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#### List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

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### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

#### 47 CFR Part 73

[DA No. 99-2810, MM Docket No. 99-356, RM-9779]

#### Radio Broadcasting Services; Mertzon, TX

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document requests comments on a petition filed by Schleicher County Radio proposing the allotment of Channel 266A at Mertzon, Texas. The channel can be allotted to Mertzon in compliance with the Commission's spacing requirements without a site restriction at coordinates 31-15-30 NL and 100-49-00 WL. Mexican concurrence will be requested for the allotment at Mertzon.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed on or before February 7, 2000, and reply comments on or before February 22, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, as follows: Randy Parker, Schleicher County Radio, 25415 Glenn Lock, The Woodlands, Texas 77380.

**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. 99-356, adopted December 8, 1999, and released December 17, 1999. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the Commission's Reference Center, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractors, International Transcription Services, Inc., 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC. 20036,

(202) 857-3800, facsimile (202) 857-3805. 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.

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### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

#### 47 CFR Part 73

[DA 99-2759; MM Docket No. 99-350; RM-9769]

#### Radio Broadcasting Services; Simmesport, LA

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document requests comments on a petition for rule making filed on behalf of C. Wayne Dowdy, requesting the allotment of Channel 287A to Simmesport, Louisiana, an incorporated community, as that locality's first local aural transmission service. Coordinates used for this proposal are 30-53-30 NL; 91-47-00 WL.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed on or before January 31, 2000, and reply comments on or before February 15, 2000.

**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: Lawrence J. Bernard, Jr., Esq., 5224 Chevy Chase Parkway, NW, Washington, DC 20015.

**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. 99-350, adopted December 1, 1999, and released December 10, 1999. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC's Reference Information Center (Room CY-A257), 445 Twelfth Street, SW, Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036, (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* contacts.

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#### List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

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### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

#### 47 CFR Part 73

[DA 99-2759; MM Docket No. 99-349; RM-9766]

#### Radio Broadcasting Services; Hemet, CA

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document requests comments on a petition for rule making filed on behalf of Arana Productions requesting the allotment of Channel 273A to Hemet, California, as that community's second local FM transmission service. As Hemet is located within 320 kilometers (199 miles) of the U.S.-Mexico border, concurrence of the Mexican government to the requested allotment of Channel 273A to that community is required.

Coordinates used for this proposal are 33-44-41 NL; 116-59-13 WL.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed on or before January 31, 2000, and reply comments on or before February 15, 2000.

**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: Peter Gutmann, Esq., Pepper & Corazzini, L.L.P., 1776 K Street, N.W., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20006.

**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. 99-349, adopted December 1, 1999, and released December 10, 1999. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC's Reference Information Center (Room CY-A257), 445 Twelfth Street, SW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036, (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* contacts.

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

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 73

[DA 99-2759; MM Docket No. 99-348; RM-9765]

#### Radio Broadcasting Services; Tallulah, LA

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document requests comments on a petition for rule making filed by Joe Kool Broadcasting requesting the allotment of Channel 248A to Tallulah, Louisiana, as that community's second local FM transmission service. Coordinates used for this proposal are 32-25-07 NL; 91-12-15 WL.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed on or before January 31, 2000, and reply comments on or before February 15, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, as follows: Donald B. Brady, d/b/a Joe Kool Broadcasting, 204 Duncan Avenue, Jackson, MS 39202.

**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. 99-348, adopted December 1, 1999, and released December 10, 1999. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC's Reference Information Center (Room CY-A257), 445 Twelfth Street, SW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036, (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* contacts.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Research and Special Programs Administration

#### 49 CFR Part 195

[Docket RSPA-99-5455]

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#### Pipeline Safety: Areas Unusually Sensitive to Environmental Damage

**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This proposed rule defines drinking water and ecological areas that are unusually sensitive to environmental damage if there is a hazardous liquid pipeline release. We refer to these areas as unusually sensitive areas (USAs). The proposed definition was created through a series of public workshops and our collaboration with a wide-range of federal, state, public, and industry stakeholders. RSPA is working on a pilot test that implements the proposed definition and identifies USAs in three states: Texas, Louisiana, and California. Other government agencies, environmental groups, and academia will evaluate the final results of this pilot test. RSPA will publish the results of the pilot test and technical analysis once they are complete. This proposed rule would not require specific action by pipeline operators. However, this proposed definition would be used as criteria in evaluating requirements by certain existing and future regulations.

**DATES:** Send written comments by June 27, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments in duplicate to the Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room #PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Persons who want confirmation of mailed comments must include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Comments may also be e-mailed to