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47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 97-19, RM-8978]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Williams, CA

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed Rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition for rule making filed on behalf of Spring Creek Broadcasting Company requesting the allotment of Channel 256A to Williams, California, as that community's first local aural transmission service. Coordinates used for Channel 256A at Williams are 39-04-54 and 122-14-06.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before March 10, 1997, and reply comments on or before March 25, 1997.

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: Henry E. Crawford, Esq., Law Offices of Henry E. Crawford, 1150 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 900, Washington, DC 20036.

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. 97-19, adopted January 10, 1997, and released January 17, 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 contractors, International Transcription Services, Inc., 2100 M Street, NW., Suite 140, Washington, DC 20037, (202) 857-3800.

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* acts 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* acts.

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.

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[MM Docket No. 97-13, RM-8915]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Franklin, ID

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition for rule making filed by Mountain Tower Broadcasting requesting the allotment of Channel 249A to Franklin, Idaho, as that community's first local aural transmission service. Coordinates used for Channel 249A at Franklin are 42-06-39 and 111-46-40.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before March 10, 1997, and reply comments on or before March 25, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, as follows: Mountain Tower Broadcasting, Attn: Victor A. Michael, Jr., President, c/o Magic City Media, 1912 Capitol Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, WY 82001.

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. 97-13, adopted January 10, 1997, and released January 17, 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 contractors, International Transcription Services, Inc., 2100 M Street, NW., Suite 140, Washington, DC 20037, (202) 857-3800.

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

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[MM Docket No. 97-18, RM-8943]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Durango, CO

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition for rule making filed on behalf of Range Broadcasting Company requesting the allotment of Channel 243A to Durango, Colorado, as its fourth local FM transmission service. Coordinates used for Channel 243A at Durango are 37-16-57 and 107-52-36.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before March 10, 1997, and reply comments on or before March 25, 1997.

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: Henry E. Crawford, Esq., Law Offices of Henry E. Crawford, 1150 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 900, Washington, DC 20036.

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. 97-18, adopted January 10, 1997, and released January 17, 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 contractors, International Transcription Services, Inc., 2100 M Street, NW., Suite 140, Washington, DC 20037, (202) 857-3800.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

49 CFR Parts 387, 390, 391, 392, 395, 396, and 397

[FHWA Docket No. MC-97-3]

RIN 2125-AD72

Review of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations; Regulatory Removals and Substantive Amendments

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM); request for comments.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on the intent of the FHWA to remove, amend, and redesignate certain regulations concerning financial responsibility; general applicability and definitions; accident recordkeeping requirements; qualifications of drivers; driving of commercial motor vehicles; hours of service of drivers; inspection, repair, and maintenance; and the transportation of hazardous materials. These regulations are obsolete, redundant, unnecessary, ineffective, burdensome, more appropriately

regulated by State and local authorities, better addressed by company policy, in need of clarification, or more appropriately contained in another section. This action is consistent with the FHWA's Zero Base Regulatory Review and the President's Regulatory Reinvention Initiative.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than March 28, 1997.

ADDRESSES: All signed, written comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document and must be submitted to HCC-10, room 4232, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Highway Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard/envelope.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Peter C. Chandler, Office of Motor Carrier Research and Standards, (202) 366-5763, or Mr. Charles E. Medalen, Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366-1354, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The first Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) were promulgated in 1937. The FMCSRs have been amended many times during the past 59 years. In September 1992, the FHWA began a comprehensive multi-year project to develop modern, uniform safety regulations that are up to date, clear, concise, easier to understand, and more performance oriented. This project has been named the Zero Base Regulatory Review.

Upon the announcement of the first four public outreach sessions in the Federal Register on August 18, 1992 [57 FR 37392], the FHWA opened a public docket, MC-92-33, to allow interested parties who were unable to attend an outreach session the opportunity to submit comments and recommendations for improvement of the FMCSRs. After the comment period closed on April 1, 1993, and the comments were analyzed, the FHWA published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) in the Federal Register on January 10, 1994 [59 FR 1366], and a final rule on November 23, 1994 [59 FR 60319], to remove obsolete or redundant

regulations and appendices from the FMCSRs. On July 28, 1995 [60 FR 38739], the FHWA published a final rule which made technical corrections to keep the FMCSRs accurate and up to date. These actions were in response to the Zero Base Regulatory Review.

This rulemaking would remove, amend, and redesignate other regulations and would amend the single regulation which was proposed to be removed in the January 10, 1994, NPRM and was not removed in the November 23, 1994, final rule. The FHWA requests comments on these proposed regulatory changes and recommendations from all interested persons on additional regulatory changes to improve the FMCSRs. The following is a discussion of the proposed amendments to and deletions from the FMCSRs arranged by part and section of the FMCSRs except for divided record authority which is discussed first because the provision is mentioned in two parts of the FMCSRs.

Divided Record Authority

A motor carrier may maintain driver qualification files, records of duty status, and receipts for instructions and documents for drivers of motor vehicles transporting Division 1.1, 1.2, or 1.3 (explosive) materials at a regional or terminal office if the motor carrier has requested and been approved by the Regional Director of Motor Carriers to do so in accordance with §§ 391.51(g) and 395.1(g). Upon approval by the Regional Director of Motor Carriers, the current policy of the FHWA is, generally, to allow a motor carrier to maintain records and documents at only one location per State. Otherwise, records required by subchapter B of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, must be maintained at a motor carrier's principal place of business except for inspection, repair, and maintenance records which must be maintained where the motor vehicle is either housed or maintained, and the records of a motor carrier's alcohol and controlled substances use and testing program which must be made available for inspection at the principal place of business within two business days after a request has been made by an authorized representative of the FHWA. On November 17, 1993 [58 FR 60734], the FHWA issued regulatory guidance that allows inspection, repair, and maintenance records to be maintained at a location of the motor carrier's choice if a motor vehicle is not housed or maintained at a single location, but these records must be made available within two business days upon request of the FHWA in all cases (§ 396.3, question 5). At the same time, the