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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.

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[MM Docket No. 96-196; RM-8878]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Georgetown and Garden City, SC

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Coastline Communications of Carolina, Inc., proposing the reallocation of Channel 249C1 from Georgetown to Garden City, South Carolina, and the modification of Station WWXM(FM)'s license accordingly. Channel 249C1 can be allotted to Garden City in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 3 kilometers (1.9 miles) northwest at petitioner's licensed site. The coordinates for Channel 249C1 at Garden City are North Latitude 33-35-27 and West Longitude 79-02-53. 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 249C1 at Garden City, South Carolina.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before November 12, 1996, and reply comments on or before November 27, 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: Edward W. Hummers, Jr., Esq., Holland & Knight, 2100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Suite 400, Washington, DC 20037-3202 (Counsel for Petitioner).

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. 96-196, adopted September 13, 1996, and released September 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, NW., Washington, DC. 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, NW., Suite 140, Washington, DC 20037.

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

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[MM Docket No. 96-195; RM-8867]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Geneseo, IL, and DeWitt, IA

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Connoisseur Communications of Quad Cities, L.P., proposing the substitution of Channel 285C3 for Channel 285A at Geneseo, Illinois, the reallocation of Channel 285C3 from Geneseo to DeWitt, Iowa, and the modification of Station WGEN-FM's license accordingly. Channel 285C3 can be allotted to DeWitt, Iowa, in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with restriction of 14.0 kilometers (8.7 miles) southeast to avoid short-spacings to the licensed

sites of Station WXR(FM), Channel 285A, Belvidere, Illinois, and Station WXCL(FM), Channel 285A, Pekin, Illinois, at petitioner's requested site. The coordinates for Channel 285C3 at DeWitt are North Latitude 41-42-50 and West Longitude 90-27-20. 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 285C3 at DeWitt, Iowa, 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 November 12, 1996, and reply comments on or before November 27, 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: John C. Trent, Esq., Putbrese, Hunsaker & Trent, P.C., 100 Carpenter Drive, Suite, 100, P.O. Box 217, Sterling, Virginia 10167-0217.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

49 CFR Part 383

[FHWA Docket No. MC-93-12]

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Training of Entry-Level Drivers of Commercial Motor Vehicles

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public outreach.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to announce an upcoming public meeting to be held on November 13, 1996, to discuss mandating entry-level training for drivers of commercial motor vehicles (CMVs). Section 4007(a)(1) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) directed the Secretary of Transportation to report to Congress on the effectiveness of the efforts of the private sector to ensure adequate training of entry-level drivers of CMVs. In response to this statutory mandate, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) hired a contractor to conduct a study and published a notice of availability and request for comments in the Federal Register on April 25, 1996, (61 FR 18355). The notice advised members of the general public that copies of the study entitled "Assessing the Adequacy of Commercial Motor Vehicle Driver Training: Final Report" and a cost-benefit analysis of requiring entry-level training for CMV drivers were available from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) and requested public comment on both documents. The FHWA also advised the general public that the Agency was considering holding a public meeting on the issue of

mandating entry-level training. With this notice, the FHWA is also announcing the extension of the closing date for comments on the final report and cost-benefit analysis to November 27, 1996.

DATES: The meeting will be held on November 13, 1996, and the comment period for the notice of availability and request for comments will be extended until November 27, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Department of Transportation Headquarters Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Room 3200, Washington, D.C. from 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ronald Finn, Office of Motor Carrier Research and Standards, (202) 366-0647, Federal Highway Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, D.C. 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. In advance of the session, all individuals planning to present information should contact Mr. Stan Hamilton, Office of Motor Carriers, telephone (202) 366-0665. Speakers should pre-register with Mr. Hamilton. Speakers who sign up at the meeting will be permitted to speak as time permits. To allow for maximum participation, oral presentations will be limited to no more than ten minutes.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

In response to the requirement in § 4007(a)(2) of the ISTEA, Pub. L. 102-240, 105 Stat. 1914 (1991), that the Secretary commence a rulemaking proceeding on the need to require training of all entry-level drivers of CMVs, the FHWA published an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) on entry-level training on June 21, 1993, (58 FR 33874). There were 104 comments to the ANPRM but no consensus was reached on the issue of mandated entry-level driver training. The American Trucking Associations stated that the Professional Truck Driver Institute of America's curriculum should be the standard to ensure

adequate entry-level driver training. The New Mexico Tax and Revenue Department, on the other hand, stated that the commercial driver's license was the best method to determine if an applicant is qualified.

Adequacy Study

Section 4007(a)(1) of the ISTEA directed the Secretary to report to Congress on the effectiveness of private sector efforts to ensure adequate training of CMV drivers. In response, the FHWA retained a contractor to conduct such a study. In analyzing the adequacy of entry-level training, the contractor examined the training provided to entry-level drivers of heavy trucks, motor coaches, and school buses. This examination disclosed that the percentage of employers who hire entry-level drivers and provide them with adequate training was as follows: heavy truck employers (8 percent), motor coach employers (19 percent), and school bus operators (24 percent).

Consequently, the contractor concluded that neither the heavy truck, motor coach, nor school bus segments of the CMV industry provided adequate entry-level driver training.

Cost-Benefit Study

The FHWA also entered into a separate contract for a cost-benefit study. This study showed that the cost of mandating entry-level training for 360,000 drivers a year in the heavy truck industry would be \$4.5 billion over a 10-year period. The societal benefits of fewer accidents, reduced health care costs, and reduced delays caused by accident-related traffic congestion over the same 10-year period were estimated to range from \$5.8 to \$15.3 billion.

Report to Congress

The Secretary of Transportation submitted the "Assessing the Adequacy of Commercial Motor Vehicle Driver Training: Final Report" and the cost-benefit analysis to the U.S. Congress on February 5, 1996.