

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[DA 02-687; MM Docket No. 01-120, RM-10126]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Lincoln and Sherman, IL

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Commission grants a petition for rule making filed by Saga Communications, Inc., licensee of Station WMHX(FM), Lincoln, Illinois, and reallots Channel 230B1 from Lincoln to Sherman, Illinois, and modifies the license of Station WMHX to reflect the change of community. Channel 230B1 can be allotted at petitioner's requested site 13 kilometers (8.1 miles) north of the community. Coordinates for Channel 230B1 at Sherman are 40-00-09 NL and 89-39-35 WL. Opposing comments were filed by P&M Communications and Long Nine, Inc.

DATES: Effective May 6, 2002.

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. 01-120 adopted March 13, 2002 and released March 22, 2002. The full text of this document 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.

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 Illinois, is amended by removing Lincoln, Channel 230B1 and adding Sherman, Channel 230B1.

Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Parts 74 and 90

[ET Docket No. 02-16; FCC 02-27]

WRC Frequency Bands Below 28000 kHz

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule; clarification.

SUMMARY: This document prevents the licensing of Public Safety; Industrial/Business Pool, excluding Travelers' Information Stations (TIS); and remote pick up stations in the AM Expanded Band during the pendency of ET Docket No. 02-16. We take this action to permit the orderly and effective resolution of the issue of mobiles services (excluding TIS) operating in the AM Expanded Band. This action will have minimal impact because very few such applications are received from those eligible to operate in this band and because alternative land mobile spectrum is available for their use.

DATES: Effective April 8, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Mooring, Office of Engineering and Technology, (202) 418-2450.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Order, ET Docket No. 02-16, FCC 02-27, adopted January 30, 2002, and released February 7, 2002. The full text of this Commission decision is available on the Commission's Internet site at www.fcc.gov. It 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, and also may be purchased from the Commission's duplication contractor, Qualex International, (202) 863-2893, Room CY-B402, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554.

Summary of the Order

1. In 1983, the Commission began a process to improve and revitalize the AM broadcast service that included the

expansion of its available frequencies to include the band 1605-1705 kHz ("AM Expanded Band"). At that time, the primary fixed, land mobile, maritime mobile, aeronautical radionavigation, and radiolocation allocations were removed from the band 1605-1705 kHz. As licensees have recently begun service using the AM Expanded Band, we are finding that several issues affecting this spectrum need to be addressed.

2. When the land mobile allocation was removed from the band 1605-1705 kHz in 1983, frequencies within this band were inadvertently not removed from Parts 74 and 90 of our Rules. Accordingly, in the associated Notice of Proposed Rule Making in ET Docket No. 02-16, we proposed to remove these frequencies from Parts 74 and 90 of our Rules.

3. To prevent the licensing of Public Safety, Industrial/Business Pool, and remote pickup stations in the AM Expanded Band during the pendency of this proceeding, such applications will no longer be granted. We will no longer accept applications for new licenses or modifications or renewals of existing licenses for frequencies within the band 1605-1705 kHz as of the date of **Federal Register** Publications of this Order. Any such applications received on or after that date will be returned as unacceptable for filing. Pending applications will be dismissed, unless they are modified to specify alternative frequencies. We take this action to permit the orderly and effective resolution of the issue of mobile services (excluding TIS) operating in the AM Expanded Band. We anticipate this action will have minimal impact because very few such applications are received from Public Safety, Industrial/Business Pool, and remote pickup eligibles to operate in this band and because alternative land mobile spectrum is available.

Ordering Clause

4. Public Safety, Industrial/Business Pool, and remote pickup applications for frequencies within the band 1605-1705 kHz shall not be granted. The Commission shall not accept said applications for new licenses or modifications or renewals of existing licenses for frequencies within the band 1605-1705 kHz as of the April 8, 2002 of this Order. Any such applications received on or after that date shall be returned as unacceptable for filing. Pending applications shall be dismissed, unless they are modified to specify alternative frequencies.