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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

Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

John A. Karousos,

Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 96-219, RM-8881]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Temple and Taylor, TX

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition by Stellar Communications, Inc., licensee of Station KLIK(FM), Channel 282C2, Temple, Texas, proposing the reallocation of Channel 282C2 from Temple to Taylor, Texas, and the modification of Station KLIK(FM)'s license to specify Taylor as its community of license. Channel 282C2 can be allotted to Taylor in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 6.4 kilometers (4.0 miles) southwest to accommodate Stellar's desired site. The coordinates for Channel 282C2 at Taylor are 30-31-18 and 97-26-40. In accordance with Section 1.420(i) of the Commission's Rules, we will not accept competing expressions of interest in the use of

Channel 282C2 at Taylor, or require the petitioner to demonstrate the availability of an additional equivalent class channel for use by such parties.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before December 23, 1996, and reply comments on or before January 7, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows: Andrew S. Kersting, Fletcher, Heald & Hildreth, P.L.C., 11th Floor, 1300 North 17th Street, Rosslyn, Virginia 22209-3801 (counsel for 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. 96-219, adopted October 25, 1996, and released November 1, 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, D.C. 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, D.C. 20037.

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[MM Docket No. 96-218, RM-8912]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Windsor, NY

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Vixon Valley Broadcasting seeking the allotment of Channel 294A to Windsor, New York, as the community's first local aural transmission service. Channel 294A can be allotted to Windsor with a site restriction of 11.6 kilometers (7.2 miles) east, at coordinates 42-03-04 North Latitude and 75-30-18 West Longitude, to avoid a short-spacing to Station WPCX, Channel 295B, Auburn, New York. Canadian concurrence in the allotment is required since the community is located within 320 kilometers (200 miles) of the U.S.-Canadian border.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before December 23, 1996, and reply comments on or before January 7, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows: Victor A. Michael, Jr., President, Vixon Broadcasting, c/o Magic City Media, 1912 Capitol Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001 (Petitioner).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leslie K. Shapiro, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 571

[Docket No. 96-43, Notice 3]

International Regulatory Harmonization, Motor Vehicle Safety; Motor Vehicles and Motor Vehicle Engines and the Environment

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

ACTION: Notice of public workshop on a process for the assessment of functional equivalence of regulatory requirements; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This document announces a public workshop to discuss a proposed step-by-step process for determining functional equivalence of U.S. and other international regulatory requirements, and the implications of the process for possible rulemaking actions. This document also seeks comments from a broad spectrum of participants on the proposed process. The purpose of the workshop is to present and explain the recommended process for determining functional equivalence to all attendees. In addition, the agency wishes to obtain input on the flow and logic of the process, and to have an exchange of views among participants regarding the ability of the process to not only preserve the established levels of safety, but to also potentially lead to higher levels. The information gathered at this meeting will assist the agency in deciding its future course of action regarding international harmonization, specifically functional equivalence as outlined in the globally harmonized research agenda agreed upon at the May 1996 15th International Technical Conference on the Enhanced Safety of Vehicles (ESV) in Melbourne, Australia.

The agency will soon be issuing a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking addressing the procedures for filing petitions requesting a determination of Functional Equivalence.

DATES: The public workshop will be held on Thursday, January 16, 1997, and will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Those wishing to participate in the workshop should contact Mr. Francis J. Turpin, at the address and telephone number listed below, by January 6, 1997.

Written comments: Written comments to be addressed during the workshop may be submitted to the agency and must be received no later than January 6, 1997.

All written comments and statements on the subjects discussed at the meeting must be received by the agency no later than January 31, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in Room 6200 of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh St. S.W., Washington, D.C.

Written comments should refer to above-referenced docket and notice number, and should be submitted to: Docket Section, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 5109, 400 Seventh Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. Docket room hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. It is requested, but not required, that 10 copies of the comments and attachments, if any, be submitted. However, submissions containing information for which confidential treatment is requested should be submitted with three copies to Chief Counsel, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 5219, 400 Seventh Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. Seven additional copies from which the purportedly confidential information has been deleted should be submitted to the Docket Section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Francis J. Turpin, Director, Office of International Harmonization, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. Tel:(202)-366-2107, and Fax:(202)-366-2106.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 10 and 11, 1996, NHTSA held a public meeting to seek comments on the recommendations made by U.S. and European automotive industry for actions by U.S. and European Union governments concerning (1) the international harmonization of motor vehicle safety and environmental regulation, (2) the intergovernmental regulatory process necessary to achieve such harmonization, and (3) the

coordination of vehicle safety and environmental research. During the meeting NHTSA also sought comments on the International Harmonization Research Agenda (IHRA) priority items set forth at the 15th ESV Conference, which included functional equivalence. NHTSA specifically requested input on what a step-by-step process for determining functional equivalence might be. NHTSA also extended the deadline for receiving comments until October 1, 1996, to provide all interested parties enough time to comment on all aspects of the issues addressed at the meeting. Based on the responses received from industry, consumer and advocacy groups, and other interested parties, NHTSA designed a process that it believes to be responsive to all major issues presented on functional equivalence and foremost, the considerations of preserving the highest levels of safety and/or the upgrade of existing standards to achieve the same.

On November 14, 1996, a meeting of the IHRA committee will be held in Geneva to discuss the progress of each research item outlined in the international research agreement. During the meeting, the proposed flowchart will be shared with committee members and comments will be requested.

For a detailed summary of supplementary materials, please refer to notices 1 and 2 of this docket.¹ In addition, the docket includes a transcript of the July 10 and 11 public meeting referenced above.

I. Comments Received on Functional Equivalence

Since the July 1996 public meeting, the agency received comments covering a wide range of International Harmonization topics. A summary of comments addressing functional equivalence can be found in the docket.

II. Step-by-Step Process for Functional Equivalence Determination

After reviewing all comments submitted under notices 1 and 2, NHTSA has developed a suggested flowchart outlining its vision of a functional equivalence process. A copy of the flowchart can be found in Appendix I to this notice. Additionally, NHTSA plans to issue a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking concerning the procedure to be followed for the submission of petitions for functional equivalence.

In general, the flowchart suggests that two regulations will be considered

¹ (61 F.R. 30657, June 17, 1996)