

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before March 30, 1998, and reply comments on or before April 14, 1998.

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: Henry E. Crawford, 1150 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 900, Washington, D.C. 20036 (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. 98-16, adopted January 28, 1998, and released February 6, 1998. 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, 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

Provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to this proceeding.

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For information regarding proper filing procedures for comments, see 47 CFR 1.415 and 1.420.

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Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 98-13, RM-9212]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Topeka, Iola, and Emporia, KS

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Shawnee Broadcasting Corporation, licensee of Station KWIC(FM), Channel 257A, Topeka, Kansas, proposing the substitution of Channel 257C3 for Channel 257A at Topeka and modification of Station KWIC(FM)'s license. In order to accomplish the upgrade at Topeka, Shawnee also requests the substitution of Channel 268A for Channel 257A at Iola, Kansas, and the modification of Station KIKS(FM)'s license; and the substitution of Channel 241A for Channel 258A at Emporia, Kansas, the modification of Station KRWW(FM)'s license accordingly. See Supplemental Information, *infra*.

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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: Howard J. Braun and Jerold L. Jacobs, Rosenman & Colin LLP, 1300—19th Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20036 (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. 98-13, adopted January 28, 1998, and released February 6, 1998. 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, 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

All channels can be allotted to the noted communities in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements. Channel 257C3 can be allotted to Topeka with a site restriction of 3.9 kilometers (2.4 miles) northeast. The coordinates for Channel 257C3 at Topeka are 39-01-12 NL and 95-41-25 WL. Channel 268A and Channel 241A can be allotted to Iola and Emporia respectively, at the transmitters sites specified in Station KIKS(FM)'s and Station KRWW(FM)'s authorizations. The coordinates for Channel 268A are 37-54-04 NL and 95-24-04 WL. The coordinates for Channel

241A at Emporia, Kansas, are 38-24-21 NL and 96-14-13 WL. As requested, we shall propose to modify the license of Station KWIC(FM) at Topeka, Kansas, to specify operation on Channel 257C3. In accordance with Section 1.420(g) of the Commission's Rules we will not accept competing expressions of interest or require that the petitioner demonstrate the availability of an additional equivalent channel at Topeka, Kansas.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 98-15, RM-9142]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Brinkley and Colt, AR

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition for rule making filed on behalf of East Arkansas Broadcasters, Inc., permittee of Station KQMC-FM, Channel 272C2, Brinkley, Arkansas, requesting the reallocation of Channel 272C2 to Colt, Arkansas, and modification of the authorization for Station KQMC-FM to specify Colt as its community of license, pursuant to the provisions of Section 1.420(i) of the Commission's Rules. Coordinates used for Channel 272C2 at Colt, Arkansas, are 34-58-10 and 90-51-07.

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ADDRESSES: Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner's counsel, as follows: John F. Garziglia and Patricia M. Chuh, Esqs., Pepper & Corazzini, L.L.P., 1776 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20006.

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. 98-15, adopted January 28, 1998, and released February 6, 1998. 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, International Transcription Service, Inc., 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036, (202) 857-3800.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

49 CFR Parts 365, 385, and 387

[FHWA Docket No. FHWA-97-2709]

RIN 2125-AE01

Registration of For-Hire Motor Carriers, Property Brokers, and Freight Forwarders

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration [FHWA], DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FHWA proposes to adopt interim rules governing registration of for-hire motor property and passenger carriers, property brokers, and freight forwarders. The interim rules are required by 49 U.S.C. 13901-13905, provisions of the Interstate Commerce Commission Termination Act of 1995 (ICCTA), Pub. L. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803, that mandate a registration system to be administered by the Secretary of Transportation to replace the former Interstate Commerce Commission's licensing system for motor carriers, property brokers, and freight forwarders. It is anticipated that these interim rules would be used until the FHWA completes the rulemaking required by 49 U.S.C. 13908 which is currently underway.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 14, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Submit written, signed comments to the docket number that appears in the heading of this document to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *For information regarding rulemaking and operational issues:* Patricia Burke, Office of Motor Carrier Information Analysis, (202) 358-7028; and *for information regarding legal issues:* Michael Falk, Office of Chief Counsel, (202) 366-0834, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

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Statutory Background

The ICCTA eliminates the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC), transfers certain ICC functions to the Department of Transportation, and, as particularly pertinent, at 49 U.S.C. 13901-13905, establishes a registration system to replace the licensing system previously administered by the ICC. The ICCTA requires that for-hire motor property and passenger carriers, property brokers, and freight forwarders operating in interstate or foreign commerce must register with the Secretary of Transportation (the Secretary) to provide such transportation or related services. The ICCTA further directs the Secretary to register such entities when minimum prescribed criteria are met.

Under 49 U.S.C. 13908, the Secretary, in cooperation with the States and after notice and opportunity for public comment, is directed to issue regulations to replace this registration system, as well as DOT's current identification number system (see 49 CFR 385.21), the single State registration system prescribed by 49 U.S.C. 14504, and the financial responsibility information system prescribed by 49 U.S.C. 13906, with a single, on-line Federal system. The new system envisioned by section 13908 is intended to "serve as a clearinghouse and depository of information on and identification of all foreign and domestic motor carriers, brokers, and freight forwarders, and others required to register with (DOT) as well as information on safety fitness and compliance with required levels of financial responsibility."

The ICCTA makes clear that the registration system prescribed in 49 U.S.C. 13901-13905 is intended only as a temporary, stand-alone procedure while DOT undertakes to design and implement the revised identification