

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**47 CFR Part 73**

[DA 00-1147; MM Docket No. 99-321; RM-9733]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Grand Isle and Empire, LA**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.**ACTION:** Final rule.

SUMMARY: In response to a proposal filed on behalf of KBIL, LLC (formerly Blue Dolphin Communications, Inc.), the Commission substitutes Channel 283C2 for Channel 283A at Grand Isle, Louisiana, reallots Channel 283C2 to Empire, Louisiana, as that community's first local aural transmission service, and modifies the authorization for Station KBIL, as requested. *See* 64 FR 213, November 4, 1999. Coordinates used for Channel 283C2 at Empire are 29-29-07 NL and 89-46-39 WL.

DATES: Effective July 10, 2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Report and Order, MM Docket No. 99-321, adopted May 17, 2000, and released May 26, 2000. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC's Reference Information Center (Room CY-A257), 445 Twelfth Street, SW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036, (202) 857-3800.

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—[AMENDED]

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

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

§ 73.202 [Amended]

2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Louisiana, is amended by adding Empire, Channel 283C2.

3. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Louisiana, is amended by removing Grand Isle, Channel 283A.

Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**47 CFR Part 73**

[DA 00-1146; MM Docket No. 99-246; RM-9593; RM-9770]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Winslow and Mayer, AZ**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.**ACTION:** Final rule.

SUMMARY: In response to a proposal filed on behalf of Desert West Air Ranchers Corporation, the Commission reallots Channel 236C from Winslow to Mayer, Arizona (RM-9770), as that community's first local aural transmission service, in lieu of previously proposed Camp Verde, Arizona (RM-9593), and modifies the license for Station KFMR(FM) to specify Mayer as its community of license. *See* 64 FR 37926, July 14, 1999. Coordinates used for Channel 236C at Mayer, Arizona, are 34-25-00 NL and 112-00-30 WL. With this action, this docketed proceeding is terminated.

DATES: Effective July 10, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Joyner, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Report and Order, MM Docket No. 99-246, adopted May 17, 2000, and released May 26, 2000. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC's Reference Information Center (Room CY-A257), 445 Twelfth Street, SW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036, (202) 857-3800.

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—[AMENDED]

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

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 303, 334, 336.**§ 73.202 [Amended]**

2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Arizona, is amended by adding Mayer, Channel 236C.

3. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Arizona, is amended by removing Winslow, Channel 236C.

Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**47 CFR Part 73**

[DA 00-1159; MM Docket No. 98-151; RM-9320, RM-9653]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Douglas and Guernsey, Wyoming**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.**ACTION:** Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission, at the request of Mountain Tower Broadcasting, allots Channel 223C1 to Douglas, Wyoming, as the community's second FM service, and third local aural service, and, at the request of Mount Rushmore Broadcasting, Inc., allots Channel 265A to Douglas as a third local FM fourth local aural service, and Channel 281A at Guernsey, Wyoming, as the community's first local aural service. *See* 63 FR 44601 (August 20, 1998). Channel can be allotted to Douglas in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements, with respect to domestic allotments, with a site restriction of 27.8 kilometers (17.3 miles) at coordinates 42-20-19 and 105-05-05. Channel 265A can be allotted at Douglas without the imposition of a site restriction, at coordinates 42-45-18 and 105-24-18 and Channel 281A can be allotted at Guernsey without the imposition of a site restriction, at coordinates 42-16-00 and 104-44-42. Filing windows for Channels 223C1 and 265A at Douglas and 281A at Guernsey will not be opened at this time. Instead, the issue of opening a filing window for each channel will be addressed by the Commission in a subsequent *Order*.

DATES: Effective July 10, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Victoria M. McCauley, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Report and Order, MM Docket No. 98-151, adopted May 17, 2000, and released May 26, 2000. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239), 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, 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—[AMENDED]

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

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

73.202 [Amended]

2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Wyoming, is amended by adding Channels 223C1 and 265A at Douglas, and Guernsey, Channel 281A.

Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Parts 73 and 74

[MM Docket No. 95-31; FCC 00-120]

Reexamination of Comparative Standards for Noncommercial Educational Applicants

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission adopted new methods to select among competing applications to construct noncommercial educational (NCE) broadcast stations or to make changes in existing facilities of such stations. The Commission will use a point system to select among mutually exclusive applicants on reserved channels, to streamline the current selection process and make it faster and simpler for applicants and for the Commission. The Commission will use existing auction procedures to select among mutually

exclusive applications on non-reserved ("commercial") channels, even if one or more of the applicants proposes to operate noncommercially. To facilitate the transition to new "filing window" procedures, the Commission implemented a freeze on the filing of new applications for reserved channel noncommercial educational broadcast stations.

DATES: Effective August 7, 2000, except for §§ 73.202, 73.3527, and 73.3572 which contain information collection requirements that have not been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The Commission will publish a document in the **Federal Register** announcing the effective date of these sections. The filing freeze became effective April 21, 2000 (*See* FCC News Releases, April 14, 2000 at www.fcc.gov).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's *Report and Order* adopted April 4, 2000, and released April 21, 2000. The complete text of this Report and Order is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room CY-A257), 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C., and also may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, (202) 857-3800, 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036. The text can be obtained over the internet by going to the FCC web site, www.fcc.gov, and following the link entitled "FCC Adopts Comparative Standards for Noncommercial Educational Broadcast Stations, 4/27/00, under the "headlines" section.

Synopsis of Order

1. The Commission issued a *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* in this proceeding in 1995 [60 FR 15275 March 23, 1995] proposing to change the

process used to select noncommercial educational applicants, because the existing process was cumbersome and no longer making meaningful distinctions among applicants. Subsequently, Congress addressed related issues in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, and the Commission issued a *Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making* [63 FR 58358 October 30, 1998], seeking additional comments. After considering the comments received, the Commission now adopts new simpler filing procedures and selection methods for applications seeking to construct new noncommercial educational (NCE) FM, FM translator, and television stations and to make major changes to such existing stations.

2. Applications for new and major changes to NCE stations will be filed only within "filing windows" to be announced by the Commission. The Commission will study applications filed during the window for mutual exclusivity. This replaces a system in which applications were accepted at any time, and "cut-off" lists were issued to invite competing applications.

3. If mutually applications are received within a filing window, and for existing mutually exclusive applications that have already been "cut off," the Commission will first determine as a threshold issue, whether any application should be granted or dismissed on the basis of fair distribution of service pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 307(b) (FM stations proposing service to different communities) or on the basis of translator fill-in service as compared to non-fill-in service. If mutually exclusive applicants remain after these threshold issues, the Commission will proceed to a point system.

4. Points will be awarded as follows: (a) 3 points to an established local entity (a government applying for a station within its area of jurisdiction or any applicant that for at least the two years prior to application has had one of the following within 25 miles of the reference coordinates for the community of license: its headquarters, its campus, or the primary residences of 75% of its board members); (b) 1 to 2 points to the applicant with the best technical proposal (covering the largest area and population) depending on comparison to the next best technical proposal; and either (c) 2 points to applicants with local diversity of ownership (no overlap of attributable station principal community contours); or (d) 2 points to an applicant that does not claim local diversity of ownership points, if it is a state-wide network serving 50 accredited full-time elementary/