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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 97-178, RM-8329, RM-8739]

Radio Broadcasting Services; West Hurley and Rosendale, NY, North Canaan and Sharon, CT

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on two mutually exclusive petitions for rule making. Raymond A. Natole requests the allotment of Channel 255A to West Hurley, NY, as the community's first local aural transmission service. Sacred Heart University, Inc., requests the allotment of Channel *277A to North Canaan, CT, and its reservation for noncommercial educational use, as the community's first local aural transmission service. To accommodate the North Canaan allotment, SHU also requests the substitution of Channel 273A for Channel 277A at Sharon, CT, the modification of Station WQQQ's license to specify the alternate channel, and the substitution of Channel 255A for unoccupied but applied-for Channel 273A at Rosendale, NY. Channel 255A can be allotted to West Hurley without the imposition of a site restriction, at coordinates 42-00-06 North Latitude and 74-06-00 West Longitude. Channel *277A can be allotted to North Canaan with a site restriction of 2.8 kilometers (1.7 miles) northwest, at coordinates 42-03-21; 73-20-56, to avoid a short-spacing to Stations WDRC-FM, Channel 275B, Hartford, CT, WHRL, Channel 276A, Albany, NY, and WODS, Channel 277B, Boston, MA. Channel 255A can be allotted to Rosendale with a site restriction of 10 kilometers (6.2 miles) north, at coordinates 41-55-43; 74-07-45, to avoid a short-spacing to Stations

WPLR, Channel 256B, New Haven, CT, and WFSO, Channel 202A, Olivebridge, NY. Channel 273A can be allotted to Sharon at Station WQQQ's presently licensed transmitter site, at coordinates 41-55-08; 73-34-22. Canadian concurrence in the Rosendale and West Hurley allotment is required since the two communities are located within 320 kilometers (200 miles) of the U.S.-Canadian border.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before October 6, 1997, and reply comments on or before October 21, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioners, or their counsel or consultant, as follows: Raymond A. Natole, P.O. Box 327, Shokan, NY 12481 (Petitioner for West Hurley, NY); Mark N. Lipp, Esq., Ginsburg, Feldman and Bress, Chartered, 1250 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20036-2604 (Counsel to Sacred Heart University, Inc.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 97-178, adopted October 6, 1997, and released October 21, 1997. 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 Services, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

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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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

49 CFR Parts 192 and 195

[Docket No. RSPA-97-2762]

Pipeline Safety: Pipeline Corrosion Control

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA) invites representatives of the gas and hazardous liquid pipeline industry, state and local government, and the public to an open meeting on pipeline corrosion and corrosion control on Monday, September 8, 1997. The public meeting will be held in conjunction with the National Association of Corrosion Engineers (NACE) Fall Committee Meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to gather information on experience with the current Federal pipeline safety regulations on corrosion control, as prescribed in 49 CFR Parts 192 and 195, and to solicit comments and suggestions to improve these regulations. Among the issues is whether the current regulations should be revised, supplemented, or replaced by reference to applicable industry standards and recommended practices.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, September 8, 1997, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Interested persons are invited to attend the meeting and present oral or written statements on the matters set for the meeting. Any person who wishes to speak should notify Jenny Donohue at (202) 366-4046. Please estimate the time that will be required for your presentation. If necessary, RSPA reserves the right to limit the time of each speaker to ensure that everyone who requests an opportunity to speak is allocated sufficient time. Other speakers may have an opportunity to present statements as time allows.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held in conjunction with the NACE International Fall Conference at the Hyatt Regency Oakbrook Hotel, 1909 Spring Road, Oakbrook, Illinois.

COMMENTS: Written comments on the subject of this notice may be submitted by November 8, 1997, to the Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Comments should identify the docket number of this notice (RSPA-97-2762). Persons should submit the original document and one (1) copy. Persons wishing to receive confirmation of receipt of their comments must include a stamped, self-addressed postcard. Alternatively, comments may be submitted via e-mail to "gopala.vinjamuri@rspa.dot.gov". The Dockets Facility is located on the plaza level of the Nassif Building in Room Number 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC. The Dockets Facility is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gopala K. Vinjamuri, (202) 366-4503, U.S. Department of Transportation, RSPA, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20590, or e-mail, gopala.vinjamuri@rspa.dot.gov,

regarding the subject matter of this notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: To further the goals of the President's National Performance Review (NPR) and Regulatory Reinvention Initiative (RRI), RSPA has implemented a program review of those parts of the gas and hazardous liquid pipeline regulations that address corrosion and corrosion control. The purpose of this review is to eliminate or revise those regulations that are outdated or in need of reform. In addition, the Administration encourages increased use of applicable standards to improve safety and to remove unnecessary burdens from the regulated community. See Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A119.

In organizing this public meeting in association with NACE International, a professional society involved in the development of technical standards on corrosion control and prevention, OPS expects attendance from leading corrosion experts, pipeline operators, state pipeline safety officials, and other interested parties. OPS believes this forum is a good opportunity for the

public to participate in discussing pipeline corrosion issues and suggesting ways to enhance pipeline safety.

OPS seeks input on any concerns the public has with the pipeline safety corrosion control regulations, including, but not limited to the following:

(1) Should OPS adopt NACE recommended practices for pipeline corrosion control to supplement current Federal Regulations?

(2) Are the pipeline corrosion control regulations in Parts 192 and 195 sufficient to ensure safety? If not, what changes to the regulations are needed?

(3) Should corrosion control requirements for the gas and hazardous liquid pipelines be the same?

(4) Are there other industry standards concerning corrosion control that OPS should consider for adoption?

OPS's goal is to receive input from all interested parties, so no formal agenda will be prepared.

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Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.
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