

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

[MM Docket No. 99-40, RM-9465]

**Radio Broadcasting Services; Richardton, ND****AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by High Plains Broadcasting, Inc., seeking the allotment of Channel 270C to Richardton, ND, as the community's first local aural service. Channel 270C can be allotted to Richardton with a site restriction of 6.2 kilometers (3.8 miles) southwest, at coordinates 46-50-25 NL; 102-21-35 WL, to avoid a short-spacing to Station KBTO, Channel 270C1, Bottineau, ND. Canadian concurrence in the allotment is required since Richardton is located within 320 kilometers (200 miles) of the U.S.-Canadian border.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed on or before March 29, 1999, and reply comments on or before April 13, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows: F. William LeBeau, Hogan & Hartson, L.L.P., 555 Thirteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004-1109 (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. 99-40, adopted January 27, 1999, and released February 5, 1999. 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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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION****47 CFR Part 73**

[MM Docket No. 99-39, RM-9464]

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

**SUMMARY:** The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Washington Interstate Broadcasting Company, Inc., seeking the allotment of Channel 252A to Ranier, OR, as the community's first local aural service. Channel 252A can be allotted to Ranier in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 9.4 kilometers (5.8 miles) north, at coordinates 46-10-18 NL; 122-57-42 WL, to avoid a short-spacing to vacant and unapplied-for Channel 252C3 at Dallas, OR. Canadian concurrence in the allotment is required since Ranier is located within 320 kilometers (200 miles) of the U.S.-Canadian border.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed on or before March 29, 1999, and reply comments on or before April 13, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows: Richard J. Hayes, Jr., 8404 Lee's Ridge Road, Warrenton, VA 20186 (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. 99-39, adopted January 27, 1999, and released February 5, 1999. 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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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION****47 CFR Part 73**

[MM Docket No. 99-38, RM-9451]

**Radio Broadcasting Services; Berthold, ND****AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by High Plains Broadcasting, Inc., to allot Channel 264C to Berthold, ND, as the community's first local aural service. Channel 264C can be allotted to Berthold in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements without the imposition of a site restriction, at coordinates 48-18-54 NL; 101-44-12. Canadian concurrence in the allotment is required since Berthold is located within 320 kilometers (200 miles) of the U.S.-Canadian border.