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on March 14, (61 FR 10528).

DATES: The Committee will hold an additional meeting on July 12, 1996 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Executive Room, Holiday Inn, Capitol Hill, which is located at 415 New Jersey Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cynthia Walters, Trial Attorney, Office of Chief Counsel, FRA, 400 Seventh Street S.W., Room 8201, Washington, D.C. 20590 (Telephone: 202-366-0621); or Gordon Davids, P.E., Bridge Engineer, Office of Safety, FRA, 400 Seventh Street S.W., Room 8326, Washington, D.C. 20590 (Telephone: 202-366-0507).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 14, 1996, FRA published its NPRM on Roadway Worker Protection. The NPRM was the product of FRA's first negotiated rulemaking. Consistent with the Administrative Procedures Act (5 U.S.C. § 553), FRA solicited and received comments on the proposed rule. In accordance with spirit of the Negotiated Rulemaking Act (5 U.S.C. § 561 *et seq.*) FRA is allowing the Committee to consider these comments and make a recommendation to FRA regarding their status prior to issuing a Final Rule. FRA continues to believe that public participation is critical to the success of this process. This negotiating session will be open to the public, pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463).

S. Mark Lindsey,

Chief Counsel, Federal Railroad Administration.

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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 571

[Docket No. 95-98; Notice No. 2]

Public Meeting on School Bus Transportation.

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting at which NHTSA will seek information about school bus transportation. NHTSA held a national meeting on February 14, 1996. In response to comments received at the February meeting, NHTSA is holding regional meetings. NHTSA is seeking information from school bus manufacturers, school transportation providers, and other members of the public on issues related to the transportation of school children. NHTSA is also requesting suggestions for actions with respect to NHTSA's regulations and Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) that govern the manufacture of school buses. This notice also invites written comments on the same subject.

DATES: *Public meeting:* The meeting will be held on August 15, 1996 at 9:00 a.m. Those wishing to make oral presentations at the meeting should contact Charles Hott, at the address or telephone number listed below, by August 8, 1996.

Written comments: Written comments may be submitted to the agency and must be received by September 16, 1996.

ADDRESSES: *Public meeting:* The public meeting will be held at the following location: Holiday Inn, 411 South Larkin, Joliet, IL 60436, Tel: (815) 729-2000.

Written comments: All written comments (preferably 10 copies) should be mailed to the Docket Section, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 5109, 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Please refer to the docket number when submitting written comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles Hott, Office of Vehicle Safety Standards, NPS-15, NHTSA, 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone 202-366-0247, Fax: 202-366-4329).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory Reform

Calling for a new approach to the way Government regulates the private sector, President Clinton asked Executive Branch agencies to improve the regulatory process. Specifically, the President requested that agencies: (1) cut obsolete regulations; (2) reward agency and regulator performance by rewarding results, not red tape; (3) create grassroots partnerships by meeting with those affected by regulations and other interested parties; and (4) use consensual rulemaking, such as regulatory negotiation, more frequently.

NHTSA previously announced public meetings to create grassroots partnerships with regulated industries and other affected parties that do not deal with NHTSA on a routine basis. By meeting with these groups, NHTSA believes that it can build a better understanding of their needs and concerns.

At the February 14, 1996 public meeting on school bus transportation commenters suggested that NHTSA hold public meetings in different regions of the country. By holding regional public meetings on school bus transportation, NHTSA hopes to obtain the views from those parties affected by school bus transportation and the public on the local issues, as well as, national issues. NHTSA believes that their views are important because school bus transportation is an issue that affects most school districts in the United States. This meeting is a way of obtaining information from those persons that do not attend the national meetings on school transportation on a regular basis. NHTSA has decided to

hold these meetings based on the geographic locations served by the NHTSA Regional Offices. This meeting is being held in NHTSA Region 5 which includes the following States: Illinois; Indiana; Michigan; Minnesota; Ohio; and Wisconsin. Interested parties from these states are encouraged to attend. However, parties from other states are also welcome.

NHTSA recognizes that manufacturers who build school buses operate under different conditions than manufacturers of passenger cars and trucks. In addition, the agency is aware that school transportation providers and school bus manufacturers share a common interest in matters relating to pupil transportation safety. Therefore, the agency has decided to hold public meetings to listen to the views of these groups and others in order to be better informed of their specific needs. The agency is interested in obtaining their views on how it can improve its regulations that govern the manufacture of school buses. Suggestions should be accompanied by a statement of the rationale for the suggested action and of the expected consequences of that action. Suggestions should address at least the following considerations:

- Administrative/compliance burdens
- Cost effectiveness
- Costs of the existing regulation and the proposed changes to consumers
- Costs of testing or certification to regulated parties
- Effects on safety
- Effects on small businesses
- Enforceability of the standard
- Whether the suggestion reflects a "common sense" approach to solving the problem

Statements should be as specific as possible and provide the best available supporting information. Statements also should specify whether any change recommended in the regulatory process would require a legislative change in NHTSA's authority.

Other Topics of Interest

In recent years there have been many changes to the Federal requirements for school buses. These new requirements include stop arms for all school buses, more emergency exits for most of the larger school buses, performance requirements for wheelchair restraints in school buses, and mirror systems that are performance based instead of design based. Future requirements includes antilock brake systems for large school buses and may require small school buses to meet Standard No. 221, joint strength.

Improvements have been made to the safety of the school bus loading zones. The stop arm and mirror requirements