

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)
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Amendment of Section 73.202(b),) MM Docket No. 00-109
Table of Allotments,) RM-9899
FM Broadcast Stations.)
(Ravenwood, Missouri))

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING

Adopted: May 31, 2000

Released: June 13, 2000

Comment Date: August 4, 2000

Reply Date: August 21, 2000

By the Chief, Allocations Branch

1. The Commission has before it for consideration a Petition for Rule Making filed by Clyde John Holdsworth and Ronald G. Filbeck, d/b/a R.C. Broadcasting Company ("R.C.") requesting the allotment of Channel 291A at Ravenwood, Missouri, as the community's first local FM service. R.C. indicated that it would file an application for Channel 291A at Ravenwood if the channel is allotted to the community.

2. In support of its request, R.C. states that Ravenwood is a community for allotment purposes. R.C. further states that Ravenwood is a community of 409 people according to the 1990 U.S. Census with its own Post Office and zip code (64479). Ravenwood has a mayor and city council form of local government, the community maintains its own fire department and provides municipal water and sewer services to the residents of the community.¹ R.C. contends that allotment of Channel 291A at Ravenwood would provide a new service to 23,026 people in Ravenwood and the surrounding area.

3. We believe the proposal warrants consideration because the proposed allotment would provide a first local service to the community of Ravenwood. A staff engineering analysis indicates

that Channel 291A can be allotted to Ravenwood consistent with the minimum distance separation

¹ Ravenwood has its own City Hall and the Northeast Nodaway High School and Elementary School are located in Ravenwood. Two churches are located in Ravenwood, Christian Church and Methodist Church. G & G Service Station, Holtman Oil Company, Heartbreak Café, R&D Hometown Grocery and First Bank Cbc. are located in Ravenwood.

requirements of the Commission's Rules without a site restriction.²

4. In view of the fact that the proposed allotment could provide a first local service to Ravenwood, the Commission believes it would serve the public interest to solicit comments on the proposal to allot Channel 291A to Ravenwood, Missouri. Therefore, we will seek comments on the proposed amendment to the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules, with respect to Ravenwood, Missouri.

Community	Channel No.	
	Present	Proposed
Ravenwood, Missouri	-----	291A

5. The Commission's authority to institute rule making proceedings, showings required, cut-off procedures, and filing requirements are contained in the attached Appendix and are incorporated by reference herein. In particular, we note that a showing of continuing interest is required by paragraph 2 of the Appendix before a channel will be allotted.

6. Interested parties may file comments on or before August 4, 2000, and reply comments on or before August 21, 2000, and are advised to read the Appendix for the proper procedures. Comments should be filed with the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D. C., 20554. Additionally, a copy of such comments should be served on the petitioner, as follows:

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7. The Commission has determined that the relevant provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to rule making proceedings to amend the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules. See Certification that Sections 603 and 604 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act Do Not Apply to Rule Making to Amend Sections 73.202(b), 73.504 and 73.606(b) of the Commission's Rules, 46 FR 11549, February 9, 1981.

8. For further information concerning this proceeding contact Kathleen Scheuerle, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180. For purposes of this restricted notice and comment rule making proceeding, members of the public are advised that no ex parte presentations are permitted from the time the Commission adopts a Notice of Proposed Rule Making until the proceeding has been decided and such decision is no longer subject to reconsideration by the commission or review by any court. An ex parte

² The coordinates for Channel 291A at Ravenwood are 40-21-09 and 94-40-16.

presentation is not prohibited if specifically requested by the Commission or staff for the clarification or adduction of evidence or resolution of issues in the proceeding. However, any new written information elicited from such a request or a summary of any new oral information shall be served by the person making the presentation upon other parties to the proceeding unless the Commission specifically waives this service requirement. Any comment which has not been served on the petitioner constitutes an ex parte presentation and shall not be considered in the proceeding. Any reply comment which has not been served on the person(s) who filed the comment, to which the reply is directed, constitutes an ex parte presentation and shall not be considered in this proceeding.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

John A. Karousos
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APPENDIX

1. Pursuant to authority found in Sections 4(i), 5(c)(1), 303(g) and (r) and 307(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and Sections 0.61, 0.204.(b) and 0.283 of the Commission's Rules, **IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND** the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, as set forth in the Notice of Proposed Rule Making to which this Appendix is attached.

2. Showings Required. Comments are invited on the proposal(s) discussed in the Notice of Proposed Rule Making to which this Appendix is attached. Proponent(s) will be expected to answer whatever questions are presented in initial comments. The proponent of a proposed allotment is also expected to file comments even if it only resubmits or incorporates by reference its former pleadings. It should also restate its present intention to apply for the channel if it is allotted and, if authorized, to build a station promptly. Failure to file may lead to denial of the request.

3. Cut-off Procedures. The following procedures will govern the consideration of filings in this proceeding.

(a) Counterproposals advanced in this proceeding itself will be considered if advanced in initial comments, so that parties may comment on them in reply comments. They will not be considered if advanced in reply comments. (See Section 1.420(d) of the Commission's Rules).

(b) With respect to petitions for rule making which conflict with the proposal(s) in this Notice, they will be considered as comments in the proceeding, and Public Notice to this effect will be given as long as they are filed before the date for filing initial comments herein. If they are filed later than that, they will not be considered in connection with the decision in this docket.

(c) The filing of a counterproposal may lead the Commission to allot a different channel than was requested for any of the communities involved.

4. Comments and Reply Comments; Service. Pursuant to applicable procedures set out in Sections 1.415 and 1.420 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates set forth in the Notice of Proposed Rule Making to which this Appendix is attached. All submissions by parties to this proceeding or by persons acting on behalf of such parties, must be made in written comments reply comments, or other appropriate pleadings. Comments shall be served on the petitioner by the person filing the comments. Reply comments shall be served on the person(s) who filed comments to which the reply is directed. such comments and reply comments shall be accompanied by a certificate of service. (See Section 1.420(a), (b) and (c) of the Commission's Rules.) Comments should be filed with the Secretary, Federal communications Commission, Washington, D, C. 20554.

5. Number of Copies. In accordance with the provisions of Section 1.420 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, an original and four copies of all comments, reply comments, pleadings, briefs, or other documents shall be furnished the Commission.

6. Public Inspection of Filings. All filings made in this proceeding will be available for examination by interested parties during regular business hours in the Commission's Public Reference Room at its headquarters, 445 Twelfth Street, SW, Washington, D. C 20554.