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46 CFR PART 540

[DOCKET NO. 02-15]

PASSENGER VESSEL FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

AGENCY: Federal Maritime Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; Extension of Time; Submission of Oral Comments; Public Hearing.

SUMMARY: The Commission has determined to extend the comment period in this matter, and to provide interested persons with the opportunity to make oral presentations to individual Commissioners and at a public hearing before the full Commission.

DATES: Comments are now due on May 30, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments and inquiries concerning this proposed rule to:

Bryant L. VanBrakle, Secretary
Federal Maritime Commission
800 North Capitol Street, NW, Room 1046
Washington, D.C. 20573-0001
(202) 523-5725
E-mail: secretary@fmc.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Pursuant to Rule 53(a) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 46 C.F.R. 502.53(a) (2002), in notice-and-comment rulemakings the Commission may permit interested

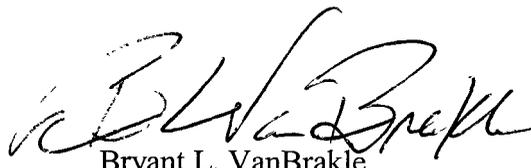
persons to make oral presentations in addition to filing written comments. The Commission has determined to permit interested persons to make such presentations to individual Commissioners in this proceeding, and additionally to hold a public hearing before the full Commission.

At the discretion of individual Commissioners, interested persons may request one-on-one meetings at which they may make presentations describing their views on the proposed rule. Any meeting or meetings shall be completed before the close of the comment period. The summary or transcript of oral presentations will be included in the record and must be submitted to the Secretary of the Commission within 5 days of the meeting. Interested persons wishing to make an oral presentation should contact the Office of the Secretary to secure contact names and numbers for individual Commissioners.

The Commission has also determined to hold a public hearing, at which interested parties may make presentations and field questions from the Commissioners. The date and time of the hearing will be set forth in a subsequent order.

Finally, the deadline for filing comments is extended to May 30, 2003.

By the Commission. *


Bryant L. VanBrakle
Secretary

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revised regulation by one year from today. If Massachusetts fails to submit the required revisions within one year of this conditional approval, then this conditional approval will be converted to a disapproval.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before May 8, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to David Conroy, Unit Manager, Air Quality Planning, Office of Ecosystem Protection (mail code CAQ), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA New England Regional Office, One Congress Street, Suite 1100, Boston, MA 02114-2023. Copies of the State submittal and EPA's technical support document are available for public inspection during normal business hours, by appointment at the Office of Ecosystem Protection, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA New England Regional Office, One Congress Street, 11th floor, Boston, MA and the Division of Air Quality Control, Department of Environmental Protection, One Winter Street, 8th Floor, Boston, MA 02108.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey S. Butensky, Environmental Planner, (617) 918-1665; butensky.jeff@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is conditionally approving the State's SIP submittal as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial submittal and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this action rule, no further activity is contemplated. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

For additional information, see the direct final rule which is located in the Rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: February 21, 2003

Robert W. Varney,
Regional Administrator, EPA New England
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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

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Passenger Vessel Financial Responsibility

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Secretary

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[DA 03-815; MB Docket No. 03-78, RM-106841]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Bend and Prineville, OR

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document sets forth a proposal to amend the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 73.202(b). The Commission requests comment on a petition filed by Combined Communications, Inc., licensee of Station KTWS-FM, Channel 253C3, Bend, Oregon. Petitioner proposes to upgrade the allotment for Channel 253C3 at Bend, Oregon, to Channel 253C1, and to modify the license of KTWS-FM accordingly. In order to facilitate that change, petitioner further proposes to substitute Channel 271C3 for Channel 25563, a vacant allotment at Prineville, Oregon, and to change the reference coordinates for that allotment. Channel 271C3 can be allotted to Prineville in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 13.6 km (8.4 miles) east of Prineville. The coordinates for Channel 271C3 at Prineville are 44-20-36 North Latitude and 120-44-06 West Longitude. If that change is made in the Table of Allotments, Channel 253C1 can be allotted to Bend in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 2.6 km (1.6 miles)

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