

responsible for the installation and maintenance of any detuning apparatus necessary to restore proper operation of the directional antenna.

(c) Proponents of construction or significant modification of a tower within the distances defined in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section of an AM station shall examine the potential effects thereof using a moment method analysis. The moment method analysis shall consist of a model of the AM antenna together with the potential reradiating tower in a lossless environment. The model shall employ a simplified version of the methodology specified in § 73.151(c) of this chapter. The AM antenna elements may be modeled as a series of thin wires driven to produce the required radiation pattern, without any requirement for measurement of tower impedances.

(d) A significant modification of a tower in the immediate vicinity of an AM station is defined as follows:

(1) Any change that would alter the structure's physical height by 5 electrical degrees or more at the AM frequency.

(2) The addition of one or more antennas or a transmission line to a tower that has been detuned or base-insulated.

(e) The addition or modification of an antenna or antenna supporting structure on a building shall not be considered significant.

(f) With respect to an AM station that was authorized pursuant to a directional proof of performance based on field strength measurements, the proponent of the tower construction or modification may, in lieu of the study described in paragraph (c) of this section, demonstrate through measurements taken before and after construction that field strength values at the monitoring points do not exceed the licensed values. In the event that the pre-construction monitoring point values exceed the licensed values, the proponent may demonstrate that post-construction monitoring point values do not exceed the pre-construction values. Alternatively, the AM station may file for authority to increase the relevant monitoring point value after performing a partial proof of performance in accordance with § 73.154 of this chapter to establish that the licensed radiation limit on the applicable radial is not exceeded.

(g) Tower construction or modification that falls outside the criteria described in the preceding paragraphs is presumed to have no significant effect on an AM station. In some instances, however, an AM station may be affected by tower construction

notwithstanding the criteria set forth above. In such cases, an AM station may submit a showing that its operation has been affected by tower construction or alteration. If necessary, the Commission shall direct the tower proponent to install and maintain any detuning apparatus necessary to restore proper operation of the AM antenna.

§ 1.30003 Installations on an AM antenna.

(a) *Installations on a nondirectional AM tower.* When antennas are installed on a nondirectional AM tower the AM station shall determine operating power by the indirect method (see § 73.51 of this chapter). Upon the completion of the installation, antenna impedance measurements on the AM antenna shall be made. If the resistance of the AM antenna changes, an application on FCC Form 302-AM (including a tower sketch of the installation) shall be filed with the Commission for the AM station to return to direct power measurement. The Form 302-AM shall be filed before or simultaneously with the filing of any license application covering a broadcast station installation.

(b) *Installations on a directional AM array.* Before antennas are installed on a tower in a directional AM array, the proponent shall notify the AM station so that, if necessary, the AM station may determine operating power by the indirect method (see § 73.51 of this chapter) and request special temporary authority pursuant to § 73.1635 of this chapter to operate with parameters at variance in order to maintain monitoring point field strengths within authorized limits. For AM stations licensed via field strength measurements (see § 73.151(a) of this chapter), a partial proof of performance (as defined by § 73.154 of this chapter) shall be conducted both prior to the commencement of construction and upon completion of construction to establish that the AM array has not been adversely affected. For AM stations licensed via a moment method proof (see § 73.151(c) of this chapter), the proof procedures set forth in § 73.151(c) of this chapter shall be repeated. The results of either the partial proof of performance or the moment method proof shall be filed with the Commission on Form 302-AM before or simultaneously with any broadcast license application associated with the installation.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[DA 08-2571; MB Docket No. 08-233; RM-11505]

Television Broadcasting Services; Waco, TX

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a channel substitution proposed by Comcorp of Texas License Corp. ("Comcorp"), the permittee of KWKT-DT, post-transition DTV channel 44, Waco, Texas. Comcorp requests the substitution of DTV channel 25 for post-transition DTV channel 44 at Waco.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before January 12, 2009, and reply comments on or before January 26, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve counsel for petitioner as follows: Kevin P. Latek, Esq., Dow Lohnes PLLC, 1200 New Hampshire Avenue, NW., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20036-6802.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MB Docket No. 08-233, adopted November 25, 2008, and released November 26, 2008. The full text of this document is available for public inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC's Reference Information Center at Portals II, CY-A257, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. This document will also be available via ECFS (<http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>). (Documents will be available electronically in ASCII, Word 97, and/or Adobe Acrobat.) This document may be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone 1-800-478-3160 or via e-mail <http://www.BCPIWEB.com>. To request this document in accessible formats (computer diskettes, large print, audio recording, and Braille), send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Commission's Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432

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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

Television, Television 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, 336.

§ 73.622 [Amended]

2. Section 73.622(i), the Post-Transition Table of DTV Allotments under Texas, is amended by adding DTV channel 25 and removing DTV channel 44 at Waco.

Federal Communications Commission.

Clay C. Pendarvis,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 635

RIN 0648–AW61

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Swordfish Quotas

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

ACTION: Extension of comment period and change of public hearing date and time.

SUMMARY: In order to provide additional time and opportunities for highly migratory species (HMS) constituents, and other interested parties to comment on the proposed rule published on November 18, 2008 (73 FR 68398), to adjust the 2008 North and South Atlantic swordfish commercial quotas and modify the vessel chartering regulations, NMFS is extending the proposed rule comment period for this action from December 18, 2008, to January 16, 2009. NMFS is also changing the date and time of the December 16, 2008, public hearing scheduled for Gloucester, MA, to January 15, 2009.

DATES: Comments on the proposed rule must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 16, 2009.

The new Gloucester, MA, public hearing date and time is January 15, 2009, from 3:00 — 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by [0648–AW61], by any one of the following methods:

- Electronic Submissions: Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal <http://www.regulations.gov>

- Fax: 301–713–1917, Attn: LeAnn Southward Hogan

- Mail: NMFS SF1, 1315 East–West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910

Instructions: All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov> without change. All Personal Identifying Information (for example, name, address, etc.) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter N/A in the required fields, if you wish to remain anonymous). You may submit

attachments to electronic comments in Microsoft Word, Excel, WordPerfect, or Adobe PDF file formats only.

Copies of the supporting documents including the 2007 Environmental Assessment (EA), Regulatory Impact Review (RIR), Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (FRFA), and the Consolidated Atlantic HMS Fishery Management Plan (FMP) are available from the HMS website at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/> or by contacting LeAnn Southward Hogan (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

The public hearing location is: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service Northeast Regional Office, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

LeAnn Southward Hogan or Karyl Brewster–Geisz by phone: 301–713–2347 or by fax: 301–713–1917.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Atlantic swordfish fishery is managed under the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP. Implementing regulations at 50 CFR part 635 are issued under the authority of the Magnuson–Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson–Stevens Act), 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*, and the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (ATCA), 16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.* Regulations issued under the authority of ATCA carry out the recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT).

On November 18, 2008 (73 FR 68398), NMFS published a proposed rule, requested comments on the adjustment of the 2008 swordfish quotas and modifications to the vessel chartering regulations, and scheduled two public hearings in December 2008 to receive comments from fishery participants and other members of the public regarding the proposed rule. The original comment period was scheduled to conclude on December 18, 2008, and the Gloucester, MA public hearing was scheduled for December 16, 2008. Due to requests from HMS fishery constituents, in order to provide additional time and opportunities for public comment by HMS constituents, NMFS is extending the public comment period on the proposed rule to 5 p.m., January 16, 2009, and changing the date of the Gloucester, MA public hearing to January 15, 2009 from 3:00 — 5:00 p.m.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*; 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*