

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. On November 20, 1998, the Commission released a *Notice of Proposed Rule Making*, MM Docket No. 98-204, 63 FR 66104, December 1, 1998, (NPRM), requesting comment on various proposals concerning the Commission's broadcast and cable EEO rules and policies. Comment and Reply Comment deadlines were established for January 19, 1999, and February 18, 1999, respectively.

2. On December 17, 1998, the National Association of Broadcasters ("NAB") filed a "Motion for Extension of Time of Comment and Reply Comment Deadlines" ("Motion").¹ Therein, the NAB requested that we extend the due dates for the submission of comments and reply comments in response to the NPRM to February 18, 1999, and March 23, 1999, respectively. On January 4, 1999, the Minority Media and Telecommunications Council ("MMTC") sent a letter to the Commission expressing support for the NAB's Motion.

3. Because we believed that the public interest would be served by an extension of the comment period in this proceeding, we granted the NAB's Motion and extended the date for filing comments to February 18, 1999, and extended the date for filing reply comments to March 23, 1999, in an Order released January 5, 1999, DA 99-105.

4. On February 10, 1999, the MMTC filed a "Motion for Extension of Time." Therein, the MMTC requested that we extend the due date for the submission of comments in response to the NPRM for three weeks, until March 11, 1999. The MMTC does not seek an extension of the reply comment deadline. In support of its request, the MMTC contends that the workload of preparing comments in this proceeding has been overwhelming, in that it has encountered difficulties in securing witness testimony and because of the illness of the MMTC's Executive Director, who has the responsibility of managing the project and drafting most of the comments. The MMTC argues that, because the MMTC comments will address virtually every issue raised in the NPRM and a "majority of the national organizations likely to participate in this proceeding are expected to sign on to the MMTC's Comments," * * * a brief extension will assist the FCC in developing a full

record," expediting rather than delaying the resolution of this proceeding.²

5. It is Commission policy that extensions of time not be routinely granted. See 1.46(a) of the Commission's Rules, 47 CFR 1.46(a). However, we believe that, in light of the importance of the issues presented in this proceeding, the public interest would be served by affording MMTC additional time in which to prepare its comments. At the same time, we also believe that a three-week extension is too long and inconsistent with the timely dispatch of the Commission's business. As previously stated, we have heretofore extended the comment deadline for 30 days at the request of the NAB, with the support of MMTC. While we appreciate the difficulties faced by the MMTC in drafting comments to this proceeding, we do not wish to delay unnecessarily the expeditious resolution of the important issues raised in this proceeding. Therefore, we believe that the public interest favors a partial grant of this extension of time request. Thus, we will extend the date for filing comments to March 1, 1999. In addition, we believe that the public interest favors a corresponding extension of time for filing reply comments and we will extend that date to March 31, 1999.

6. *Accordingly, It Is Ordered* that the Motion for Extension of Time filed by the MMTC *Is Granted In Part and Denied In Part*.

7. *It is Further Ordered* that the Commission, on its own motion, Extends the time for filing reply comments.

8. *It Is Therefore Ordered* that the dates for filing comments and reply comments in this proceeding *Are Extended* to March 1, 1999, and March 31, 1999, respectively.

9. This action is taken pursuant to authority found in 4(i) and 303(r) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 154(i) and 303(r), and 0.204(b), 0.283 and 1.46 of the Commission's Rules, 47 CFR 0.204(b), 0.283 and 1.46.

List of Subjects*47 CFR Part 0*

Organization and functions (Government agencies).

47 CFR Part 73

Radio, Equal employment opportunity, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Television.

47 CFR Part 76

Cable television, Equal employment opportunity, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Federal Communications Commission.

Roy J. Stewart,

Chief, Mass Media Bureau.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**47 CFR Part 73**

[MM Docket No. 99-49; RM-9473]

Radio Broadcasting Services; El Jebel, CO

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition for rule making filed on behalf of Mountain West Broadcasting requesting the allotment of Channel 263A to El Jebel, Colorado, as that community's first local aural transmission service. Coordinates used for this proposal are 39-23-42 NL and 107-06-29 WL.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before April 5, 1999, and reply comments on or before April 20, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, as follows: Mountain West Broadcasting, c/o Victor A. Michael, Jr., 6807 Foxglove Drive, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009.

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. 99-49, adopted February 3, 1999, and released February 12, 1999. 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 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.

¹ See National Association of Broadcasters' Motion for Extension of Time of Comment and Reply Comment Deadlines, MM Docket Nos. 98-204 and 96-16 at 1.

² See Minority Media and Telecommunications Council's Motion for Extension of Time, MM Docket Nos. 98-204 and 96-16.

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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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 99-48; RM-9472]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Carbondale, CO

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition for rule making filed on behalf of Mountain West Broadcasting, requesting the allotment of Channel 244A to Carbondale, Colorado, as that community's first local commercial FM transmission service. Coordinates used for this proposal are 39-25-30 NL and 107-22-43 WL.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before April 5, 1999, and reply comments on or before April 20, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, as follows: Mountain West Broadcasting, c/o Victor A. Michael, Jr., 6807 Foxglove Drive, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009.

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

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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 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.

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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.

Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 99-47; RM-9471]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Council Grove, KS

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition for rule making filed by Dana Puopolo, requesting the allotment of Channel 281C3 to Council Grove, Kansas, as that community's first local aural transmission service. Coordinates used for this proposal are 38-39-42 NL and 96-29-18 WL.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before April 5, 1999, and reply comments on or before April 20, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, as follows: Dana J. Puopolo, 37 Martin St., Rehoboth, MA 02769-2103.

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. 99-47, adopted February 3, 1999, and released February 12, 1999. 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 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.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 99-46; RM-9470]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Tecopa, CA

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition for rule making filed by Hodson Broadcasting requesting the allotment of Channel 291A to Tecopa, California, as that community's first local aural transmission service. Information is requested regarding the attributes of Tecopa, California, to determine whether it is a *bona fide*