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Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

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[MM Docket No. 96-242; RM-8940]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Cheyenne, Wyoming

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Montgomery Broadcasting Limited Liability Company proposing the allotment of Channel 229A at Cheyenne, Wyoming, as the community's sixth local FM transmission service. Channel 229A can be allotted to Cheyenne in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 9.7 kilometers (6.0 miles) northeast to avoid a short-spacing to the vacant allotment site for Channel 232C3, Wellington, Colorado. The coordinates for Channel 229A at Cheyenne are North Latitude 41-12-39 and West Longitude 104-44-54.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before January 27, 1997, and reply comments on or before February 11, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows: Allan G. Moskowitz, Esq., Kaye, Scholer, Fierman, Hays & Handler, LLP, 901 15th Street, N.W., Suite 1100, Washington, D.C. 20005 (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.

96-242, adopted November 29, 1996, and released December 6, 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, N.W., Washington, D.C. 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, N.W., Suite 140, Washington, D.C. 20037.

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

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[MM Docket No. 96-243; RM-8925]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Chugwater, Wyoming

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Mountain Tower Broadcasting proposing the allotment of Channel 258A at Chugwater, Wyoming, as the community's first local aural transmission service. Channel 258A can be allotted to Chugwater in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements at city reference coordinates. The coordinates for Channel 258A at Chugwater are North Latitude 41-45-36 and West Longitude 104-49-30.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before January 27, 1997, and reply comments on or before February 11, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows: Victor A. Michael, Jr., President, Mountain Tower Broadcasting, c/o Magic City Media, 1912 Capitol Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001 (Petitioner).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sharon P. McDonald, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 96-240, RM-8946]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Lockport, New York

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Culver Communications Corp. seeking the allotment of Channel 221A to Lockport, NY, as the community's first local FM service. Channel 221A can be allotted to Lockport in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements, with request to domestic allotments, without the imposition of a site restriction, at coordinates 43-10-12 North Latitude and 78-41-54 West Longitude. However, Lockport is located within 320 kilometers (200 miles) of the U.S.-Canadian border, and the allotment would result in short-spacings to Station CKPC-FM, Channel 221C1, Brantford, Ontario, Channels 219C1, St. Catherine, Ontario, 220B, Peterboro, Ontario, 222B, Oshawa, Ontario, and 223B, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Petitioner states that appropriate protection of all of the above channels, with the exception of Station CKPC-FM, can be accomplished with the proposed Lockport station operating nondirectionally with 6 kilowatts of power at 100 meters above average terrain. With regard to the short-spacing to Station CKPC-FM, petitioner states that it will directionalize its signal to avoid any prohibited interference. Therefore, we will request concurrence by the Canadian Government in the allotment of Channel 221A to Lockport as a specially negotiated allotment.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before January 27, 1997, and reply comments on or before February 11, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows: Richard C. Greene, President, Culver Communications Corporation, P.O. Box 477, Lockport, New York 14095 (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. 96-240, adopted November 29, 1996, and released December 6, 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, D.C. 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, N.W., Suite 140, Washington, D.C. 20037.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 571

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[Docket No. 96-41, Notice 01]

Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Lamps, Reflective Devices and Associated Equipment

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: This document seeks public comment on the value of several signal lamp ideas which have been suggested to the agency, and on whether NHTSA should permit auxiliary signal lamps in addition to those required by Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 108. NHTSA also seeks comment on a policy for the disposition of petitions for rulemaking that request the agency to require or permit safety lighting inventions and which are submitted without proof of their effectiveness.

DATES: Comments are due March 13, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to Docket No. 96-41, Notice 1, and be submitted to: Docket Section, room 5109, 400 Seventh Street S. W., Washington, DC 20590 (Docket hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.) It is requested that 10 copies of the comments be provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For technical issues: Richard Van Iderstine, Office of Crash Avoidance Standards, NPS-21, telephone (202) 366-5280, FAX (202) 366-4329.

For legal issues: Taylor Vinson, Office of Chief Counsel, NCC- 20, (202) 366-5263, FAX (202) 366-3820.

Both may be reached at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh St., S.W., Washington, D.C., 20590. Comments should not be sent or FAXed to these persons, but should be sent to the Docket Section.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Background

Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 108 ("Standard No. 108"), *Lamps, Reflective Devices and Associated Equipment* (49 CFR 571.108) includes requirements for specified types of signal lamps to be installed on new motor vehicles, and regulates their performance in terms of color, brightness, quantity, duty cycle (steady or flashing) and details of activation (e.g., turned on with the headlamps). The purpose of these specifications is to establish the presence of a vehicle in the roadway, and to signal its driver's intentions to other motorists and pedestrians. Communication via these signal lamps is best accomplished with a degree of standardization in order to minimize ambiguity. In drafting the signal lamp requirements, NHTSA has balanced the need for standardization with its desire to allow as much design freedom as possible for the location, shape, styling, and light source design of the lamps. For example, the intensity ranges of taillamps and stop lamps are regulated so that a person can distinguish a red stop lamp from a red taillamp immediately at the initiation of braking, without having to notice the transition. However, the size and shape of stop lamps and taillamps are left to the designer of the device. Likewise, stop lamps are required to be steady-burning to distinguish them from the required flashing of turn signals and hazard warning signal lamps of the same brightness and color. Paragraph S5.1.3 of Standard No. 108 also allows for auxiliary lighting equipment beyond the required equipment, provided that the auxiliary equipment does not "impair the effectiveness" of the required lamps and reflectors. (In the case of auxiliary lamps of emergency vehicles and tow trucks, the usual agency policy is to leave the specifications to the discretion of State governments.)

Standard No. 108 is more flexible than the lighting regulations of most