

contractors, International Transcription Service, Inc., (202) 857-3800, located at 1919 M Street, NW., Room 246, or 2100 M Street, NW., Suite 140, Washington, DC 20037.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Part 73 of title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 73—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Secs. 303, 48 Stat., as amended, 1082; 47 U.S.C. 154, as amended.

§ 73.202 [Amended]

2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Colorado, is amended by adding Channel 297A at Hayden.

3. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Colorado, is amended by adding Meeker, Channel 251C. Federal Communications Commission.

John A. Karousos,

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

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47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 96-32; RM-8719]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Canton, MO and Canton, IL

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document substitutes Channel 265C2 for Channel 265C3 at Canton, Missouri, and modifies the license for Station KRRY to specify operation on Channel 265C2, in response to a proposal filed by Bick Broadcasting Co. See 61 FR 10300, March 13, 1996. The coordinates for Channel 265C2 at Canton, Missouri, are 40-07-33 and 91-31-42. To accommodate the upgrade at Canton, Missouri, we shall substitute Channel 266A for Channel 265A at Canton, Illinois, and provide cut-off protection to the applicant for Channel 266A (BPH-951011MA). The coordinates for Channel 266A at Canton, Illinois, are 40-36-49 and 89-56-22. With this action this proceeding is terminated.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 7, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathleen Scheuerle, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's *Report*

and Order, MM Docket No. 96-32, adopted August 16, 1996, and released August 23, 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.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Part 73 of title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 73—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Secs. 303, 48 Stat., as amended, 1082; 47 U.S.C. 154, as amended.

§ 73.202 [Amended]

2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Missouri, is amended by removing Channel 265C3 and adding Channel 265C2 at Canton.

3. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Illinois is amended by removing Channel 265A and adding Channel 266A at Canton.

Federal Communications Commission.

John A. Karousos,

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

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47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 95-166; RM-8717]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Chama, NM

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission, at the request of KNXX, Inc., allots Channel 255A to Chama, New Mexico, as the community's first local aural service. See 60 FR 56553, November 9, 1995. Channel 255A can be allotted to Chama in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements without the imposition of a site restriction, at coordinates 36-54-12 North Latitude and 106-34-42 West Longitude. With this action, this proceeding is terminated.

DATES: Effective October 15, 1996. The window period for filing applications will open on October 15, 1996, and close on November 5, 1996.

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. 95-166, adopted August 23, 1996, and released August 30, 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.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Part 73 of title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 73—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Secs. 303, 48 Stat., as amended, 1082; 47 U.S.C. 154, as amended.

§ 73.202 [Amended]

2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under New Mexico, is amended by adding Chama, Channel 255A.

Federal Communications Commission.

John A. Karousos,

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

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47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 96-93; RM-8788]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Oxford, MS

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission, at the request of Angel Broadcasting, allots Channel 286A to Oxford, Mississippi, as the community's fourth local FM service. See 61 FR 20207, May 6, 1996. Channel 286A can be allotted to Oxford in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of

11.2 kilometers (6.9 miles) north in order to avoid short-spacing conflicts with the licensed site of Station WBKJ(FM), Channel 286C1, Kosciusko, Mississippi, and with a construction permit for Station WLPX(FM)[formerly WYCG(FM)], Channel 288A, Water Valley, Mississippi. The coordinates for Channel 286A are at Oxford 34–28–06 and 89–30–33. With this action, this proceeding is terminated.

DATES: Effective October 7, 1996. The window period for filing applications will open on October 7, 1996, and close on November 7, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pam Blumenthal, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418–2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's *Report and Order*, MM Docket No. 96–93, adopted August 16, 1996, and released August 23, 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, ITS, Inc., (202) 857–3800, 2100 M Street, NW., Suite 140, Washington, DC 20037.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Part 73 of title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 73—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Secs. 303, 48 Stat., as amended, 1082; 47 U.S.C. 154, as amended.

§ 73.202 [Amended]

2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Mississippi, is amended by adding Channel 286A at Oxford.

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 575

[Docket No. 94–30, Notice 06]

RIN 2127–AF17

Consumer Information Regulations: Uniform Tire Quality Grading Standards

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

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule amends the Uniform Tire Quality Grading Standards to: Revise treadwear testing procedures to maintain the base course wear rate of course monitoring tires at its current value of 1.34. This revision is expected to eliminate treadwear grade inflation, reduce testing expenses, and reduce the environmental consequences of operating test convoys for the purpose of calculating the base course wear rate for each new batch of course monitoring tires; and add a top end traction grading category of “AA” to the current traction grading categories of A, B, and C. The new AA category will make possible the differentiation of tires with the very highest traction characteristics from those with lower traction characteristics.

DATES: This final rule is effective March 9, 1998.

Any petition for reconsideration of this rule must be received by NHTSA not later than October 24, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Petitions for reconsideration should refer to the docket and notice numbers noted above for this rule and be submitted to the Docket Section, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street SW, Room 5109, Washington, DC 20590; telephone (202) 366–4949. Docket room hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical issues: Mr. Orron Kee, Chief, Consumer Programs Division, Office of Planning and Consumer Programs, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street SW, Room 5307, Washington, DC 20590; telephone (202) 366–0846; FAX (202) 493–2739. For legal issues: Mr. Walter K. Myers, Office of the Chief Counsel, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street SW, Room 5219, Washington, DC 20590; telephone (202) 366–2992; FAX (202) 366–3820.

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I. Introduction

This final rule amends the Uniform Tire Quality Grading Standards (49 CFR 575.104) to fix the base course wear rate of course monitoring tires at a permanent value of 1.34, and establishes an AA traction grade. A proposal in the agency's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking of May 24, 1995 (60 FR 27472) to rescind the temperature resistance grade and substitute therefor a fuel economy grade based on low rolling resistance characteristics of tires is not addressed in this notice (see the discussion in paragraph II(d) below).

II. Background

(a) *Current Provisions.* Section 30123(e) of Title 49, United States Code requires the Secretary of Transportation to prescribe a uniform system for grading motor vehicle tires to assist consumers in making informed choices when purchasing tires. Pursuant to that congressional mandate, NHTSA promulgated the Uniform Tire Quality Grading Standards (UTQGS) in 49 CFR 575.104. The UTQGS apply to new pneumatic tires for use on passenger cars, except deep tread, winter-type snow tires, space-saver or temporary-use spare tires, tires with nominal rim diameters of 10 to 12 inches, and limited production tires as defined in § 575.104(c)(2).

The UTQGS require tire manufacturers and tire brand name owners to grade their tires with respect to their relative treadwear, traction, and