

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION****47 CFR Part 73**

[MM Docket No. 98-189, RM-9377]

**Radio Broadcasting Services; Manzanita, OR****AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by John L. Zolkoske seeking the allotment of Channel 235A to Manzanita, OR, as the community's first local aural service. Channel 235A can be allotted to Manzanita in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements without the imposition of a site restriction, at coordinates 45-43-06 North Latitude; 123-56-18 West Longitude. Canadian concurrence in the allotment is required since the community is located within 320 kilometers (200 miles) of the U.S.-Canadian border.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed on or before December 14, 1998, and reply comments on or before December 29, 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: John L. Zolkoske, 915 N. Douglas Avenue, Stayton, OR 97383 (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. 98-189, adopted October 14, 1998, and released October 23, 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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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Bureau of Transportation Statistics****49 CFR Part 1420**

[Docket No. BTS-98-4659]

RIN 2139-AA05

**Revision to Reporting Requirements for Motor Carriers of Property****AGENCY:** Bureau of Transportation Statistics, DOT.**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) proposes to adopt new accounting and reporting provisions that would provide data for current needs while significantly reducing the annual compliance burden. This rulemaking is being conducted to implement portions of the ICC Termination Act of 1995, which transferred the motor carrier financial and operating data collection program to the Department of Transportation and made several changes to the motor carrier program. Class I motor carriers would file much shortened quarterly reports and file a simplified annual report form based largely on the current Form M-2. Class II carriers would continue filing only annually and would use the same simplified form as class I carriers. In addition, the Bureau proposes a system for considering requests for exemptions from filing and from public release of data. With this document, BTS is also withdrawing its proposal to establish a negotiated rulemaking advisory committee to assist in developing the regulations. This rulemaking action is taken on the Bureau's initiative.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted by December 3, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Please direct comments to the Docket Clerk, Docket No. BTS-98-

4659, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room PL-401, Washington, D.C. 20590, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Comments should identify the regulatory docket number and be submitted in duplicate to the address listed above. Commenters wishing the Department to acknowledge receipt of their comments must submit with those comments a self-addressed stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: Comments on Docket BTS-98-4659. The Docket Clerk will date stamp the postcard and mail it back to the commenter.

If you wish to file comments using the Internet, you may use the U.S. DOT Dockets Management System website at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Please follow the instructions online for more information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

David Mednick, K-2, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; (202) 366-8871; fax: (202) 366-3640; e-mail: david.mednick@bts.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Electronic Access**

All comments submitted will be available for examination in the Rules Docket both before and after the closing date for comments. Internet users can access all comments received by the U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL401, at the address: <http://dms.dot.gov>. Please follow the instructions online for more information and help.

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**II. Background***Authority*

The Secretary of Transportation has authority to establish regulations for the collection of certain data from motor carriers of property and others. Section 103 of the ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803 (1995) (codified at 49 U.S.C. 14123). This authority has been delegated to the Director of the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS). 49 CFR 1.71.

*Brief History of the Program*

The Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) collected financial data from