

33–38–55 NL and 87–09–19 WL, with a site restriction of 12.4 kilometers (7.7 miles) south of Cordova. The coordinates for requested Channel 238A at Hobson City are 33–29–30 NL and 85–52–55 WL, with a site restriction of 14.8 kilometers (9.2 miles) south of Hobson City. The coordinates for requested Channel 252A at Ashland are 33–15–45 NL and 85–54–00 WL, with a site restriction of 6.1 kilometers (3.8 miles) west of Ashland, Alabama.

Cox's allotment proposals for Stations WBHJ, WFMH–FM, WRSA, WFFN, WQOP–FM, WASZ, and WTRB–FM comply with the provisions of Section 1.420(i) of the Commission's Rules, and therefore, the Commission will not accept competing expressions of interest in the use of Channel 239C2 at Midfield, the use of Channel 238A at Hackleburg, the use of Channel 245C at Holly Pond, the use of Channel 237A at Coaling, the use of Channel 223A at Cordova, the use of Channel 238A at Hobson City, or the use of Channel 252A at Ashland, or require Cox to demonstrate the availability of additional equivalent class channels for use by other parties.

The 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

Radio, Radio 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, and 336.

##### § 73.202 [Amended]

2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Alabama, is amended by removing Channel 238A and adding Channel 252A at Ashland; by adding Coaling, Channel 237A; by removing Channel 237A and adding Channel

223A at Cordova; by removing Channel 245C at Decatur; by removing Dora, Channel 223A; by adding Hackleburg, Channel 238A; by adding Hobson City, Channel 238A; by removing Channel 238A and adding Channel 245C at Holly Pond; by adding Midfield, Channel 239C2; by removing Sylacauga, Channel 252A; and by removing Channel 239C1 at Tuscaloosa.

3. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Georgia, is amended by removing Channel 253C and adding Channel 253C0 at Atlanta.

Federal Communications Commission.

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#### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

##### 47 CFR Part 73

[DA 03–833, MB Docket No. 03–79, RM–10673]

#### Radio Broadcasting Services; Ridgecrest, CA

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document requests comments on a petition filed by Dana J. Puopolo proposing the allotment of Channel 252A at Ridgecrest, CA, as that community's third FM commercial service. Channel 252A can be allotted to Ridgecrest, consistent with the minimum distance separation requirements of the Commission's rules, provided there is a site restriction of 12.5 kilometers (7.7 miles) west of the community. The reference coordinates for Channel 252A at Ridgecrest are 35–39–19 North Latitude and 117–48–06 West Longitude.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed on or before May 12, 2003, and reply comments on or before May 27, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, 445 Twelfth Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, as follows: Dana J. Puopolo, 2134 Oak Street, Unit C, Santa Monica, CA 90405.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rolanda F. Smith, Media Bureau, (202) 418–2180.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Commission's notice of proposed rule making, MB Docket No.

03–79, adopted March 19, 2003, and released March 21, 2003. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the Commission's Reference Center, 445 Twelfth Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. The complete text of this decision 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](mailto:qualexint@aol.com).

Provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to this proceeding.

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For information regarding proper filing procedures for comments, see 47 CFR 1.415 and 1.420.

#### List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio, Radio 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 and 336.

##### § 73.202 [Amended]

2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under California, is amended by adding Channel 252A at Ridgecrest.

Federal Communications Commission.

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