

Federal Communications Commission.

**William F. Caton,**

*Acting Secretary.*

### Rule Change

For the reason set forth in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission proposes to amend 47 CFR part 54 as follows:

#### PART 54—UNIVERSAL SERVICE

1. The authority citation for part 54 continues to read as follows:

*Authority:* 47 U.S.C. 1,4(I), 201, 205, 214 and 254 unless otherwise noted.

2. Revise § 54.501 (d)(1) to read as follows:

#### § 54.501 Eligibility for services provided by telecommunications carriers.

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(d) \* \* \*

(1) For purposes of seeking competitive bids for telecommunications services, Internet access and internal connections, schools and libraries eligible for support under this subpart may form consortia with other customers. When ordering telecommunications and other supported services under this subpart, the consortium may even seek to negotiate for pre-discount prices below tariffed interstate rates on behalf of members that are eligible schools or libraries, health care providers eligible under subpart G, or public sector (governmental) entities, including, but not limited to, state colleges and state universities, state educational broadcasters, counties and municipalities. However, eligible schools and libraries may only receive support for their share of services as part of a consortium that includes ineligible private sector entities if the pre-discount prices of any interstate tariffed services that such ineligible private sector members of the consortium receive are at the tariffed rates.

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#### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

##### 47 CFR Part 73

[DA 02-244; MM Docket No. 01-308; RM-10308]

##### Radio Broadcasting Services; Wickett, TX

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; withdrawal.

**SUMMARY:** This document dismisses a petition for rule making filed by Katherine Pyeatt requesting the allotment of Channel 224A at Wickett, Texas. See 66 FR 56507, November 8, 2001. Neither Katherine Pyeatt nor any other party filed comments supporting an allotment at Wickett. As it is the Commission's policy to refrain from making an allotment absent supporting comments, we will dismiss the proposal for Wickett.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathleen Scheuerle, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Commission's Report and Order, MM Docket No. 01-308, adopted January 23, 2002, and released February 1, 2002. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 Twelfth Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC, 20554. This document may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone 202-863-2893, facsimile 202-863-2898, or via e-mail [qualexint@aol.com](mailto:qualexint@aol.com).

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#### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

##### 47 CFR Part 73

[DA 02-246; MM Docket No. 01-303; RM-10306]

##### Radio Broadcasting Services; Birch Tree, Missouri

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; withdrawal.

**SUMMARY:** This document dismisses a petition for rule making filed by Charles Crawford requesting the allotment of Channel 241A at Birch Tree, Missouri. See 66 FR 54972, October 31, 2001. Neither Charles Crawford nor any other party filed comments supporting an allotment at Birch Tree. As it is the Commission's policy to refrain from making an allotment absent supporting comments, we will dismiss the proposal for Birch Tree.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

##### 50 CFR Part 600

[I.D. 012902C]

##### Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management; Application for Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs)

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notification of a proposal for EFPs to conduct experimental fishing; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS (Regional Administrator) has made a preliminary determination that the subject EFP application contains all the required information and warrants further consideration. The Regional Administrator has also made a preliminary determination that the activities authorized under the EFP would be consistent with the goals and objectives of the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP). However, further review and consultation may be necessary before a final determination is made to issue EFPs. Therefore, NMFS announces that the Regional Administrator has made a