

**47 CFR Part 73****[MM Docket No. 96-176, RM-8851]****Radio Broadcasting Services; Greensboro, AL****AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document requests comments on a petition for rule making filed by Autaugaville Radio, requesting the allotment of FM Channel 256A to Greensboro, Alabama, as that community's first local aural transmission service. Coordinates used for this proposal are 32-47-22 North Latitude and 87-34-39 West Longitude.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed on or before October 21, 1996, and reply comments on or before November 5, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, as follows: Autaugaville Radio, Inc., Attn: Roscoe J. Miller, Manningham Road at I-65, P.O. Box 369, Greenville, AL 36037.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy Joyner, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a synopsis of the Commission's *Notice of Proposed Rule Making*, MM Docket No. 96-176, adopted August 23, 1996, and released August 30, 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 contractors, International Transcription Service, 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.

## List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

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**47 CFR Part 73****[MM Docket No. 96-177, RM-8853]****Radio Broadcasting Services; Galena, KS****AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission requests comments on a petition by Acorn Broadcasting Company requesting the allotment of Channel 282A at Galena, Kansas, as the community's first local aural transmission service. Channel 282A can be allotted to Galena in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 6.5 kilometers (4.0 miles) west to avoid short-spacing conflicts with the licensed sites of Station KBCN(FM), Channel 282C, Marshall, Arkansas, Station KBEQ(FM), Channel 282C, Kansas City, Missouri, and with Station KQMO(FM)'s construction permit, Channel 281C3, Ash Grove, Missouri. The coordinates for Channel 282A at Galena are 37-03-24 and 94-42-11.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed on or before October 21, 1996, and reply comments on or before November 5, 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: J. Richard Guest, President, Acorn Broadcasting Company, 3001 West 13th Street, Joplin, Missouri 64801 (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. 96-177, adopted August 23, 1996 and released August 30, 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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Radio broadcasting.

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**47 CFR Part 73****[MM Docket No. 96-175; RM-8850]****Radio Broadcasting Services; Strasburg, CO****AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document requests comments on a petition for rule making filed by J.P.I. Radio, Inc. requesting the allotment of FM Channel 249C3 to Strasburg, Colorado, as that community's second local aural transmission service, and its reservation for noncommercial educational use. Coordinates utilized for this proposal are 39-43-13 North Latitude and 104-11-58 West Longitude. See Supplementary Information, *infra*.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed on or before October 21, 1996, and reply comments on or before November 5, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, as follows: J.P.I. Radio, Inc., Attn: Jarel L. Pittman, 12104 Old Highway 169, Hibbing, MN 55746.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy Joyner, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a synopsis of the Commission's *Notice of Proposed Rule Making*, MM Docket No. 96-175, adopted August 23, 1996, and released August 30, 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 contractors, International Transcription Service, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 2100 M Street, NW., Suite 140, Washington, DC 20037.

Channel 272A was allotted to Strasburg, Colorado, in MM Docket No. 89-61. See *Report and Order*, 4 FCC Rcd 7570 (1989), 54 FR 45735, October 31, 1989. However, Channel 272A at Strasburg, Colorado, does not appear in 47 CFR 73.202(b), the Table of Allotments. Therefore, as announced in the *Notice* in this proceeding, we will make an editorial amendment to the FM Table of Allotments to include Channel 272A at Strasburg, Colorado, at the conclusion of the instant rule making proceeding.

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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Federal Communications Commission.

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#### 47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 96-53; RM-8767]

#### Radio Broadcasting Services; Marinette, WI

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; dismissal.

**SUMMARY:** This document dismisses a *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* issued

in response to a petition filed by Douglas A. Maszka d/b/a Tri-City Television Company requesting the allotment of Channel 25 to Marinette, Wisconsin. See 61 FR 14043, March 29, 1996. On August 7, 1996, Tri-City filed comments withdrawing its interest in the allotment at Marinette. As stated in the *Notice*, a showing of continuing interest is required before a channel will be allotted, and absent such an expression of interest, it is the Commission's policy to refrain from allotting a channel. Due to a lack of interest in Channel 25 at Marinette, we shall dismiss the proposal. With this action, this proceeding is terminated.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathleen Scheuerle, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Commission's *Report and Order*, MM Docket No. 96-53, adopted August 23, 1996, and released August 30, 1996. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the Commission'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 contractors, International Transcription Services, Inc., 2100 M Street, NW., Suite 140, Washington, DC 20037, (202) 857-3800.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Part 648

[I.D. 090396C]

#### New England Fishery Management Council; Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a special 1-day meeting to consider

actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone.

**DATES:** The meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 9, 1996, at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, One Newbury Street, Peabody, MA; telephone (508) 535-4600. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the New England Fishery Management Council, 5 Broadway, Saugus, MA 01906-1097; telephone: (617) 231-0422.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christopher B. Kellogg, Acting Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council (617) 231-0422.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The September 9, 1996, meeting is being convened specifically to consider final action on several pending framework adjustments to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP).

The Council will consider final action on Framework Adjustments 18 and 19 to the FMP under the framework for abbreviated rulemaking procedure contained in 50 CFR 648.90. If approved, Framework Adjustment 18 would allow herring and mackerel fishing with pelagic mid-water trawls in areas of Georges Bank now closed to all gear capable of catching groundfish. Framework Adjustment 19, would replace the Gulf of Maine area closures now in place to enhance groundfish conservation with alternatives that may alleviate some of the economic burden to fishermen without compromising the objectives of the FMP.

The Council considers public comments at a minimum of two Council meetings prior to making final recommendations to the Director, Northeast Region, NMFS, (Regional Director) under the provisions for abbreviated rulemaking, cited above. If the Regional Director concurs with the measures proposed by the Council, he will publish them as a final rule in the Federal Register.

There will be a discussion of an experimental fishery to assess the selectivity of longline gear. The Regional Director is considering an experimental fishery for a vessel involved in a Saltonstall/Kennedy Grant awarded to the New England Aquarium and entitled "Selectivity and Survival of Atlantic Cod (*Gadus morhua*) and Haddock (*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*) in a Northwest Atlantic Longline Fishery." The Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (MADMF) is assisting in the project and would assist in the completion of the experimental fishery. The objective of the project is to assess