

## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 73

[DA 03–3869; MB Docket No. 03–244, RM–10825]

#### Radio Broadcasting Services; New Market, AR and Tullahoma, TN

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document sets forth a proposal to amend the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 73.202(b). The Commission requests comment on a petition filed by Tennessee Valley Radio, Inc., licensee of Station WUSX(FM), Channel 227C1, Tullahoma, Tennessee. Petitioner proposes to delete Channel 227C1 at Tullahoma, to allot Channel 227C2 at New Market, Alabama, and to modify the license of Station WUSX(FM) accordingly. Channel 227C2 can be allotted to New Market in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 5.2 km (3.2 miles) northeast of New Market. The coordinates for Channel 227C2 at New Market are 34–51–48 North Latitude and 86–25–40 West Longitude. *See* Supplementary Information *infra*.  
**DATES:** Comments must be filed on or before January 30, 2004, and reply comments on or before February 17, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the counsel for the petitioner as follows: Mark N. Lipp, J. Thomas Nolan, Vinson & Elkins, L.L.P., 1455 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20004–1008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deborah A. Dupont, Media Bureau (202) 418–7072.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MB Docket No. 03–244, adopted December 3, 2003 and released December 8, 2003. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center (Room CY–A257), 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY–B402,

Washington, DC 20554, telephone (202) 863–2893.

The 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, Radio broadcasting.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission proposes to amend 47 CFR Part 73 as follows:

#### PART 73—RADIO BROADCAST SERVICES

1. The authority citation for part 73 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 47 U.S.C. 154, 303, 334 and 336.

##### § 73.202 [Amended]

2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Alabama, is amended by adding New Market, Channel 227C2.

3. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Tennessee, is amended by removing Tullahoma, Channel 227C.

Federal Communications Commission.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 73

[DA 03–3873; MB Docket No. 03–6; RM–10595]

#### Radio Broadcasting Services; Garysburg and Roanoke Rapids, NC

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; dismissal.

**SUMMARY:** This document dismisses a Petition for Rulemaking filed by MainQuad Communications, Inc. proposing to reallocate Channel 272A from Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, to Garysburg, North Carolina, as the

community's second local aural transmission service, and modify the license for Station WPTM(FM) to reflect the change of community. *See Notice of Proposed Rule Making*, 68 FR 5861 (February 5, 2003). Petition is dismissed because MainQuad Communications, Inc. failed to file comments expressing interest in pursuing the change of community.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Victoria M. McCauley, Media Bureau, (202) 418–2180.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a synopsis of the Commission's Report and Order, MB Docket No. 03–6, adopted December 3, 2003 and released December 8, 2003. The full text of this document is available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY–A257, 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).

Federal Communications Commission.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Part 600

[I.D. 121603A]

#### Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; 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:** NMFS announces that the Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, Northeast Region, NOAA Fisheries (Assistant Regional Administrator), has determined that an application for EFPs contains all of the required information and warrants further consideration. The Assistant