

did not adopt a precise calculation of the revenue benchmark in the *Universal Service Order*, but stated that, based on 1994 data received in response to an earlier data request, "it appears that the benchmark for residential services should be approximately \$31 and for single-line businesses should be approximately \$51."

2. In a Public Notice released May 4, 1998, 63 FR 28339 (May 22, 1998), the Common Carrier Bureau sought to augment the record on certain issues relating to the creation of the federal forward-looking economic cost mechanism. With respect to the revenue benchmark, we sought comment generally on the amount of access revenues that should be included in the benchmark. In addition, the Bureau sought comment on the appropriate amount of intraLATA toll revenue that should be included in the revenue benchmark. We also encouraged parties to provide further information about the revenues that are derived from services provided over the network that the universal service mechanism is designed to support.

3. We find that, in addition to comments that we received in response to the May 4th Public Notice, specific information from non-rural local exchange carriers and holding companies is necessary to allow the Commission to calculate accurately the revenue benchmark that may be used to determine the level of federal high cost support. The Commission's suggested residential and business benchmarks of \$31 and \$51, respectively, were based on data that are four years old. In addition, the earlier data request did not ask local exchange carriers to differentiate among various revenue sources that would allow the Commission to deduct specific portions of access or toll revenue from the benchmark.

4. *Purpose of Data Request.* This data request is being issued to assist the Commission in implementing the forward-looking economic cost mechanism used to estimate the amount of universal service support that will be provided to eligible non-rural carriers beginning July 1, 1999.

5. *Carriers Subject to Data Request.* The following non-rural local exchange carriers and holding companies must respond to this data request: Aliant Communications Company, ALLTEL, Ameritech, Anchorage Telephone Utility, Bell Atlantic, BellSouth, Cincinnati Bell, Frontier Corporation, GTE, North State Telephone Company, Puerto Rico Telephone Company, Roseville Telephone Company,

Southern New England, Southwestern Bell, U S West, and United Telephone System.

6. *OMB Approval.* Approved by OMB, 3060-0842, Expires 2/28/1999, Burden hour per respondent: 250 average. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the agency displays a currently valid control number.

7. Accordingly, pursuant to sections 5(c), 201-205, 220(c), 254 and 403 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 155(c), 201-205, 220(c), 254, and 403, and sections 0.91 and 0.291 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 0.91 and 0.291, it is *Hereby Ordered* that Aliant Communications Company, ALLTEL, Ameritech, Anchorage Telephone Utility, Bell Atlantic, BellSouth, Cincinnati Bell, Frontier Corporation, GTE, North State Telephone Company, Puerto Rico Telephone Company, Roseville Telephone Company, Southern New England, Southwestern Bell, U S West, and United Telephone System shall complete the attached Revenue Benchmark Data Request in the prescribed formats, and file their responses to the data request with the Commission by October 6, 1998.

Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 98-149, RM-9331]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Long Beach and Shallotte, NC

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Morfield, L.L.C. seeking the reallocation of Channel 252C3 from Shallotte to Long Beach, NC, as the community's first local aural service, and the modification of its construction permit for Station WAZO(FM) to specify Long Beach as its community of license. Channel 252C3 can be allotted to Long Beach in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 11.6 kilometers (7.2 miles)

east, at coordinates 33-56-49 North Latitude; 78-00-04 West Longitude, to accommodate petitioner's desired transmitter site.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before October 5, 1998, and reply comments on or before October 20, 1998.

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: Ellen S. Mandell, Pepper & Corazzini, L.L.P., 1776 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006 (Counsel to petitioner).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leslie K. Shapiro, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 98-149, adopted August 5, 1998, and released August 14, 1998. 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.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

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