

Commission's Rules. See part 1 NPRM. Commenters are further requested to offer recommendations on any statutory or procedural changes that would improve the licensing processes following an auction.

#### IV. Procedural Matters

Comments must be submitted by August 1, 1997. All comments should be filed with the Acting Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies must be provided to Kathleen O'Brien Ham, Chief, Auctions Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 2025 M Street, N.W., Room 5322, Washington, D.C. 20554. Comments should reference Docket No. WT 97-150.

Copies of the comments may be obtained from the Commission's duplicating contractor: International Transcription Service, Inc., 2100 M Street, N.W., Suite 140, Washington, D.C. 20037, (202) 857-3500. Copies will also be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Center, Room 239, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

For further information, please contact Mark Bollinger or Alice Elder, Auctions Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission at (202) 418-0660.

Federal Communications Commission.

**William F. Caton,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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#### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

##### 47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 97-147, RM-9099]

##### Radio Broadcasting Services; Sardis, MS

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Delta Radio, Inc. requesting the allotment of Channel 271A at Sardis, Mississippi, as the community's first local aural transmission service. Channel 271A can be allotted to Sardis in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 7.0 kilometers (4.4 miles) southeast. The coordinates for Channel

271A at Sardis are 34-24-09 NL and 89-51-23 WL.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed on or before August 18, 1997, and reply comments on or before September 2, 1997.

**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: Larry G. Fuss, President, Delta Radio, Inc., P.O. Box 1438, Cleveland, Mississippi 38732 (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. 97-147, adopted June 18, 1997, and released June 27, 1997. 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, 2100 M Street, NW, Suite 140, Washington, DC 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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#### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

##### 47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 97-148, RM-9088]

##### Radio Broadcasting Services; New London, IA

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Sound In Spirit Broadcasting, Inc., requesting the allotment of Channel 247A at New London, Iowa, as the community's first local aural transmission service. Channel 247A can be allotted to New London in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 2.7 kilometers (1.7 miles) west in order to avoid a short-spacing conflict with the licensed operation of Station WFYR, Channel 247B1, Elmwood, Illinois. The coordinates for Channel 247A at Elmwood are 40-55-30 NL and 91-25-40 WL.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed on or before August 18, 1997, and reply comments on or before September 2, 1997.

**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: Bob Palmeter, President, Sound in Spirit Broadcasting, Inc., 515 North B Street, Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577 (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. 97-148, adopted June 18, 1997, and released June 27, 1997. 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, 2100 M Street, NW, Suite 140, Washington, DC 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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