

particulate matter NAAQS, June 28, 1997, remains unchanged.

Public Hearings

Individuals planning to make oral presentations at the hearing(s) should notify Ms. Linda Metcalf, MD-15, Air Quality Strategies and Standards Division, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711, telephone: (919) 541-2865, at least 7 days prior to the date of the hearing(s). Oral presentations will be limited to five minutes each. Any member of the public may file a written statement before, during, or within 30 days after the hearings. Written statements (duplicate copies preferred) should be submitted to the appropriate docket at the address specified above.

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List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 50

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Carbon monoxide, Lead, Nitrogen dioxide, Ozone, Particulate matter, Sulfur oxides.

Dated: December 18, 1996.

Mary D. Nichols,

Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

46 CFR Part 384

[Docket No. R-166]

RIN 2133-AB26

Criteria for Granting Waivers of Requirement for Exclusive U.S.-Flag Vessel Carriage of Certain Export Cargoes

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Extension of comment period on advance notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration (MARAD) is extending for 45 days the comment period on an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) concerning whether MARAD should amend its existing criteria and methodologies for granting waivers of the requirement for U.S.-flag vessel carriage of certain cargo covered by Public Resolution 17, 33rd Congress (PR 17).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 10, 1997.

ADDRESSES: To be considered comments must be sent to the Secretary, Maritime Administration, Room 7210, 400 7th St., S.W., Washington, DC 20590. Comments will become part of this docket. Anyone who wishes to arrange access to comments filed must telephone the secretary, MARAD, at (202) 366-5746 during normal business hours. Commenters wishing MARAD to acknowledge receipt of comments must enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope or postcard.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James J. Zok, Associate Administrator for Ship Financial Assistance and Cargo Preference, Maritime Administration, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone (202) 366-0364.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 28, 1996, MARAD published an ANPRM soliciting public comment on whether it should amend its existing criteria and methodologies for granting a waiver of the requirement for U.S.-flag vessel carriage of certain cargo covered by PR 17, 46 App. U.S.C. 1241-1, and if so, what the new waiver procedure

should be with respect to EXIMBANK-financed cargo. Based on comments already submitted and a request for extension of time to comment, MARAD has decided to extend the comment period for 45 days. MARAD also asks the public to comment on the following options and proposals, which are in addition to those described in the ANPRM.

(1) Should MARAD promulgate a rule that states the objectives and the procedures that will guide the waiver process so that carriers, shippers, and freight forwarders will know, as project bids are formulated, the specific criteria that will affect most waiver applications? To supplement this, should MARAD also participate, on an ongoing regular basis, in EXIMBANK/shippers' briefings to assist shippers in transportation planning for projects?

(2) Should MARAD publish or otherwise make available regular notices of extant EXIMBANK projects that may require ocean transportation?

(3) When a shipper is awarded a project which is or may become subject to the cargo preference laws of the United States via intended EXIMBANK financing or other events, should MARAD contact in writing and/or through meetings the shipper, the shipper's representative, and the U.S.-flag carriers in order to determine the expected cargoes and shipping dates and requirements for the life of the project? Should shipper personnel include representatives from the traffic/logistics and finance departments so that each becomes aware of the EXIMBANK and MARAD requirements?

(4) If a waiver is desired, should the shipper be required to notify MARAD and the U.S.-flag carriers at least 45 days before each actual cargo movement from a port in the United States and provide a complete packing list and proposed transportation schedule? Should the notice also be published in a widely disseminated publication, e.g., in the Transportation News Ticker (TNT), to notify the trade as is common in other U.S. Government transportation movements, with full and uniform information on requirements and terms? If there is a waiver amendment request and the parameters of the shipment substantially change, should a new notice and re-bids be required? Should there be a predetermined threshold of change (e.g., 5 percent)?

(5) When the shipper seeks a waiver, should the shipper be required to furnish documentation in support of the stated reasons for the waiver request?

(6) Should carriers be required to provide a written response to a shipper's RFQ/RFP with a time

limitation? If yes, what time period? Should shippers be required to attach these written responses to the waiver request?

(7) Should MARAD be required to canvas all U.S.-flag operators on each waiver request, and establish a reasonable procedure for response by carriers? Should each carrier designate a specific office or individual as a point of contact for shippers regarding cargo movements resulting from EXIMBANK projects?

(8) Should MARAD alter its procedure for considering a waiver for shippers to move oversize parcels on foreign-flag vessels that cannot be carried on U.S.-flag carriers? Should MARAD prohibit shippers from "bundling" other parcels of cargo with the oversize parcel? If not, under what circumstances, if any, should shippers be allowed to "bundle" their cargoes, so long as this is not done merely to avoid using U.S.-flag carriers?

(9) Should MARAD allow a "To Be Named" (TBN) vessel on the initial waiver request form to facilitate early (45 days or more) notice providing, however, that no waiver is granted without a specific vessel being named?

(10) In addition to the current publicly-published sailing schedules, should U.S.-flag vessel operators be required to provide MARAD, on a regular basis, the particulars of their U.S.-flag vessels or equipment, indicating maximum dimensions, weights and types of cargo they can handle? Should U.S.-flag carriers be required to furnish MARAD, on a regular basis, a forward projection of their U.S.-flag fleet anticipated service areas? If yes, how far projected?

(11) Would the implementation of any changes that would substantially relax waiver requirements discourage operators from bringing vessels under or keeping vessels under the U.S. flag by shrinking the U.S.-flag cargo base? Would such relaxation also deter the possibility of the bringing in of new breakbulk or roll-on/roll-off tonnage under the U.S.-flag?

(12) What system could best ensure that the actual shipment (as reflected in the bill of lading) conforms to the terms, conditions, and specifications of the waiver granted?

By order of the Maritime Administrator,
Edmund T. Sommer, Jr.,
Acting Secretary, Maritime Administration.
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 96-255; RM-8960]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Laramie, WY

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition jointly filed by Rule Communications and Mount Rushmore Broadcasting, Inc., proposing the allotment of Channel 254A at Laramie, Wyoming, as the community's sixth local commercial FM transmission service. The proposed allotment would eliminate the mutual exclusivity of the two pending applications for Channel 244A at Laramie. If the channel is allotted, petitioners also request that Mount Rushmore Broadcasting, Inc., be allowed to amend its application to specify operation on the new channel, with cut-off protection. Channel 254A can be allotted to Laramie in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements at city reference coordinates. The coordinates for Channel 254A at Laramie are North Latitude 41-18-42 and West Longitude 105-35-06.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before February 10, 1997, and reply comments on or before February 25, 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: John F. Garziglia, Esq., Pepper & Corazzini, L.L.P., 1776 K Street, N.W., Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20006 (Counsel for Rule Communications); and Thomas J. Hutton, Esq., Dow, Lohnes & Albertson, P.L.L.C., 1200 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20006 (Counsel for Mount Rushmore Broadcasting, Inc.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon P. McDonald, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 96-255, adopted December 13, 1996, and released December 20, 1996. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239), 1919

M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 2100 M Street, N.W., Suite 140, Washington, D.C. 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. 96-253, RM-8962]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Bainbridge, GA

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Chattahoochee Broadcast Associates seeking the allotment of Channel 270A to Bainbridge, GA, as the community's second local FM service. Channel 270A can be allotted to Bainbridge in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements without the imposition of a site restriction, at coordinates 30-54-30 NL; 84-34-30 WL. We note that the allotment is short-spaced to the present operations of Stations WXSJ, Channel 268C2, Quincy, FL, and WJPH, Channel 270C3, Monticello, FL. However, pursuant to the *Report and Order* in MM Docket 95-82, Station WXSJ's license has been modified to specify Channel 268C1, at a new transmitter site at coordinates 30-10-22 NL and 84-26-52 WL, and Station WJPH's license has been modified to specify operation on Channel 289C3. See, 61 FR 42189,