

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[DA 00-2067; MM Docket No. 00-94; RM-9883]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Almont, ND

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule, dismissal.

SUMMARY: The Commission dismisses the request of Morton County Radio to allot Channel 294A to Almont, ND, as its first local aural service. See 65 FR 3639, June 8, 2000. Neither the petitioner nor any other party filed comments expressing an intention to file for the channel, if allotted.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Leslie K. Shapiro, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Report and Order, MM Docket No. 00-94, adopted August 30, 2000, and released September 8, 2000. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239), 445 12th Street, SW., 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.

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

[DA 00-2068, MM Docket No. 00-165, RM-9941]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Royston and Arcade, GA

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Southern Broadcasting of Athens, Inc., licensee of Station WPUP(FM), Channel

279C3, Royston, GA, seeking the reallocation of Channel 279C3 from Royston to Arcade, GA, as the community's first local aural service, and modification of Station WPUP(FM)'s license accordingly. Petitioner is requested to provide further information concerning the status of Arcade as a community for allotment purposes and the areas and populations which will gain and lose service if the reallocation is granted. Channel 279C3 can be allotted to Arcade in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 21 kilometers (13 miles) north, at coordinates 34-15-09 NL; 83-28-28 WL, to avoid a short-spacing to Stations WVEE, Channel 277C, Atlanta, GA, WVXX, Channel 279A, Irwinton, GA, and WDDK, Channel 280A, Greensboro, GA, as well as to accommodate petitioner's desired transmitter site.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before October 30, 2000, and reply comments on or before November 14, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows: Gary S. Smithwick, Smithwick & Belendiuk, P.C., 1990 M Street, NW., Suite 510, Washington, DC 20036 (Counsel to 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. 00-165, adopted August 30, 2000, and released September 8, 2000. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center, 445 12th Street, SW., 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.

Federal Communications Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

48 CFR Part 213

[DFARS Case 2000-D019]

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Overseas Use of the Purchase Card in Contingency, Humanitarian, or Peacekeeping Operations

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Proposed rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Director of Defense Procurement is proposing to amend the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to permit contracting officers supporting a contingency, humanitarian, or peacekeeping operation to use the Governmentwide commercial purchase card on a stand-alone basis for purchases valued at or below the simplified acquisition threshold. Use of the purchase card streamlines purchasing and payment procedures and, therefore, increases operational efficiency.

DATES: Comments on the proposed rule should be submitted in writing to the address shown below on or before November 20, 2000, to be considered in the formation of the final rule.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should submit written comments on the proposed rule to: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Ms. Susan L. Schneider, OUSD (AT&L) DP (DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062. Telefax (703) 602-0350.

E-mail comments submitted via the Internet should be addressed to: dfars@acq.osd.mil.

Please cite DFARS Case 2000-D019 in all correspondence related to this proposed rule. E-mail correspondence should cite DFARS Case 2000-D019 in the subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Susan Schneider, (703) 602-0326.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Background**

This rule proposes to amend the policy at DFARS 213.301 to permit contracting officers supporting a contingency operation, as defined in 10 U.S.C. 101(a)(13), or a humanitarian or peacekeeping operation, as defined in 10 U.S.C. 2302(8), to use the Governmentwide commercial purchase card on a stand-alone basis for purchases valued at or below the simplified acquisition threshold. In accordance with FAR 2.101, the simplified acquisition threshold for contingency, humanitarian, or peacekeeping operations is \$200,000.

Use of the purchase card at the \$200,000 threshold would be subject to the existing conditions at DFARS 213.301 and the following additional conditions: (1) The supplies or services must be immediately available; and (2) Only one delivery and one payment will be made. These additional conditions are similar to those placed on contingency contracting officers using the Standard Form 44, Purchase Order-Invoice-Voucher, in accordance with FAR 13.306 and DFARS 213.306.

This rule was not subject to Office of Management and Budget review under Executive Order 12866, dated September 30, 1993.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The proposed rule is not expected to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*, because the rule applies only to purchases that are made outside the United States for use outside the United States in support of contingency, humanitarian, or peacekeeping operations. Therefore, DoD has not performed an initial regulatory flexibility analysis. DoD invites comments from small businesses and other interested parties. DoD also will consider comments from small entities concerning the affected DFARS subpart in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Such comments should be submitted separately and should cite DFARS Case 2000-D019.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the rule does not impose any information collection requirements that require the approval of the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 213

Government procurement.

Michele P. Peterson,
Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.

Therefore, DoD proposes to amend 48 CFR Part 213 as follows:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR Part 213 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 421 and 48 CFR Chapter 1.

PART 213—SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION PROCEDURES

2. Section 213.301 is amended by adding paragraph (3) to read as follows:

213.301 Governmentwide commercial purchase card.

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(3) A contracting officer supporting a contingency operation as defined in 10 U.S.C. 101(a)(13) or a humanitarian or peacekeeping operation as defined in 10 U.S.C. 2302(8) also may use the Governmentwide commercial purchase card to make a purchase that exceeds the micro-purchase threshold but does not exceed the simplified acquisition threshold, if—

(i) The supplies or services being purchased are immediately available;

(ii) One delivery and one payment will be made; and

(iii) The requirements of paragraphs (2)(i) and (ii) of this section are met.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**48 CFR Part 1811****Priorities and Allocations**

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

ACTION: Proposed Rule.

SUMMARY: This is a proposed rule amending the NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) to specify that use of a priority rating under the Defense Priorities and Allocations System (DPAS) regulation is not required unless the acquisition is in one of the Schedule L categories of the DPAS.

DATES: Comments should be submitted on or before November 20, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should submit written comments to James H. Dolvin, NASA Headquarters, Office of Procurement, Contract Management Division (Code HK), Washington, DC 20546. Comments may also be

submitted by e-mail to:
jdolvin1@mail.hq.nasa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
James H. Dolvin, Code HK, (202) 358-1279, jdolvin1@mail.hq.nasa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Background**

The Defense Priorities and Allocations System is a Department of Commerce program which supports certain authorized national defense programs by requiring that contractors give priority treatment to contracts which have priority ratings. NFS Subpart 1811.6 currently requires that most NASA contractual actions receive a priority rating under the Defense Priorities and Allocations System (DPAS) regulation (15 CFR 700). The present NFS requirement is being changed to provide that NASA acquisition actions will be rated only if they are in one of the categories in DPAS Schedule L.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

NASA certifies that this proposed rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small business entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 USC 601, *et seq.*), because it does not impose any new requirements on offerors or contractors.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the changes to the NFS do not impose any recordkeeping or information collection requirements, or collection of information from offerors, contractors, or members of the public that require the approval of the Office of Management and Budget under 44 USC 3501, *et seq.*

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 1811

Government procurement.

Tom Luedtke,
Associate Administrator for Procurement.

Accordingly, 48 CFR Part 1811 is proposed to be amended as follows:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR part 1811 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2473(c)(1).

PART 1811—DESCRIBING AGENCY NEEDS

2. Subpart 1811.6 is revised to read as follows:

Subpart 1811.6—Priorities and Allocations**1811.603 Procedures.**

(e)(i) Priority ratings are assigned on individual contracts and purchase