

Such proposals also seek to enable international carriers to enter and exit the market more quickly with greater flexibility to meet the evolving needs of a global telecommunications market.

#### C. Legal Basis

The proposed action is authorized under Sections 4 and 203 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 154, 203 (1995).

#### D. Reporting, Recordkeeping and Other Compliance Requirements

None.

#### E. Federal Rules That Overlap, Duplicate or Conflict With These Rules

None.

#### F. Description, Potential Impact, and Number of Small Entities Involved

The proposals discussed in this notice of proposed rulemaking will reduce regulatory requirements on small resellers and facilities-based providers who file international Section 214 authorization applications and tariffs. These proposals also are intended to enable these carriers to enter and exit the market more quickly thereby enabling increased competition in the international markets. Copies of this notice will be sent to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration.

#### G. Any Significant Alternatives Minimizing the Impact on Small Entities Consistent With Stated Objective(s)

None.

#### Summary of Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposes to streamline the international Section 214 authorization process and tariff requirements. The proposed rules would greatly reduce the regulatory burdens on applicants, authorized carriers, and the Commission and make it easier for carriers to enter, expand and exit the international service market.

The notice proposes to ease entry into the marketplace by enabling a nondominant carrier to obtain a global Section 214 authorization, which is not limited to specific carrier facilities. This authorization would allow carriers to provide international services to virtually all points in the world, using any licensed facility. This authorization would be subject to an exclusion list that the Commission would publish identifying countries or facilities for which there are restrictions. To further ease entry into the international marketplace, the Notice proposes to simplify and accelerate the Section 214

and cable landing license application process. The notice proposes to reduce the detailed information now required of these applicants. To accelerate the Commission's processing of applications, the Notice proposes to shorten the comment period on applications that are subject to streamlined processing for facilities-based and resale applicants from 30 to 21 days and for nonstreamlined applications from 30 to 28 days and proposes a 14 day reply period for all applications. The notice also proposes to encourage electronic filing of international Section 214 applications and to require that applications in foreign languages be accompanied with a certified translation in English.

The notice also would eliminate several regulatory requirements that delay carriers from expanding their services. Under the proposals, resellers could provide international resale services via any authorized common carrier, except those affiliated with the reseller, without obtaining additional authority. Private line resale carriers could resell interconnected private lines for switched services to all designated "equivalent" countries, without obtaining additional authority to serve each equivalent county. Carriers may add circuits on private satellite or cable systems, without obtaining prior authority.

The notice also eases exit from the market, as the proposals allow dominant carriers to automatically convey transmission capacity in submarine cables to other carriers without obtaining prior Section 214 authority. Additionally, the proposals allow nondominant carriers to provide 60, as opposed to 120, days' notice to their customers before discontinuing service or retiring facilities.

The notice also proposes to further streamline the tariff requirements for nondominant international resale and facilities-based carriers by permitting them to file their international tariffed rates on one day's notice instead of the current 14 days' notice. And, the Commission seeks comment, in general, on whether to streamline the international tariff process.

Finally, the Commission seeks comments on what, if any, Section 214 authorization requirements it should forgo or apply if given forbearance authority by Congress.

#### List of Subjects

##### 47 CFR Part 61

Communications common carriers.

##### 47 CFR Part 63

Communications common carriers.

Federal Communications Commission.

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#### 47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 93-142; RM-8208]

#### Television Broadcasting Services; Willits, CA

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule; dismissal.

**SUMMARY:** This document dismisses a petition filed on behalf of Granite Broadcasting Corporation and KNTV, Inc., owner and licensee, respectively of Station KNTV(TV), Channel 11, San Jose, California, seeking the deletion of vacant VHF television Channel 11 at Willits, California, to accommodate its preference to relocate the transmitter of Station KNTV(TV) to a seismologically safer site. See 58 FR 31686, June 4, 1993. An expression of interest in retaining vacant Channel 11 at Willits, combined with the petitioner's inability to demonstrate a compelling showing that the public interest would be better served by its proposal, precludes deletion of the Willits allotment. With this action, the proceeding is terminated.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a synopsis of the Commission's *Report and Order*, MM Docket No. 93-142, adopted July 11, 1995, and released July 19, 1995. 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, 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

Television broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

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