

minimal delay. In addition to these specific proposals, the Commission is also seeking suggestions from the public and the broadcast industry as to additional types of minor modifications that could be effectuated through a one-step licensing process without prior approval of the Commission.

Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

As required by Section 603 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, the Commission has prepared an Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (IRFA) of the expected impact on small entities of the proposals suggested in the NPRM. Written public comments are requested on the IRFA. These comments must be filed in accordance with the same filing deadlines as comments on the rest of the NPRM, but they must have a separate and distinct heading designating them as responses to the Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis. The Secretary shall send a copy of the NPRM, including the Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis, to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration in accordance with paragraph 603 (a) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, Public Law No. 96-354, 94 Stat. 1164, 5 U.S.C. Section 601, *et seq.* (1980).

I. Reason for Action: This proposed action is necessary to provide more flexibility for AM, FM and television stations to effectuate minor modifications of their facilities in instances where there would not likely be any significant impact on other stations. In addition, this proposed action would allow such minor modifications to be made more quickly than under the current procedures.

II. Objectives: The objective of this proceeding is to allow AM, FM, and television station licensees and permittees to bring improved service to the public more efficiently and expeditiously while controlling interference to other stations.

III. Legal Basis: The action taken in this NPRM is authorized by Sections 4(i), 5(c)(1), 302, and 303 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 155(c)(1), 302, and 303.

IV. Description, Potential Impact and Number of Small Entities Affected: The entities affected by this proposal are AM and FM radio and television station licensees and permittees seeking to effect minor modifications of facilities that have previously been authorized by the Commission. The total number of such licensees and permittees is nearly 15,000. Because the Notice proposes provisions which allow for greater flexibility in operation, the option of whether or not to take advantage of the

new rules rests with each licensee or permittee. There is no requirement that any licensee or permittee make any change as a result of these rule amendments. The number of licensees or permittees who might decide to modify their stations pursuant to these rule amendments is unknown, but under the present rules, approximately 150 stations each year file applications that propose the types of facilities modifications that are the subject of these rule amendments.

V. Recording, Record Keeping and Other Compliance Requirements: None.

VI. Federal Rules which Overlap, Duplicate or Conflict with these Rules: None.

VII. Any Significant Alternative Minimizing Impact on Small Entities and Consistent with the Stated Objectives: None.

List of Subjects

47 CFR Part 1

Administrative practice and procedure, Radio, Television.

47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting, Television broadcasting.

47 CFR Part 74

Radio broadcasting, Television broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,

Acting Secretary.

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47 CFR Part 68

[CC Docket No. 96-28; FCC 96-39]

Harmonization of U.S. Network Protection Standard With Canadian Network Protection Standard

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: On February 2, 1996, the Commission adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM). The NPRM is intended to address issues associated with "harmonizing" U.S. and Canadian requirements for connection of terminal equipment to the public switched network. It seeks comment on whether amending of the Commission's rules regarding network protection would foster greater efficiencies in manufacturing terminal equipment without threatening the reliability of the public network. The Commission's network protection rules govern the

terms and conditions under which customer-provided terminal equipment may be connected to the network.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before April 1, 1996, and reply comments must be filed on or before April 16, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marian Gordon, Network Services Division, Special Counsel, Common Carrier Bureau, (202) 418-2337.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This summarizes the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the Matter of Amendment of Part 68 of the Commission's Rules. (CC Docket No. 96-28, FCC 96-39, adopted February 2, 1996, and released February 29, 1996). The file is available for inspection and copying during the weekday hours of 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Commission's Reference Center, Room 239, 1919 M St., N.W., Washington D.C., or copies may be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, ITS, Inc. 2100 M St., N.W., Suite 140, Washington, D.C. 20037, phone (202) 857-3800.

Analysis of Proceeding

The Commission proposes amendments to Part 68 of its rules to foster barrier-free trade between Canada and the United States. The proposed rules are designed to foster greater efficiencies in manufacturing terminal equipment without threatening the reliability of the public switched network. Under the proposed rules, the technical requirements of Part 68 and the Canadian network protection standard CS-03 would be harmonized so that a manufacturer in one country could design terminal equipment to a single, consistent set of technical standards accepted in either the U.S. or Canada. The Commission tentatively concludes that its proposed rules amending Part 68 will eliminate unnecessary differences in terminal attachment requirements between the United States and Canada. It further tentatively concludes that this is consistent with the spirit and letter of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), which mandates elimination of trade barriers through reconciliation of differences in standards and testing procedures. The Commission also tentatively concludes that the proposed rules will become a guide for harmonization efforts around the world and will benefit consumers by creating a more competitive equipment marketplace, thereby lowering

equipment costs. It tentatively concludes that the proposed rules are consistent with the Commission's longstanding commitment to ensure that no public harm results from attachment of private equipment to the public switched network.

Ordering Clauses

Accordingly, *it is ordered*, pursuant to Sections 1, 4(i) and (j), 201-205, 218 of the Communications Act as amended, 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i), 154(j), 201-205, and 218, that notice is hereby given of the proposed changes to Part 68 to harmonize it with Canada's CS-03 certification requirements and comment is invited on this proposal.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 68

Registered terminal equipment,
Telephone.

Federal Communications Commission.
William F. Caton,
Acting Secretary.

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47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 96-66; RM-8729]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Sibley, IA, and Brandon, SD

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition by 21st Century Radio Ventures, Inc., permittee of Station KAJQ(FM), Channel 262A, Sibley, Iowa, seeking the substitution of Channel 261C3 for Channel 262A, the reallocation of Channel 261C3 from Sibley, Iowa, to Brandon, South Dakota, and the modification of Station KAJQ(FM)'s construction permit to specify Brandon as the station's community of license. Channel 261C3 can be allotted to Brandon in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance requirements with a site restriction of 5.4 kilometers (3.4 miles) east to accommodate's 21st's desired site. The coordinates for Channel 261C3 at Brandon are 43-36-02 and 96-31-15. In accordance with Section 1.420(i) of the Commission's Rules, we will not accept competing expressions of interest in use of Channel 261C3 at Brandon or require the petitioner to demonstrate the availability of an additional equivalent class channel for use by such parties.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before May 21, 1996, and reply comments on or before June 5, 1996.

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: James L. Primm, President, 21st Century Radio Ventures, Inc., 530 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 301, Santa Monica, California 90401 (Petitioner).

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's *Notice of Proposed Rule Making*, MM Docket No. 96-66, adopted March 11, 1996, and released March 29, 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 contractor, ITS, 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.
John A. Karousos,
Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 96-63; RM-8777]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Green River, WY

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Wagonwheel Communications Corporation proposing the allotment of

Channel 268C at Green River, Wyoming, as the community's first local aural transmission service. Channel 268C can be allotted to Green River in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements at city reference coordinates. The coordinates for Channel 268C at Green River are North Latitude 41-31-36 and West Longitude 109-28-06.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before May 23, 1996 and reply comments on or before June 7, 1996.

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: Erwin G. Krasnow, Esq., Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, McPherson and Hand, 901 15th Street, NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20005-2301 (Counsel for Petitioner).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon P. McDonald, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's *Notice of Proposed Rule Making*, MM Docket No. 96-63, adopted March 15, 1996, and released April 1, 1996. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC 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., (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.
John A. Karousos,
Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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