

at least 100 gross tons. Therefore, the Coast Guard requests information regarding the total number of this type of vessel at port, regional, and national levels.

(2) At which ports are these vessels located? Do these vessels operate out of some specific port all year? If not, from which additional port(s) do they operate? Please identify some specific port(s) rather than a region. That helps the Coast Guard identify any port(s) with a large population of this class of vessel. Please indicate what percentage of the year these vessels are in each location.

(3) What type of safety equipment do these vessels ordinarily carry? What type of safety equipment, at a minimum, should the Coast Guard require these vessels to carry? Examples of safety equipment include, but are not limited to: Type I personal flotation devices; ring life buoys; life rafts; auxiliary vessels; emergency position indicating radio beacon (EPIRB); high water alarms; fire and smoke alarms/detectors; and other fire fighting equipment or systems. What standard(s) should the safety equipment meet? Examples of existing standards for safety equipment include, but are not limited to: American Yacht and Boat Council (AYBC); National Fire Protection Association (NFPA); or American Bureau of Shipping (ABS).

(4) What generally accepted construction standard(s) should these vessels meet? Examples of generally accepted construction standards include, but are not limited to: AYBC, NFPA, or ABS. Do any applications or systems on these vessels currently meet generally accepted standards? Which generally accepted standards normally apply to which application or systems? Examples of applications and systems include, but are not limited to: lifesaving equipment, heating/cooling facilities, marine sanitation devices, structural fire-protection devices, and electrical wiring.

(5) Do owners, operators, or charter brokers require a minimum level of licensing and experience for a vessel operator? If so, what are those requirements? What licensing requirements should the Coast Guard require for operators of uninspected passenger vessels of at least 100 gross tons?

(6) How many businesses operate a full-time or part-time charter or passenger-for-hire service operation for this type of vessel? What portion of these businesses employ less than 500 people?

(7) Are these vessels operated in passenger-for-hire service on a full-time or part-time basis? How often are these

vessels used in personal or recreational service compared to the time these same vessels are used in passenger-for-hire service? Please indicate the time on an annual basis by days.

(8) What are current, advertised daily or weekly charter rates for this class of vessel? What are current, advertised daily or weekly passenger-for-hire service rates for this class of vessel? How will the implementation of the PVSA impact charter or passenger-for-hire service rates?

(9) How many days per year do these vessels currently operate in charter or passenger-for-hire service? How will the implementation of the PVSA impact the number of days per year that these vessels operate in charter or passenger-for-hire service?

(10) On average, how many hours per day do these vessels spend underway with at least one passenger for hire aboard?

(11) Are these vessels underway in the passenger-for-hire service more than 12 hours during a 24-hour period? If so, is this representative of normal operations or the occasional voyage? If possible, please identify the annual breakdown of passenger-for-hire service voyages less than and more than 12 hours duration in a 24-hour period. Please indicate this information by percentage.

(12) On which route(s) do these vessels operate routinely? On which route(s) do these vessels operate occasionally? Do traditional routes exist? If so, where?

(13) Are the majority of voyage itineraries for these vessels individually (custom) planned or are they regularly scheduled?

(14) What is the percentage breakdown between domestic and international voyages? Please indicate percentages on an annual basis.

(15) What are the major areas of concern regarding the impact that the implementation of the PVSA might have on the vessel fleet? Are there any generally recognized problems within the vessel fleet that should be addressed by regulation?

(16) What are other general areas of concern regarding possible regulatory action to implement the PVSA?

Question 17 refers to any uninspected passenger vessel

The PVSA allows the Coast Guard to develop regulations for special permits that allow the operation of uninspected passenger vessels as authorized in section 511 of the PVSA. These special circumstances and conditions were described in Senate Report 103-198 and include among other items that:

- Special permits for uninspected passenger vessels will only be issued for charitable purposes;

- That a certain vessel may only be granted a special permit a maximum of four times per year; and

- That an application for a special permit must be made to and approved by the cognizant Officer in Charge of Marine Inspection prior to the voyage.

(17) Based on this criteria, should the Coast Guard develop regulations to allow a special permit for uninspected passenger vessels? Please identify the reason(s) for your answer(s).

Dated: March 26, 1999.

R.C. North,

Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[MO 067-1067b; FRL-6315-8]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA proposes to approve the SIP revision submitted by the state of Missouri related to revisions to Missouri's Open Burning Rule (10 CSR 10-3.030) and Sampling Methods Rule (10 CSR 10-6.030). In the final rules section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving the state's SIP submittal as a direct final rule without prior proposal, because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial submittal and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this action, no further activity is contemplated. If the EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn, and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before May 3, 1999.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to Joshua A. Tapp at the

Environmental Protection Agency, Air Planning and Development Branch, 726 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas 66101.

Copies of the state submittals are available at the following addresses for inspection during normal business hours: Environmental Protection Agency, Air Planning and Development Branch, 726 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas 66101; and the Environmental Protection Agency, Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center, Air Docket (6102), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joshua A. Tapp at (913) 551-7606.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information see the direct final rule which is located in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: March 16, 1999.

Dennis Grams,

Regional Administrator, Region VII.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 99-94; RM-9532]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Hinton, IA

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Mountain West Broadcasting proposing the allotment of Channel 267A at Hinton, Iowa, as the community's first local aural transmission service. Channel 267A can be allotted to Hinton in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 1.8 kilometers (1.1 miles) south to avoid a short-spacing to the licensed site of Station KLQL(FM), Channel 266C2, Luverne, Minnesota. The coordinates for Channel 267A at Hinton are 42-36-43 North Latitude and 96-17-29 West Longitude.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before May 17, 1999, and reply comments on or before June 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, his counsel, or consultant, as follows: Victor A. Michael, Jr.,

President, Mountain West Broadcasting, 6807 Foxglove Drive, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009 (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. 99-94, adopted March 17, 1999, and released March 26, 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 Service, 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.

John A. Karousos,

Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 99-95; RM-9533]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Dunkerton, IA

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Mountain West Broadcasting proposing the allotment of Channel 280A at Dunkerton, Iowa, as the community's first local aural transmission service.

Channel 280A can be allotted to Dunkerton in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 8.9 kilometers (5.6 miles) north to avoid a short-spacing to the licensed site of Station KLTI-FM, Channel 281C, Ames, Iowa. The coordinates for Channel 280A at Dunkerton are 42-38-59 North Latitude and 92-10-32 West Longitude.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before May 17, 1999, and reply comments on or before June 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, his counsel, or consultant, as follows: Victor A. Michael, Jr., President, Mountain West Broadcasting, 6807 Foxglove Drive, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009 (Petitioner).

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

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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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