

under the authority of Pub. L. 102-587, 106 Stat. 5039.

2. In section 117.739 revise paragraphs (d), (f), (i), (m), and (n) to read as follows:

§ 117.739 Passaic River.

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(d) The draw of the Jackson Street Bridge, mile 4.6, shall open on signal if at least four hours notice is given by calling the number posted at the bridge.

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(f) The draw of the Bridge Street Bridge, mile 5.6, shall open on signal if at least four hours notice is given by calling the number posted at the bridge.

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(i) The draw of the Clay Street Bridge, mile 6.0, shall open on signal if at least four hours notice is given by calling the number posted at the bridge.

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(m) The draw of the NJTRO Bridge, mile 11.7, shall open on signal if at least six months notice is given by calling the number posted at the bridge.

(n) The draw of the Route 3 Bridge, mile 11.8, shall open on signal if at least six months notice is given by calling the number posted at the bridge.

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Dated: January 9, 1998.

R.M. Larrabee,

*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander,
First Coast Guard District.*

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 441

[FRL-5967-1]

Extension of Comment Period for Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Pretreatment Standards for the Industrial Laundries Point Source Category; Proposed Rule

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule; notice of extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: EPA is extending the comment period for the proposed effluent limitations guidelines and pretreatment standards for the industrial laundries point source category. The proposed rule was published in the *Federal Register* on December 17, 1997. The comment period for the proposed rule is extended by 30 days, ending on March 19, 1998. In addition, interested parties providing performance data,

which may be used in calculating limits, will have until April 20, 1998 to submit data. This extension is being granted while taking into consideration the court-ordered promulgation date.

DATES: Comments regarding all issues related to the proposed rule will be accepted until March 19, 1998. Performance data, as specified herein, will be accepted until April 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to W-97-14, Ms. Marta E. Jordan, Engineering and Analysis Division (4303), U. S. EPA, 401 M. Street S.W., Washington, DC 20460. Please submit any references cited in your comments. EPA requests an original and three copies of your written comments and enclosures (including references).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marta E. Jordan, Engineering and Analysis Division (4303), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M. St. SW, Washington, DC 20460 or call (202) 260-0817.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 17, 1997, EPA published proposed effluent limitations guidelines and pretreatment standards for the industrial laundries industry in the *Federal Register* for review and comment (62 FR 66182). The comment period was scheduled to end February 17, 1998.

EPA held two public hearings during this comment period to provide opportunities for the regulated community and other interested parties to comment on issues pertaining to the proposed rule.

EPA has received more than 100 requests to extend the comment period to allow more time to address the issues on which EPA solicited public comment. The comment period for all issues in the proposed rule is extended by 30 days, to March 19, 1998. In addition, EPA will accept performance data, as specified below, until April 20, 1998. Data that EPA will consider most useful is performance data that conforms to the EPA protocols delineated in the quality assurance project plan (QAPP) and sampling and analysis plans. The QAPP and sampling and analysis plans can be found in sections 5.5 and 6.5 of the rulemaking record, respectively. EPA is scheduled to promulgate pretreatment standards for this industry by June 1999. EPA is using its best efforts to comply with this deadline and expects to meet the schedule even with this extension of the comment period.

Dated: February 9, 1998.

Robert Perciasepe,

Assistant Administrator for Water.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

42 CFR Chapter IV

[HCFA-1037-N]

Medicare Program; Meeting of the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee on the Provider-Sponsored Organization Solvency Standards

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this document announces the date and location for a planned seventh meeting of the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee on the provider-sponsored organization (PSO) solvency standards. The purpose of this committee meeting is to negotiate a consensus of an interim final rule establishing solvency standards for provider-sponsored organizations under Part C of the Medicare program, as statutorily-mandated by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, Pub. L. 105-33.

DATE AND ADDRESSES: Unless canceled by the Committee, this meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on March 3 and 4, 1998, in Room 800, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC, 20201-0001.

MEETING INFORMATION: This is a planned meeting that may be canceled. The decision whether to hold this meeting will be available via the Internet on the HCFA homepage: <http://www.hcfa.gov/medicare/mgdcare1.htm>. For further information and/or a voicemail message as to whether the Committee will meet should be directed to Maureen Miller, (410) 786-1097.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Balanced Budget Act (BBA) of 1997 establishes a new Medicare+Choice program under part C of title XVIII of the Social Security Act (the Act). Under this program, an eligible individual may elect to receive Medicare benefits through enrollment in a Medicare+Choice plan that has a contract with us, which may include a health plan offered by a PSO. The BBA establishes a definition of PSOs that will

be further clarified in forthcoming regulations. Section 4001 of the BBA mandates an expedited and modified negotiated rulemaking process for establishing solvency standards for PSOs. The standards must be published as an interim final rule, subject to comment, by April 1, 1998.

As required by the BBA, the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee reported to the Secretary by January 1, 1998, regarding its progress and movement toward building a consensus. The Committee is required to report its proposed standards to the Secretary by March 1, 1998. If, however, the Committee is unable to reach a consensus within the assigned time frame or at the completion of this additional meeting, the Health Care Financing Administration will proceed with publication of a rule using its rulemaking authority as established in the BBA.

Five 3-day meetings of the Committee have been held through October, November, December, and January that were facilitated by the Departmental Appeals Board. After the initial meetings at which informative presentations were heard, the Committee has been actively developing and negotiating PSO solvency standards. A sixth meeting, previously announced in an October 26, 1997 **Federal Register** Notice, will occur February 18, 19, and 20, 1998. However, due to the short time frame in which the Committee has had to work and the possibility that the Committee may need some additional meeting time to complete its work, this tentative final meeting is being scheduled for the first week of March. If the Committee is unable to complete work on the interim final rule at its February meeting and the facilitator believes an agreement could be reached with an additional meeting, then the meeting will occur on March 3 and 4. If the Committee reaches consensus during the February meeting, or if consensus is not reached and the Committee believes it is unlikely that an agreement can be reached within the extended time frame, the March meeting will not be held. The decision will be publicly available as directed above.

All meetings are open to the public without advanced registration. Public attendance at the meetings may be limited to space available. A summary of all proceedings is available for inspection in Room 309-G of the Department's offices at 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, on Monday through Friday of each week from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Phone: (202) 690-7890), or can be accessed through the HCFA Internet

site at <http://www/hcfa.gov/medicare/mgdcare1>. Additional information related to the Committee will be available on the web site.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.2).

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.773, Medicare—Hospital Insurance; and Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: February 11, 1998.

Nancy-Ann Min Deparle,

Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 98-12, RM-9220]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Speculator, NY

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Michael Celenza and Peter Hunn seeking the allotment of Channel 243A to Speculator, NY, as the community's first local aural service. Channel 243A can be allotted to Speculator in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements without the imposition of a site restriction, at coordinates 43-29-50 North Latitude and 74-21-44 West Longitude. Canadian concurrence in the allotment is required since Speculator is located within 320 kilometers (200 miles) of the U.S.-Canadian border.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before March 30, 1998, and reply comments on or before April 14, 1998.

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: Peter Hunn, 604 Meadowbrook Circle, Fulton, NY 13069 (Petitioner).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leslie K. Shapiro, Mass Media Bureau, 202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 98-12, adopted January 28, 1998, and released February 6, 1998. 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 Services, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

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. 98-16, RM-9213]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Three Rivers, TX

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Live Oak Broadcasting requesting the allotment of Channel 265A at Three Rivers, Texas, as the community's second local FM service. Channel 265A can be allotted in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 4.2 kilometers (2.6 miles) southeast in order to avoid a short-spacing conflict with the site specified in Station KONO(FM)'s construction permit for Channel 266C1 at Helotes, Texas. The coordinates for Channel 265A at Three Rivers are 28-25-45 NL and 98-09-51 WL.