

Company, Delmarva Power & Light Company, Atlantic City Electric Company, Entergy Services, Florida Power Corporation, Pacific Gas and Electric Power Company, Potomac Electric Power Company, Public Service Company of Colorado, Southern Company, Georgia Power, Alabama Power, Gulf Power, Mississippi Power, Savannah Electric, Tampa Electric Company and Virginia Power, including North Carolina Power is *granted*.

5. *It is further ordered* that all interested parties may file reply comments on the matters discussed in the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking by August 11, 1997.

Federal Communications Commission.

John E. Logan,

Deputy Chief, Cable Services Bureau.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 97-168, RM-9103]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Arcadia, MO

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition filed by Iron County Broadcasting Company, proposing the allotment of Channel 269A to Arcadia, Missouri, as that community's first local broadcast service. Channel 269A can be allotted to Arcadia provided there is a site restriction 9.7 kilometers (6.0 miles) southeast of the community at coordinates 37-31-13 and 90-33-35. Since both the community of Arcadia and the allotment site for Channel 269A are located in the Mark Twain National Forest and the Taum Sauk Mountain State Park, Iron County has been requested to provide information showing that an actual transmitter site is available that provides city grade coverage to Arcadia.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before September 22, 1997, and reply comments on or before October 7, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC. 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner's counsel, as follows: Dennis J. Kelly, Law Office of Dennis J. Kelly, Post Office Box 6648, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathleen Scheuerle, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 97-168, adopted July 23, 1997, and released August 1, 1997. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the Commission'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., 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC. 20036, (202) 857-3800, facsimile (202) 857-3805.

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* contact.

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.

John A. Karousos,

Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 97-169, RM-9121]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Coon Valley, WI

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition filed by Sparta-Tomah Broadcasting Company, Inc., proposing the allotment of Channel 280A to Coon Valley, Wisconsin. The coordinates for Channel 280A at Coon Valley are 43-42-12 and 91-00-48.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before September 22, 1997, and reply comments on or before October 7, 1997.

ADDRESSES: 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 S. Neely, Miller & Miller, P.C., P. O. Box 33003, Washington, D. C. 20033.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathleen Scheuerle, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

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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.

John A. Karousos,

Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 97-170, RM-8980]

Television Broadcasting Services; San Bernardino and Long Beach, CA

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition for rule making filed on behalf of KSLs, Inc., licensee of Station KSCI(TV), Channel 18, San Bernardino, California, requesting the reallocation of Channel 18 from San Bernardino to Long Beach, California, as that community's first local television transmission service and modification of its authorization accordingly, pursuant to the provisions of § 1.420(i) of the Commission's Rules. Coordinates used for Channel 18 at Long Beach are 34-11-15 and 117-41-54. Although Long Beach is located within 320 kilometers (199 miles) of the United States-Mexico border, concurrence of the Mexican government to this proposal is not required based upon the proposed retention of the existing channel and transmitter site of Station KSCI(TV). Rather, if the reallocation proposal is granted, the Mexican government will be advised of the change to the TV Table of Allotments at the conclusion of the proceeding.

Although the Commission has imposed a freeze on the TV Table of Allotments in certain metropolitan areas, including Los Angeles, the freeze is not applicable to changes requested by existing stations. See *Advanced Television Systems and Their Impact on the Existing Television Broadcast Service*, Order, 52 FR 28346, July 29, 1987. While this proposal does not impact on the present draft digital television ("DTV") allotment table, any resultant changes to the TV Table of Allotments presented by the petitioner's proposal may be conditioned on the outcome of the DTV rule making proceeding. See *Sixth Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making*, MM Docket No. 87-268, 11 FCC Rcd 10968 (1996), at paragraph 61; 61 FR 43209, August 21, 1996.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before September 22, 1997, and reply comments on or before October 7, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner's counsel, as follows: Kenneth E. Satten and Christine V. Simpson, Esqs., Wilkinson, Barker, Knauer & Quinn, 1735 New York Avenue, NW., 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. 97-170, adopted July 23, 1997, and

released August 1, 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 Service, Inc., 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036, (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.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Television broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

John A. Karousos,

Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 571

[Docket No. 90-01; Notice 6]

RIN 2127-AG81

Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; School Bus Pedestrian Safety Devices

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: In response to a petition for rulemaking from Transpec Inc., this document proposes to amend Standard No. 131, *School Bus Pedestrian Safety Devices*, with respect to the conspicuity requirements for stop signal arms. Specifically, the agency would amend the standard to permit the use of additional light sources on the surface of retroreflective stop signal arms.

DATES: *Comments.* Comments must be received on or before October 6, 1997.

Effective Date: The amendments made by this rulemaking would be effective [Insert date of publication of the final rule in the **Federal Register**].

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to the docket and notice numbers above and be submitted to: Docket Section, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Docket hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *For technical issues:* Mr. Charles Hott, Office of Vehicle Safety Standards, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590 (202) 366-0247.

For legal issues: Mr. Paul Atelsek, Office of Chief Counsel, NCC-20, telephone (202) 366-2992, FAX (202) 366-3820.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On May 3, 1991, NHTSA published a final rule establishing Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 131, *School bus pedestrian safety devices* (56 FR 20363). The standard requires each new school bus to be equipped with a stop signal arm. A stop signal arm is a device patterned after a conventional "STOP" sign and attached to the driver's side of a school bus. When the school bus's red signal lights are activated, the stop signal arm automatically extends outward from the bus. Its purpose is to alert motorists that a school bus is stopping or has stopped. The standard specifies requirements about the stop signal arm's appearance, size, conspicuity, operation and location.

To ensure the conspicuity of a stop signal arm, Standard No. 131 specifies that the device must either be reflectorized or be illuminated with flashing lamps. If reflectorization is used to comply with the standard, "the entire surface of both sides of the stop signal arm" must be reflectorized. (S5.3.1, emphasis added) If flashing lamps are used to comply with the standard, S5.3.2 requires the lamps to comply with the location and performance requirements set forth in S6.2 of the Standard.

In a November 21, 1995, letter from NHTSA's Chief Counsel to Specialty Manufacturing Company, a manufacturer of stop signal arms, NHTSA addressed the use of Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs) to outline the word "Stop" on the stop arm blade. In that letter, the agency stated that