

Inc., (202) 857-3800, 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

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Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 98-190 RM-9317]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Cross City, FL

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule; dismissal.

SUMMARY: This document dismisses a proposal filed by Tony Downes requesting the allotment of Channel 249A at Cross City, Florida, as the community's second FM broadcast service. See 63 FR 59928, November 6, 1998. As stated in the *Notice*, a showing of continuing interest is required before a channel will be allotted. Since there

has been no interest expressed for the allotment of a channel at Cross City, the *Report and Order* dismisses the proposal.

DATES: The proposal is dismissed as of June 4, 1999.

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. 98-190, adopted May 12, 1999, and released May 21, 1999. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the Commission's Reference Center, Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractors, International Transcription Services, Inc., 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC. 20036, (202) 857-3800, facsimile (202) 857-3805.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 99-197, RM-9573]

Digital Television Broadcast Service; Salt Lake City, Ogden and Provo, UT

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition jointly filed by

eight television stations in the Utah market that include: Brigham Young University, licensee of NCE station KBYU-TV, Provo; Larry H. Miller Communications Corporation, licensee of station KJZZ-TV, Salt Lake City; Bonneville Holding Company, licensee of station KSL-TV, Salt Lake City; United Television, Inc., licensee of station KTVX, Salt Lake City; University of Utah, licensee of NCE stations KUED, Salt Lake City and KULC, Ogden; KUTV Associates, licensee of station KUTV, Salt Lake City; and ACME Television Licenses of Utah, LLC, proposed licensee of station KUWB, Ogden. See supplementary information, *infra*.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before July 12, 1999, and reply comments on or before July 27, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows: Jonathan D. Blake and Jennifer A. Johnson, Covington & Burling, 1201 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20044-7566 (Counsel)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pam Blumenthal, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-1600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Channels *36, *44, 46 and 48 can be substituted and allotted to Ogden, Provo, Salt Lake City, and Ogden, Utah, as proposed, in compliance with the principal community coverage requirements of Section 73.625(a) at reference coordinates (40-39-33 N and 112-12-07 W). In addition, we find that these channel changes are acceptable under the 2 percent criterion for *de minimis* impact that is applied in evaluating requests for modification of initial DTV allotments under Section 73.623.

State and city	DTV channel	DTV power (kW)	Antenna HAAT (m)	DTV service pop. (thous.)
UT Provo	*44	403.0	1257	1389
UT Ogden	*36	304.0	1257	1393
UT Ogden	48	200.0	1257	1374
UT Salt Lake City	46	200.0	1267	1384

This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 99-197, adopted May 19, 1999, and released May 21, 1999. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference

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Federal Communications Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

48 CFR Parts 808, 812, 813, 852 and 853

RIN 2900-AJ16

VA Acquisition Regulation: Simplified Acquisition Procedures

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.
ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document proposes to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) concerning simplified acquisition procedures. It proposes to amend VAAR provisions to conform to the Federal Acquisition Regulation, to update references and section titles, and to remove obsolete material.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 3, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand-deliver written comments to: Director, Office of Regulations Management (02D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., NW, Room 1154, Washington, DC 20420. Comments should indicate that they are submitted in response to "RIN 2900-AJ16." All written comments will be available for public inspection in the Office of Regulations Management, Room 1158, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Don Kaliher, Acquisition Policy Team (95A), Office of Acquisition and Materiel Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20420, telephone number (202) 273-8819.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Part 13 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) was recently reorganized. This

document proposes to amend part 813 of the Department of Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) to correspond to the newly reorganized FAR. Part, subpart, and section titles and/or numbers are proposed to be revised as necessary to correspond to FAR changes.

This document proposes to add, at appropriate locations in the VAAR, references to Office of Management and Budget approved forms used by VA in its Integrated Funds Distribution, Control Point Activity, Accounting, and Procurement (IFCAP) system, a computerized purchasing and accounting system. In addition, it is proposed to delete an obsolete reference to VAAR section 801.670-15 that previously was removed from the VAAR.

It is proposed to redesignate 813.507 as 813.302-5 to correspond to the FAR and to revise the advice to contracting officers provided therein. Currently, the VAAR advises contracting officers to attach a copy of the clause found at 852.237-70, Contractor responsibilities, to a purchase order for services performed on Government property. It is proposed to revise this section to advise contracting officers to incorporate the referenced clause in the purchase order rather than to just attach a copy of the clause to the order. This change is necessary to ensure that the purchase order clearly shows that the clause is part of the order.

It is proposed to delete sections 808.404-1 and 808.404-3. These sections address various requirements regarding the mandatory use of FSS contracts. FSS contracts no longer provide for mandatory use, making these sections obsolete.

It is proposed to amend part 812 by adding the provision at section 852.252-1, Provisions and clauses requiring completion by the offeror or prospective contractor, to the list of provisions and clauses at section 812.301(c) for use in commercial item solicitations. The provision is set forth in full in section 852.252-1 of this proposed rule. This is necessary to inform bidders and offerors on commercial item solicitations of FAR requirements.

Instead of including the full text of provisions and clauses, the FAR at 52.102(c) allows agencies to incorporate agency approved provisions and clauses by reference, provided the contracting officer: (1) identifies all provisions and clauses that require completion by the offeror or prospective contractor; (2) specifies that the provisions and clauses must be completed by the offeror or prospective contractor and must be submitted with the quotation or offer;

and (3) identifies to the offeror or prospective contractor at least one electronic address where the full text may be accessed. This rule proposes to add section 852.102, paragraph (a), and section 852.252-1, Provisions or clauses requiring completion by the offeror or prospective contractor, to allow VA to meet the requirements of FAR 52.102(c)(1) and (c)(2) for incorporating approved provisions and clauses by reference.

Some FAR and VAAR provisions and clauses require the contracting officer to fill in needed information. If these provisions or clauses are incorporated by reference, that information would be missing from the solicitation or contract. This rule proposes to add paragraph 852.102(b) to require contracting officers to include in full text the title and the paragraph of any provision or clause that requires the contracting officer to provide information. The balance of the provision or clause may be included by reference. This will ensure that the information required by these provisions or clauses will be included in solicitations or contracts.

The FAR at 52.102(c) and 52.102(c)(3) allows agencies to incorporate agency approved provisions and clauses by reference, provided the contracting officer identifies to the offeror or prospective contractor at least one electronic address where the full text may be accessed. The FAR, at 52.252-1 and 52.252-2, provides a "fill in the blank" provision and clause, respectively, for use by contracting officers in meeting this requirement, but the FAR does not provide an electronic address where the full texts of referenced provisions and clauses may be accessed. This rule proposes to add paragraphs (c), (d), (e), and (f) of section 852.102 to ensure compliance with FAR 52.102(c) and 52.102(c)(3). Paragraphs (c) and (d) advise contracting officers to include the applicable FAR provision or clause in solicitations and contracts when 48 CFR Chapter 8 (VAAR) provisions or clauses are incorporated by reference. In addition, paragraphs (e) and (f) provide the electronic addresses where full texts of both FAR and VAAR referenced provisions and clauses may be accessed. These proposed changes are necessary to comply with FAR 52.102(c) and 52.102(c)(3).

The Secretary hereby certifies that this rule would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities as they are defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), 5 U.S.C. 601-612. This rule would revise the VAAR to correspond to the FAR and would have a minuscule effect, if any, on small businesses.