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Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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MM Docket No. 92-120

In the Matter of

Amendment of Section 73.202(b), RM-7968  
Table of Allotments,  
FM Broadcast Stations.  
(Hartford, Vermont)

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING

Adopted: May 15, 1992; Released: May 28, 1992

Comment Date: July 20, 1992

Reply Comment Date: August 4, 1992

By the Acting Chief, Allocations Branch:

1. The Commission has before it the petition for rule making filed by Family Broadcasting, Inc. ("petitioner"), permittee of Station WGLV-FM, Channel 282A, Hartford, Vermont, requesting the substitution of Channel 282C3 for Channel 282A at Hartford and modification of Station WGLV-FM's construction permit to specify operation on the higher powered channel. Petitioner states it will apply for channel, if allotted.

2. Although the petitioner's specified site complies with the minimum distance separation requirements of the Commission's Rules, we question whether the proposal would comply with the technical requirements of Section 73.315, which requires that a 70 dBu contour encompass the entire proposed community of license from the transmitter site. A staff engineering analysis reveals that the site specified by the petitioner would require an antenna *height above average terrain* ("HAAT") of 150 meters and an effective radiated power ("ERP") of 11 kW. A conventional Class C3 station, operating at maximum facilities, would use a HAAT of 100 meters and ERP of 25 kW. In this regard, our evaluation of the petitioner's proposal indicates that it could provide a city-grade signal to Hartford. Since the provision of a city-grade signal is an important public interest consideration, petitioner is requested to provide additional information in its comments to establish a *prima facie* showing of its ability to comply with the requirements of Section 73.315 of the Commission's Rules. Failure to provide the requested information could result in a denial of the proposal.

3. We believe the public interest would be served by proposing the substitution of Channel 282C3 for Channel 282A at Hartford, Vermont, since it could provide the community with an expanded coverage area FM service. As requested, we shall tentatively propose to modify petitioner's authorization for Station WGLV-FM to specify

operation on Channel 282C3 in lieu of Channel 282A. Channel 282C3 can be allotted to Hartford in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 12.2 kilometers (7.6 miles) north to accommodate petitioner's desired site.<sup>1</sup> Since Hartford is located within 320 kilometers (200 miles) of the U.S. Canadian border, concurrence of the Canadian government will be requested. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1.420(g) of the Commission's Rules, we will not accept other expressions of interest in the use of Channel 282C3 at Hartford, or require the petitioner to demonstrate the availability of an additional equivalent class channel for use by such parties.

4. Accordingly, we seek comments on the proposed amendment of the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules, for the community listed below, to read as follows:

City	Channel No.	
	Present	Proposed
Hartford, Vermont	282A	282C3

5. The Commission's authority to institute rule making proceedings, showings required, cut-off procedures, and filing requirements are contained in the attached Appendix and are incorporated by reference herein. In particular, we note that a showing of continuing interest is required by paragraph 2 of the Appendix before a channel will be allotted.

6. Interested parties may file comments on or before **July 20, 1992**, and reply comments on or before **August 4, 1992**, and are advised to read the Appendix for the proper procedures. Comments should be filed with the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554. Additionally, a copy of such comments should be served on the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows:

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7. The Commission has determined that the relevant provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to rule making proceedings to amend the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules. See *Certification That Sections 603 and 604 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act Do Not Apply to Rule Making to Amend Sections 73.202(b), 73.504 and 73.606(b) of the Commission's Rules*, 46 FR 11549, February 9, 1981.

8. For further information concerning this proceeding, contact Pamela Blumenthal, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 634-6530. For purposes of this restricted notice and comment rule making proceeding, members of the public are advised that no *ex parte* presentations are permitted from the time the Commission adopts a Notice of Proposed

<sup>1</sup> The coordinates for Channel 282C3 at Hartford are North

Latitude 43-46-08 and West Longitude 72-21-35.

Rule Making until the proceeding has been decided and such decision is no longer subject to reconsideration by the Commission or review by any court. An *ex parte* presentation is not prohibited if specifically requested by the Commission or staff for the clarification or adduction of evidence or resolution of issues in the proceeding. However, any new written information elicited from such a request or a summary of any new oral information shall be served by the person making the presentation upon the other parties to the proceeding unless the Commission specifically waives this service requirement. Any comment which has not been served on the petitioner constitutes an *ex parte* presentation and shall not be considered in the proceeding. Any reply comment which has not been served on the person(s) who filed the comment, to which the reply is directed, constitutes an *ex parte* presentation and shall not be considered in the proceeding.

#### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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#### APPENDIX

1. Pursuant to authority found in Sections 4(i), 5(c)(1), 303(g) and (r) and 307(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and Sections 0.61 0.204(b) and 0.283 of the Commission's Rules, IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, as set forth in the *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* to which this Appendix is attached.

2. *Showings Required.* Comments are invited on the proposal(s) discussed in the *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* to which this Appendix is attached. Proponent(s) will be expected to answer whatever questions are presented in initial comments. The proponent of a proposed allotment is also expected to file comments even if it only resubmits or incorporates by reference its former pleadings. It should also restate its present intention to apply for the channel if it is allotted and, if authorized, to build a station promptly. Failure to file may lead to denial of the request.

3. *Cut - off Procedures.* The following procedures will govern the consideration of filings in this proceeding.

(a) Counterproposals advanced in this proceeding itself will be considered if advanced in initial comments, so that parties may comment on them in reply comments. They will not be considered if advanced in reply comments. (See Section 1.420(d) of the Commission's Rules.)

(b) With respect to petitions for rule making which conflict with the proposal(s) in this *Notice*, they will be considered as comments in the proceeding, and Public Notice to this effect will be given as long as they are filed before the date for filing initial com-

ments herein. If they are filed later than that, they will not be considered in connection with the decision in this docket.

(c) The filing of a counterproposal may lead the Commission to allot a different channel than was requested for any of the communities involved.

4. *Comments and Reply Comments; Service.* Pursuant to applicable procedures set out in Sections 1.415 and 1.420 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates set forth in the *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* to which this Appendix is attached. All submissions by parties to this proceeding or by persons acting on behalf of such parties must be made in written comments, reply comments, or other appropriate pleadings. Comments shall be served on the petitioner by the person filing the comments. Reply comments shall be served on the person(s) who filed comments to which the reply is directed. Such comments and reply comments shall be accompanied by a certificate of service. (See Section 1.420(a), (b) and (c) of the Commission's Rules.)

5. *Number of Copies.* In accordance with the provisions of Section 1.420 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, an original and four copies of all comments, reply comments, pleadings, briefs, or other documents shall be furnished the Commission.

6. *Public Inspection of Filings.* All filings made in this proceeding will be available for examination by interested parties during regular business hours in the Commission's Public Reference Room at its headquarters, 1919 M Street N.W., Washington, D.C.