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VIII. Administrative Record

The record supporting this decision is contained in docket control number OPPTS-400107. All documents, including the references listed in Unit VI. above and an index of the docket, are available to the public in the TSCA Non-Confidential Information Center (NCIC), also known as the Public Docket Office, from noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The TSCA NCIC is located at EPA Headquarters, Rm. NE-B607, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 372

Environmental protection, Community right-to-know, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, and Toxic chemicals.

Dated: December 23, 1996.

Lynn R. Goldman,
Assistant Administrator, for Prevention,
Pesticides and Toxic Substances.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 96-259; RM-8970]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Moscow, ID

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition for rule making filed by Darin L. Siebert requesting the allotment of Channel 277A to Moscow, Idaho, as that community's second local commercial FM service. Coordinates used for Channel 277A at Moscow are 46-42-24 and 116-55-08. As Moscow, Idaho, is located within 320 kilometers (199 miles) of the Canadian border, the Commission must obtain the concurrence of the Canadian government to this proposal.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before February 18, 1997, and reply comments on or before March 5, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, as follows: Darin L. Siebert, S. 605 Grand Ave., Pullman, WA 99163.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 96-259, adopted December 20, 1996, and released December 27, 1996. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC'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 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.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission

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47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 96-258; RM-8967]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Valdez, AK

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition for rule making filed on behalf of North Wave Communications, Inc., seeking the allotment of FM Channel 227A to Valdez, Alaska, as that community's first local FM transmission service. Coordinates used for this proposal are 61-07-00 and 146-16-00. As Valdez, Alaska, is located within 320 kilometers (199 miles) of the Canadian border, the Commission must obtain the concurrence of the Canadian government to this proposal.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before February 18, 1997, and reply comments on or before March 5, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner's counsel, as follows: Michael H. Bader, Esq., Haley Bader & Potts, P.L.C., 4350 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 900, Arlington, VA 22203-1633.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 96-258, adopted December 20, 1996, and released December 27, 1996. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC'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 Service,

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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.

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47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 96-260, RM-8965]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Mankato, Minnesota

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition filed by Mid-Minnesota Broadcasting Company proposing the allotment of Channel 231A to Mankato, Minnesota. The coordinates for Channel 231A at Mankato are 44-10-12 and 94-00-24.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before February 18, 1997, and reply comments on or before March 5, 1997.

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: Abdolmajid Khalizadeh, Philip A. Rubin & Associates, Inc., 1350 Connecticut Avenue, Suite 610, Washington, DC 20036.

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. 96-260, adopted December 20, 1996, and released December 27, 1996. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying

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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.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission

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47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 96-257, RM-8966]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Cloudcroft, New Mexico

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Robert J. Flotte seeking the allotment of Channel 250C1 to Cloudcroft, New Mexico, as the community's first local aural transmission service. Channel 250C1 can be allotted to Cloudcroft in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements without the imposition of a site restriction, at coordinates 32-57-30 North Latitude and 105-44-42 West Longitude. Mexican concurrence in the allotment is required since the community is located within 320 kilometers (199 miles) of the U.S.-Mexican border.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before February 18, 1997, and reply comments on or before March 5, 1997.

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