

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

MM Docket No. 88-597

In the Matter of

Amendment of Section 73.202(b), RM-6442
Table of Allotments,
FM Broadcast Stations.
(Prescott Valley, Arizona)

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING

Adopted: November 30, 1988; Released: January 23, 1989

By the Deputy Chief, Policy and Rules Division:

1. Prescott Valley Broadcasting Co., Inc. (petitioner), licensee of Station KIHx-FM, Channel 292A, Prescott Valley, Arizona, has filed a petition for rule making seeking the substitution of Channel 294C2 for Channel 292A and modification of its permit to specify operation on the higher-powered channel.

2. We believe this proposal is in the public interest, since it could provide a wider coverage area FM service to Prescott Valley. A staff engineering analysis has determined that Channel 294C2 can be substituted for Channel 292A in conformity with the minimum distance separation requirements of Section 73.207(b) of the Commission's Rules, provided the transmitter is sited in an area at least 17.3 kilometers (10.7 miles) south¹ of the community to avoid short-spacing to a pending rule making proposal (RM-5819) to modify Station KSMK-FM, Cottonwood, Arizona, from Channel 240A to Channel 240C,² and to the construction permit issued to Station KKGL(FM), Channel 294C1, Pinetop, Arizona.³

3. In view of the above, we shall propose to modify the Class A license of Station KIHx-FM, as requested, in the event Channel 294C2 is substituted for Channel 292A at Prescott Valley. 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 294C2 at Prescott Valley.

4. Accordingly, in order to provide Prescott Valley with a wider coverage area FM service, we seek comments on the proposal to amend the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules, as follows:

City	Channel No.	
	Present	Proposed
Prescott Valley, Arizona	294A	252C2, ⁴ 294C2

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 particu-

lar, 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 **March 16, 1989**, and reply comments on or before **March 31, 1989**, and are advised to read the Appendix for the proper procedures. Additionally, a copy of such comments should be served on the petitioner, as follows:

Prescott Valley Broadcasting Co., Inc.
P.O. Box 26523
Prescott Valley, AZ 86312

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 Nancy Joyner, 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 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

Steve Kaminer
Deputy Chief
Policy and Rules Division
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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 comments 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.

FOOTNOTES

¹ Reference coordinates used in this determination are 34-27-32 and 112-21-37.

² Reference coordinates utilized for Channel 240C at Cottonwood, AZ are 34-46-03 and 112-08-04. Additionally, reference coordinates specified for that channel by the Cottonwood proponent, on reconsideration, are 34-45-17 and 112-06-55.

³ Reference coordinates at the permit site for Station KKGL(FM) are 34-12-20 and 109-56-26.

⁴ Channel 252C2 has been requested in RM-6388.