

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.96-178
Table of Allotments,)	RM-8865
FM Broadcast Stations.)	
(Hollis, Oklahoma))	

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING

Adopted: August 30, 1996

Released: September 6, 1996

Comment Date: October 28, 1996
Reply Comment Date: November 12, 1996

By the Chief, Allocations Branch:

1. The Commission has before it the petition for rule making filed by The Hollis Group ("petitioner") requesting the allotment of Channel 267C3 to Hollis, Oklahoma, as the community's first local aural transmission service. Petitioner states that it will apply for the channel, if allotted.

2. We believe petitioner's proposal warrants consideration since the allotment of Channel 267C3 can provide the community with its first local aural service. Petitioner notes that Channel 223A is already allotted to Hollis but is unoccupied and unapplied-for. It states that due to the rural nature of the area surrounding Hollis, it is not interested in the limited coverage which could be provided from a Class A station and suggests that the channel be deleted from the Table of Allotments if no interest in use of the channel is expressed in response to this Notice.

3. Channel 267C3 can be allotted to Hollis in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 17.0 kilometers (10.5 miles) west to avoid a short-spacing to Station KLAW, Channel 268C1, Lawton, Oklahoma.¹ We also propose to delete vacant and unapplied-for Channel 223A from Hollis unless an interest in activating the channel is expressed during the initial comment period. Channel 223A was allotted in 1985 and has remained fallow since that time.²

¹ The coordinates for Channel 267C3 at Hollis are 34-41-25 North Latitude and 100-06-00 West Longitude.

² Channel 223A was allotted to Hollis pursuant to the First Report and Order, MM Docket 84-231, Implementation of BC Docket No. 80-90 to Increase the Availability of FM Broadcast Assignments. See 50 FR 3514. January 25, 1985.

4. Accordingly, we seek comments on the proposed amendment of the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules, for the community listed below, to read as follows:

Option I

<u>City</u>	<u>Channel No.</u>	
	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Hollis, Oklahoma	223A	267C3

Option II

Hollis, Oklahoma	223A	223A, 267C3
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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 October 28, 1996, and reply comments on or before November 12, 1996, 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, or its counsel or consultant, 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 Leslie K. Shapiro, 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 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 the 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 the proceeding.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Attachment: Appendix

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 protection. 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 proposals 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 Reference Center (Room 239) at its headquarters, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.