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Dated: June 19, 2001.

Lacy Suiter,

Assistant Director, Readiness, Response and Recovery Directorate.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[DA 01-1389; MM Docket No. 00-12; RM-9706]

Radio Broadcasting Services; West Rutland, VT

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: At the request of Great Casco Bay Wireless Talking Machine Limited Liability Company, this document substitutes Channel 298A for Channel 298C3 at West Rutland, Vermont, in order to permit Station WTHT, Lewiston, Maine, to improve its facilities. See 65 FR 7518, published February 16, 2000. The reference coordinates for Channel 298A at West Rutland, Vermont, are 43-34-04 and 73-00-30.

DATES: Effective July 23, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Hayne, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2177.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's *Report and Order* in MM Docket No. 00-12, adopted June 6, 2001, and released June 8, 2001. The full text of this decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC's Reference Information Center at Portals II, CY-A257, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio Broadcasting.

Part 73 of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended 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, and 336.

§ 73.202 [Amended]

2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Vermont, is amended by removing Channel 298C3 at West Rutland and adding Channel 298A at West Rutland.

Federal Communications Commission.

John A. Karousos,

Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[DA 01-1438; MM Docket No. 00-160; RM-9928]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Pana, Taylorville, and Macon, IL

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission, at the joint request of Kaskaskia Broadcasting, Inc. and Miller Communications, Inc., reallocates Channel 265A from Pana to Macon, Illinois, and modifies Station WEGY(FM)'s license accordingly. We also reallocate Channel 232A from Taylorville to Pana, Illinois, and modify Station WMKR(FM)'s license accordingly. See 65 FR 55930, September 15, 2000. Channel 265A can be reallocated to Macon in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 6.9 kilometers (4.3 miles) south at Station WEGY(FM)'s requested site. The coordinates for Channel 265A at Macon are 39-41-08 North Latitude and 88-55-29 West Longitude. Additionally, Channel 232A can be reallocated to Pana in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 11.7 kilometers (7.3 miles) west at Station WMKR(FM)'s requested site. The coordinates for Channel 232A at Pana are 39-22-56 North Latitude and 89-12-56 West Longitude.

DATES: Effective July 30, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon P. McDonald, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's *Report and Order*, MM Docket No. 00-160, adopted June 6, 2001, released June 15,

2001. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center (Room CY-A257), 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractors, International Transcription Service, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Part 73 of title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 73—RADIO BROADCAST SERVICES

1. The authority citation for part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 54, 303, 334, and 336.

§ 73.202 [Amended]

2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Illinois, is amended by adding Macon, Channel 265A; and removing Channel 265A at Pana; and adding Channel 232A at Pana; and removing Channel 232A at Taylorville.

Federal Communications Commission.

John A. Karousos,

Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[DA 01-1390; MM Docket No. 01-6; RM-10009]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Steubenville, OH and Burgettstown, PA

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document reallocates Channel 278B from Steubenville, Ohio, to Burgettstown, Pennsylvania, and modifies the license for Station WOGH(FM) to specify operation on Channel 278B at Burgettstown, Pennsylvania, in response to a petition filed by Keymarket Licenses, LLC. See 66 FR 7872, January 26, 2001. The coordinates for Channel 278B at Burgettstown are 40-20-32 and 80-37-14.

DATES: Effective July 23, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Report and Order, MM Docket No. 01-6, adopted May 30, 2001, and released June 8, 2001. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the Commission's Reference Center, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractors, International Transcription Services, Inc., 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC. 20036, (202) 857-3800, facsimile (202) 857-3805.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Part 73 of title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended 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 and 336.

§ 73.202 [Amended]

2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Ohio, is amended by removing Steubenville, Channel 278B.

3. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Pennsylvania, is amended by adding Burgettstown, Channel 278B.

Federal Communications Commission.

John A. Karousos,

Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****50 CFR Part 17**

RIN 1018-AH46

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Establishment of a Nonessential Experimental Population of Whooping Cranes in the Eastern United States

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), will

reintroduce whooping cranes (*Grus americana*) into historic habitat in the eastern United States with the intent to establish a migratory flock that would summer and breed in Wisconsin, and winter in west-central Florida. We are designating this reintroduced population as a nonessential experimental population (NEP) according to section 10(j) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended. The geographic boundary of the NEP includes the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

The objectives of the reintroduction are: To advance recovery of the endangered whooping crane; to further assess the suitability of Wisconsin and west-central Florida as whooping crane habitat; and to evaluate the merit of releasing captive-reared whooping cranes, conditioned for wild release, as a technique for establishing a self-sustaining, migratory population. The only natural wild population of whooping cranes remains vulnerable to extirpation through a natural catastrophe or contaminant spill, due primarily to its limited wintering distribution along the Texas gulf coast. If successful, this action will result in the establishment of an additional self-sustaining population, and contribute towards the recovery of the species. No conflicts are envisioned between the whooping crane's reintroduction and any existing or anticipated Federal, State, Tribal, local government, or private actions such as agricultural practices, pesticide application, water management, construction, recreation, trapping, or hunting.

DATES: The effective date of this rule is June 26, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The complete administrative file for this rule is available for inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the Green Bay Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1015 Challenger Court, Green Bay, Wisconsin 54311.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Smith at the above address (telephone 920-465-7440).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background****1. Legislative**

Congress made significant changes to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), with the addition of

section 10(j), which provides for the designation of specific reintroduced populations of listed species as "experimental populations." Previously, we had authority to reintroduce populations into unoccupied portions of a listed species' historical range when doing so would foster the recovery of the species. However, local citizens often opposed these reintroductions because they were concerned about the placement of restrictions and prohibitions on Federal and private activities. Under section 10(j), the Secretary of the Interior can designate reintroduced populations established outside the species' current range, but within its historical range, as "experimental."

Under the Act, species listed as endangered or threatened are afforded protection primarily through the prohibitions of section 9 and the requirements of section 7. Section 9 of the Act prohibits the take of a listed species. "Take" is defined by the Act as harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or attempt to engage in any such conduct. Section 7 of the Act outlines the procedures for Federal interagency cooperation to conserve federally listed species and protect designated critical habitats. It mandates all Federal agencies to determine how to use their existing authorities to further the purposes of the Act to aid in recovering listed species. It also states that Federal agencies will, in consultation with the Service, insure that any action they authorize, fund, or carry out is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of a listed species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated critical habitat. Section 7 of the Act does not affect activities undertaken on private lands unless they are authorized, funded, or carried out by a Federal agency.

Section 10(j) is designed to increase our flexibility in managing an experimental population by allowing us to treat the population as threatened, regardless of the species' designation elsewhere in its range. Threatened designation gives us more discretion in developing and implementing management programs and special regulations for a population, such as this rule, and allows us to develop any regulations we consider necessary to provide for the conservation of a threatened species. In situations where we have experimental populations, certain section 9 prohibitions that apply to threatened species may no longer apply, and the special rules contain the prohibitions and exceptions necessary