

85,006 governmental entities, we estimate that 81,600 (ninety-one percent) are small entities.

22. The proposed radio service may affect users of public safety radio services, the extent of which is not defined in this proceeding. This service may also affect manufacturers of radio communications equipment. An analysis of the number of small businesses that may be affected follows. We also note that according to SBA data, there are approximately 4.44 million small businesses nationwide.

23. *Public Safety Radio Services and Governmental entities.* As a general matter, Public Safety Radio Services include police, fire, local government, forestry conservation, highway maintenance, and emergency medical services. Non-Federal governmental entities, as well as private businesses, are potential licensees for these services in this proceeding. Neither the Commission nor the SBA has developed a definition of small businesses directed specifically toward public service licensees. Therefore, the applicable definition of small business is the definition under the SBA rules applicable to Cellular and other Wireless Telecommunications. This provides that a small business is a radiotelephone company employing no more than 1,500 persons. According to the Bureau of the Census, only twelve radiotelephone firms from a total of 1,178 such firms which operated during 1992 had 1,000 or more employees. Therefore, even if all twelve of these firms were public safety licensees, nearly all would be small businesses under the SBA's definition, if independently owned and operated.

24. *Equipment Manufacturers.* We anticipate that at least six radio equipment manufacturers will be affected by our decisions in this proceeding. According to the Small Business Administration's regulations, a Radio and Television Broadcasting and Wireless Communications Equipment Manufacturing businesses must have 750 or fewer employees in order to qualify as a small business concern. Census Bureau data indicate that there are 858 U.S. firms that manufacture radio and television broadcasting and communications equipment, and that 778 of these firms have fewer than 750 employees and would therefore be classified as small entities. We do not have information that indicates how many of the six radio equipment manufacturers associated with this proceeding are among these 778 firms. Motorola and Ericsson, however, are major, nationwide radio equipment manufacturers, and thus, we conclude

that they would not qualify as small businesses.

25. We invite comment on this analysis.

D. Description of Projected Reporting, Recordkeeping, and Other Compliance Requirements for Small Entities

26. We note that in this FNPRM, we propose a variety of licensing approaches we could employ on this band, but formulate no tentative conclusions on this matter. Possible requirements under consideration in this Further Notice include: recordkeeping and reporting requirements, and/or third-party consultation, if state licensing is ultimately utilized; compliance with part 101 of our Rules, in the event that fixed operations are licensed on the 4.9 GHz band; compliance with part 90 of our Rules, if mobile operations are licensed individually; compliance with part 27 of our Rules, if 4.9 GHz band operations are licensed pursuant thereto; and compliance with part 15 of our Rules, in the event that mobile operations on the 4.9 GHz band are unlicensed. Applicants and licensees would possibly be required to follow current service rules for such approaches, if ultimately chosen.

E. Steps Taken to Minimize the Significant Economic Impact on Small Entities, and Significant Alternatives Considered

27. The RFA requires an agency to describe any significant, specifically small business, alternatives that it has considered in reaching its proposed approach, which may include the following four alternatives (among others): "(1) The establishment of differing compliance or reporting requirements or timetables that take into account the resources available to small entities; (2) the clarification, consolidation, or simplification of compliance and reporting requirements under the rule for such small entities; (3) the use of performance rather than design standards; and (4) an exemption from coverage of the rule, or any part thereof, for such small entities."

28. The possible regulatory burdens we have described above, such as recordkeeping, recording, and filing requirements, if implemented, are necessary in order to ensure that the public safety operations benefit from the innovative new services described herein, in a prompt and efficient manner. We will continue to examine alternatives in the future with the objectives of eliminating unnecessary regulations and minimizing any significant economic impact on small

entities. We seek comment on significant alternatives commenters believe should be adopted in this proceeding.

F. Federal Rules that May Duplicate, Overlap, or Conflict with the Proposed Rules

None.

IV. Ordering Clauses

29. Pursuant to sections 4(i), 303(r), and 403 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 154(i), 303(r), 403, this *Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making* is hereby adopted.

30. The Commission's Consumer and Government Affairs Bureau, Reference Information Center, shall send a copy of this *Notice of Proposed Rule Making*, including the Regulatory Flexibility Certification, to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,

Acting Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[DA 02-749, MB Docket No. 02-75, RM-10151]

Digital Television Broadcast Service; Lynchburg, VA

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by WSET, Inc., licensee of station WSET-TV, NTSC channel 13, Lynchburg, Virginia, requesting the substitution of DTV channel 34 for station WSET-TV assigned DTV channel 56. DTV Channel 34 can be allotted to Lynchburg, Virginia, in compliance with the principle community coverage requirements of Section 73.625(a) at reference coordinates (37-18-52 N. and 79-38-04 W.). As requested, we propose to allot DTV Channel 34 to Lynchburg with a power of 660 and a height above average terrain (HAAT) of 625 meters.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before May 30, 2002, and reply comments on or before June 14, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., 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: Thomas P. Van Wazer, Jennifer Tatel, Sidley, Austin, Brown & Wood, 1722 Eye Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006 (Counsel for WSET, Inc.).

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MB Docket No. 02-75, adopted April 1, 2002, and released April 8, 2002. The full text of this document is available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours in 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*.

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

Digital television broadcasting, Television.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission proposes to amend 47 CFR part 73 as follows:

PART 73—RADIO, TELEVISION BROADCAST SERVICES

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

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 303, 334, and 336.

§ 73.622 [Amended]

2. Section 73.622(b), the Table of Digital Television Allotments under Virginia is amended by removing DTV Channel 56 and adding DTV Channel 34 at Lynchburg.

Federal Communications Commission.

Barbara A. Kreisman,

Chief, Video Division, Media Bureau.

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