

Raton, Florida, in compliance with the principal community coverage requirements of Section 73.625(a) at reference coordinates (25–59–34 N. and 80–10–27 W.). As requested, we propose to allot DTV Channel *40 to Boca Raton with a power of 1000 and a height above average terrain (HAAT) of 310 meters.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before October 10, 2000, and reply comments on or before October 25, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW–A325, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows: Kevin C. Boyle, Nandan M. Joshi, Latham & Watkins, 1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Suite 1300, Washington, DC 20004 (Counsel for Palmetto Broadcasters Associated for Communities, Inc.); and John R. Feore, Jr., Margaret L. Miller, Christine J. Newcomb, Dow, Lohnes & Albertson, PLLC, 1200 New Hampshire Avenue, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20036 (Counsel for Channel 63 of Palm Beach, Inc.).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pam Blumenthal, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418–1600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 00–138, adopted August 17, 2000, and released August 25, 2000. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, 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.

Federal Communications Commission.

Barbara A. Kreisman,
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

49 CFR Part 243

[FRA Docket No. HST–1; Notice No. 3]

RIN 2130–AB14

FOX High Speed Rail Safety Standards

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), DOT.

ACTION: Termination of rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This document terminates rulemaking action in FRA Docket No. HST–1. In its Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) published on December 12, 1997, FRA proposed to establish safety standards for the Florida Overland eXpress (FOX) high speed rail system. Termination of this rulemaking is based on Florida's decision not to develop the FOX high speed rail system.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine Beyer, Deputy Assistant Chief Counsel for Safety, Office of Chief Counsel, FRA, 1120 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Stop 10, Washington, D.C. 20590 (telephone: 202–493–6027).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The State of Florida was planning to develop a high speed rail system that would utilize high speed technology and equipment modeled on the French TGV, that would run from Miami to Tampa, via Orlando. On February 18, 1997, the developer of the high speed system, the Florida Overland eXpress (FOX), filed a petition for rulemaking with FRA that proposed safety standards for the proposed high speed rail system. After analyzing the Petition, FRA published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) (62 FR 65478, December 12, 1997) on the subject that incorporated many of the standards proposed by the FOX Petition and proposed new standards. The funding for this project was to be shared by the public and private sector. However, after publication of the NPRM, the State of Florida decided to withdraw its financial support for the high speed rail system. Consequently, the proposed system will not be constructed.

Termination of Rulemaking

Based on the foregoing information FRA has decided to terminate this

rulemaking, as it would have been solely applicable to the FOX high speed rail project. We note that this rulemaking has been a worthwhile first step in addressing the safety concerns inherent in the implementation of certain high speed rail operations. We are confident that further steps in addressing these concerns will build upon the information and discussion generated by this proceeding. In light of the foregoing, FRA is hereby terminating this rulemaking.

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Jolene M. Molitoris,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 697

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Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act Provision; Atlantic Coast Horseshoe Crab Fishery; Public Hearings

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

ACTION: Notice of public hearings; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS is considering implementing a closed area to provide conservation for horseshoe crabs near the mouth of Delaware Bay. NMFS will hold three public hearings to receive comments from fishery participants and other members of the public regarding its proposal to prohibit fishing for, and possession of, horseshoe crabs (*Limulus polyphemus*) in a designated area in Federal waters (EEZ) off the mouth of the Delaware Bay, with a limited exception for vessels fishing for whelk and conch (whelk).

DATES: NMFS will take comments at public hearings in September 2000. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for dates and times of the public hearings.

ADDRESSES: Copies of a Draft Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review/Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (EA/RIR/IRFA) and a draft proposed rule are available from Richard H. Schaefer, Chief, Staff Office for Intergovernmental and Recreational Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, 8484 Georgia Avenue, Suite