

Part I—Invitation to Comment and Questions for Comment

Members of the public are invited to comment on any issues or concerns they believe are relevant or appropriate to the Commission's consideration of proposed amendments to the Amplifier Rule. The Commission requests that factual data upon which the comments are based be submitted with the comments. In addition to the issues raised above, the Commission solicits public comment on the costs and benefits to industry members and consumers of each of the proposals, as well as the specific questions identified below. These questions are designed to assist the public and should not be construed as a limitation on the issues on which public comment may be submitted.

The written comments submitted will be available for public inspection in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, and Commission regulations, on normal business days between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Room 130, Washington, DC 20580, (202) 326-2222.

Questions

A. Exemption From Rule-Required Disclosures in Media Advertising

(1) Should the Commission amend § 432.2 of the Rule to exempt disclosure of total rated harmonic distortion and the associated power bandwidth and impedance ratings when a power output claim is made in media advertising?

(2) If the Commission amends the Rule to allow the above exemption, should this exemption be conditioned on the requirement that the primary power output specification disclosed in any media advertising be the manufacturer's rated minimum sine wave continuous average power output, per channel, at an impedance of 8 ohms, or, if the amplifier is not designed primarily for an 8-ohm impedance, at the impedance for which the amplifier is primarily designed?

(3) What is the most common nominal impedance rating for the majority of home loudspeakers that are designed to be driven conventionally by separate sound amplification equipment?

B. Rule Coverage of Self-Powered Loudspeakers for Use in the Home

(4) Should the Commission amend § 432.2(a) of the Rule to clarify that, for self-powered combination speaker systems that employ two or more amplifiers dedicated to different

portions of the audio frequency spectrum, only those channels dedicated to the same audio frequency spectrum need be fully driven to rated per channel power under § 432.2(a)(2) of the Rule? If not, how should the Commission amend the Rule to clarify testing procedures for such self-powered combination speaker systems?

C. The Rule's Preconditioning Requirement

(5) Should the Commission amend § 432.3(c) of the Rule to reduce the preconditioning power output requirement from one-third of rated power to one-eighth of rated power?

(6) Should the Commission amend § 432.3(c) of the Rule to explain that, for amplifiers utilized as a component in a self-powered subwoofer system, the sinusoidal wave used as a preconditioning signal may be any frequency within the amplifier's normal operating bandwidth that will allow the amplifier to be driven to one-eighth of rated power for one hour? If not, how should the Commission amend the Rule to clarify the preconditioning protocol for self-powered subwoofers?

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List of Subjects in 16 CFR Part 432

Amplifiers, Home entertainment products, Trade practices.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

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Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality State Implementation Plans; Louisiana; Approval of Clean Fuel Fleet Substitution Program Revision

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA proposes to approve Louisiana's State Implementation Plan (SIP) Clean Fuel Fleet (CFF) substitute program revision because it adequately demonstrates that their substitute program achieves equivalent or better long term reductions in emissions of ozone producing and toxic air pollutants than the Federal CFF program.

In the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**, we are approving the State's SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because we view this as a noncontroversial revision and anticipate no adverse comment. We have explained our reasons for this approval in the preamble to the direct final rule. If we receive no adverse comment, we will not take further action on this proposed rule. If we receive adverse comment, we will withdraw the direct final rule and it will not take effect. We will address all public comments in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. We will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this document should do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments must be received by August 18, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to Mr. Thomas H. Diggs, Chief, Air Planning Section (6PD-L), at the EPA Region 6 Office listed below. Copies of documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations. Anyone wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least two working days in advance.

Environmental Protection Agency,
Region 6, Air Planning Section (6PD-L), 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733.

Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, 7290 Bluebonnet Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Paul Scoggins, of the EPA Region 6 Air Planning Section at (214) 665-7354 at the address above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document concerns approval of the Louisiana Clean Fuel Fleet substitution program SIP revision. For further information, please see the information provided in the direct final action that is located in the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register** publication.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

Dated: July 7, 1999.

Jerry Clifford,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 6.

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