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47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 96-43; RM-8754]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Frederiksted, VI

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Jose J. Arzuaga proposing the allotment of Channel 297B1, Frederiksted, Virgin Islands, as potentially the community's third local FM transmission service. Channel 297B1 can be allotted to Frederiksted in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements at city reference coordinates. The coordinates for Channel 297B1 at Frederiksted are North Latitude 17-42-48 and West Longitude 64-53-00.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before May 3, 1996 and reply comments on or before May 20, 1996.

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: James L. Oyster, Esq., 108 Oyster Lane, Castleton, Virginia 22716 (Counsel for Petitioner).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon P. McDonald, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's *Notice of Proposed Rule Making*, MM Docket No. 96-43, adopted February 14, 1996, and released March 12, 1996. 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 Service, 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.

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Radio broadcasting.

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[MM Docket No. 96-44; RM-8745]

Television Broadcasting Services; Woodward, OK

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Channel 35+ Broadcasters seeking the allotment of UHF TV Channel 35 to Woodward, OK, as the community's second local and first commercial television service. Channel 35+ can be allotted to Woodward in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements without the imposition of a site restriction, at coordinates 36-26-12 NL; 99-23-36 WL.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before May 3, 1996, and reply comments on or before May 20, 1996.

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: Kathryn R. Schmeltzer, Esq., Kevin M. Walsh, Esq., Fisher Wayland, Cooper Leader and Zaragoza, L.L.P., 2001 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Suite 400, Washington, DC 20006 (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. 96-44, adopted January 31, 1996, and released March 12, 1996. 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, 2100 M Street, NW., Suite 140, Washington, DC 20037.

Provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to this proceeding.

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[MM Docket No. 96-39; RM-8757]

Television Broadcasting Services; Irma, WI

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition filed by David A. White proposing the allotment of UHF Television Channel 30+ to Irma, Wisconsin, as that community's first local television service. Canadian concurrence will be requested for this allotment at coordinates 45-21-06 and 89-40-06. There is a plus offset on Channel 30.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before May 2, 1996, and reply comments on or before May 17, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, as follows: David A. White, 10400 Olson Drive, Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54703.

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. 96-39, adopted February 26, 1996, and released March 11, 1996. 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., 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* contact.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 571

[Docket No. 96-020; Notice 1]

Public Meeting—Vehicle Lamps and Reflective Devices

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This document announces a public meeting at which the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) will seek information from interested persons on the safety performance of vehicle lamps and reflective devices. NHTSA also will

consider suggestions for actions, both regulatory and non-regulatory, that the agency should take to enhance the safety of vehicle lighting systems. This document also invites written comments on the same subject.

DATES: *Public meeting:* The meeting will be held on April 17, 1996, from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm. Those wishing to make an oral presentation at the meeting should contact Michael Pyne at the address, telephone number, or fax number listed below by close of business on April 4, 1996.

Written comments: Written comments are due by close of business on April 26, 1996.

ADDRESSES: *Public meeting:* The public meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 4550 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego, CA 92122.

Written comments: All written comments should be mailed to the Docket Section, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 5109, 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Please refer to the docket and notice number at the top of this notice when submitting written comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Pyne, Office of Crash Avoidance Standards, NHTSA, 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-4931; Fax 202-366-4329.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory Reform

Calling for a new approach to the way Government interacts with the private sector, President Clinton asked the Executive Branch agencies to improve the regulatory process and seek non-regulatory means of working with the public and regulated industries. Specifically, the President requested that agencies: (1) Cut obsolete regulations; (2) reward results; (3) meet with persons affected by and interested in its regulations; and (4) use consensual rulemaking more frequently. This notice responds to the third item by scheduling a meeting with the public with regard to the safety performance of lamps and reflective devices for cars, light trucks, vans, sport utility vehicles, motorcycles, heavy trucks, buses, and trailers.

Issues to be Addressed

Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 108, Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment, sets minimum requirements for the performance and location of original motor vehicle equipment and replacement lamps and reflective devices including headlamps, tail

lamps, stop lamps, turn signals, and marker lamps on U.S. motor vehicles and trailers. The purpose of the standard is to assure that vehicle lighting and reflective systems provide adequate roadway illumination and enhance the conspicuity of motor vehicles. NHTSA is holding this meeting to help assess the need for improvements to the standard and to keep abreast of new lighting developments before proceeding with research, regulatory, or other activities for improving the safety performance of lighting and reflective systems. NHTSA hopes to obtain information from the public, including drivers, inventors, lighting manufacturers, motor vehicle and trailer manufacturers, vehicle and traffic safety organizations, consumer groups, and others. This information, coming from the grassroots level, will help NHTSA focus its regulatory and non-regulatory actions. The particular motor vehicle lighting issues on which NHTSA seeks comment include the following:

1. Lighting Harmonization

Domestic vehicle manufacturers and other parties support the concept of harmonized vehicle lighting where a single lighting configuration can be built which meets the safety requirements of the U.S., Europe, Japan, and other locations. NHTSA supports this by seeking windows of harmony when it writes regulations as well as by participating in national and international efforts to identify and implement such windows. Currently, the U.S. lighting standard, FMVSS 108, and standards of other nations have differences in requirements that cause multiple versions of lamps to be manufactured for vehicles produced for the world market. Economies of scale can result from achieving windows of harmony where one version of lamp can comply.

2. Geometric Visibility of Lamps

NHTSA published an NPRM on October 26, 1995 (60 FR 54833), proposing to harmonize the geometric visibility of lamps in response to a petition. NHTSA took that opportunity to propose other harmonizing aspects that could be implemented. Since lamp location and visibility are important for safety, the agency would like comments on this subject. It is a major topic of discussion in the area of lighting harmonization.

3. Headlamp Beam Patterns

NHTSA may consider whether to amend the performance requirements of headlamp beam patterns. There are a