

number of small entities." The RFA generally defines the term "small entity" as having the same meaning as the terms "small business," "small organization," and "small governmental jurisdiction." In addition, the term "small business" has the same meaning as the term "small business concern" under the Small Business Act. A "small business concern" is one which: (1) Is independently owned and operated; (2) is not dominant in its field of operation; and (3) satisfies any additional criteria established by the Small Business Administration (SBA).

22. In the context of this Regulatory Flexibility Analysis, SBA regulations define small telecommunications entities in SIC code 4813 (Telephone Companies Except Radio Telephone) as entities with fewer than 1,500 employees. This NPRM initiates an inquiry concerning the sunset of the statutory requirements under section 272 that apply to the BOCs when they provide in-region, interLATA services. In particular, this NPRM seeks to develop a full record so that the Commission may properly assess, as contemplated by the statute: (1) Whether the structural safeguards and nondiscrimination requirements applied to the BOCs by section 272 should be extended by the Commission, despite the three-year sunset provision in the statute; and (2) whether any alternative safeguards should be put in place for the BOCs in states where the statutory requirements have sunset.

23. The issues under consideration in this proceeding directly affect only the BOCs and their affiliates, which do not qualify as small entities under the RFA. In particular, none of the BOCs is a small entity because each BOC is an affiliate of a Regional Holding Company (RHC), and all of the BOCs or their RHCs have more than 1,500 employees. Insofar as this proceeding applies to other BOC or RHC affiliates, those affiliates are controlled by the BOCs or by the RHC. Accordingly, they are not "independently owned and operated" entities for purposes of the RFA.

24. Therefore, the proposals in this NPRM, if adopted, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The Commission will send a copy of the NPRM, including a copy of this Initial Regulatory Flexibility Certification, to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration. This Initial Certification will also be published in the **Federal Register**.

Federal Rules That May Duplicate, Overlap, or Conflict With the Proposed Rules

25. None.

Ordering Clauses

26. Accordingly, pursuant to the authority contained in sections 1, 2, 4(i)–4(j), 201, 202, 205, 251, 271, 272, and 303(r) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 151, 152, 154(i)–4(j), 201, 202, 205, 251, 271, 272, and 303(r), this NPRM is adopted.

27. The Commission's Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Reference Information Center, *Shall send* a copy of this NPRM, including the Initial Regulatory Flexibility Certification, to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[DA 02–1372; MM Docket No. 01–131; RM–10148]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Benjamin, TX

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule; dismissal.

SUMMARY: This document dismisses the petition for rule making that underlies the *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* ("Notice"), 66 FR 35406 (July 5, 2001) in this proceeding because the petition is mutually exclusive with a proposal contained in a counterproposal in a prior-filed rulemaking proceeding, namely, *Quanah, Texas*, MM Docket No. 00–148, and was filed seven months after the deadline for filing counterproposals in the *Quanah, Texas*, proceeding. Therefore, the rulemaking petition is dismissed as untimely and the proceeding is terminated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: R. Barthen Gorman, Media Bureau, (202) 418–2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Report and Order, MM Docket No. 01–131, adopted June 5, 2002, and released June 14, 2002. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC's Reference Information Center at Portals II, 445

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[DA 02–1373; MM Docket No. 02–69; RM–10385]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Jennings and Iowa, LA

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule; withdrawal

SUMMARY: This document dismisses a petition for rule making filed by Apex Broadcasting, Inc. requesting the reallocation of Channel 225C2 from Jennings, Louisiana to Iowa, Louisiana and modification of the authorization for Station KJEF–FM accordingly. *See* 67 FR 17670, April 11, 2002. Apex Broadcasting, Inc. withdrew its interest in the allotment of Channel 225C2 at Iowa, Louisiana. With this action, this proceeding is terminated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathleen Scheuerle, Media Bureau, (202) 418–2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Report and Order, MM Docket No. 02–69, adopted June 5, 2002, and released June 14, 2002. The full text of this Commission decision 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.