

applies to any rule that EPA determines (1) is "economically significant," as defined under Executive Order 12866, and (2) the environmental health or safety risk addressed by the rule has a disproportionate effect on children. If the regulatory action meets both criteria, the Agency must evaluate the environmental health or safety effects of the planned rule on children and explain why the planned regulation is preferable to other potentially effective and reasonably feasible alternatives considered by the Agency.

This proposed rule is not subject to Executive Order 13045 because it is not an economically significant regulatory action as defined by Executive Order 12866, and it does not address an environmental health and safest risk that would have a disproportionate effect on children.

D. Executive Order 13084

Under E.O. 13084, EPA may not issue a regulation that is not required by statute, that significantly affects or uniquely affects the communities of Indian tribal governments, and that imposes substantial direct compliance costs on those communities, unless the Federal government provides the funds necessary to pay the direct compliance costs incurred by the tribal governments. If EPA complies by consulting, E.O. 13084 requires EPA to provide to OMB, in a separately identified section of the preamble to the rule, a description of the extent of EPA's prior consultation with representatives of affected tribal governments, a summary of the nature of their concerns, and a statement supporting the need to issue the regulation. In addition, E. O. 13084 requires EPA to develop an effective process permitting elected and other representatives of Indian tribal governments "to provide meaningful and timely input in the development of regulatory policies on matters that significantly or uniquely affect their communities." Today's rule does not significantly or uniquely affect the communities of Indian tribal governments. This action does not involve or impose any requirements that affect Indian Tribes. Accordingly, the requirements of section 3(b) of E.O. 13084 do not apply to this rule.

E. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) generally requires an agency to conduct a regulatory flexibility analysis of any subject to notice and comment rulemaking requirements unless the agency certifies that the rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Small entities include small businesses, small not-for-profit enterprises, and small governmental jurisdictions. This proposed rule will not have a significant impact on substantial number of small entities because SIP approvals under section 110 and 301, and subchapter I, part D of the Clean Air Act do not create any new requirements but simply approve requirements that the state is already imposing. Therefore, because the Federal SIP approval does not impose any new requirements, I certify that this action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. Moreover, due to the nature of the Federal-State relationship under the Clean Air Act, preparation of a flexibility analysis would constitute federal inquiry into the economic reasonableness of state action. The Clean Air Act forbids EPA to base its actions concerning SIPs on such grounds. *Union Electric Co. v. U.S. EPA*, 427 U.S. 246, 255-66 (1976); 42 U.S.C. 7410(a)(2). If conditional approval is converted to disapproval under section 110(k), based on the state's failure to meet the commitment, it will not affect any existing state requirements applicable to small entities. Federal disapproval of the state submittal does not affect its state-enforceability. Moreover, EPA's disapproval of the submittal does not impose a new federal requirement. Therefore, EPA certifies that this proposed disapproval action does not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities because it does not remove existing requirements nor does it substitute a new federal requirement.

F. Unfunded Mandates

Under section 202 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 ("Unfunded Mandates Act"), signed into law on March 22, 1995, EPA must prepare a budgetary impact statement to accompany any proposed or final rule that includes a federal mandate that may result in estimated costs to state, local, or tribal governments in the aggregate; or to private sector, of \$100 million or more. Under section 205, EPA must select the most cost-effective and least burdensome alternative that achieves the objectives of the rule and is consistent with statutory requirements. Section 203 requires EPA to establish a plan for informing and advising any small governments that may be significantly or uniquely impacted by the rule. EPA has determined that the approval action proposed does not include a federal mandate that may result in estimated costs of \$100 million or more to either

state, local, or tribal governments in the aggregate, or to the private sector. This federal action to propose conditional limited approval of Delaware Regulation No. 12 for NO_x RACT proposes to approve pre-existing requirements under state or local law, and imposes no new requirements. Accordingly no additional costs to state, local, or tribal governments, or to the private sector, result from this action.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Nitrogen dioxide, Ozone, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.

Dated: March 11, 1999.

W. Michael McCabe,

Regional Administrator, Region III.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 98-152; RM-9338]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Avon, NC

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule; denial.

SUMMARY: The Commission denies the request of Avon Broadcasting Company to allot Channel 294A to Avon, NC, as its first local aural service, finding that, based on the information provided, it is not a "community" for allotment purposes. See 63 FR 45213, August 25, 1998. With this action, this proceeding is terminated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leslie K. Shapiro, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Report and Order, MM Docket No. 98-152, adopted March 3, 1999, and released March 12, 1999. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, NW., 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.

Federal Communications Commission.

John A. Karousos,

Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 99-74; RM-9367]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Bay Springs and Ellisville, MS

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition for rule making filed on behalf of Blakeney Communications, Inc., licensee of Station WZKW(FM), Channel 232C2, Bay Springs, Mississippi, requesting the reallocation of Channel 232C2 to Ellisville, Mississippi, as that community's first locally competitive aural transmission service, and modification of its authorization accordingly. Coordinates used for Channel 232C2 at Ellisville, Mississippi, are 31-33-25 NL and 89-28-42 WL.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before May 3, 1999, and reply comments on or before May 18, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner's counsel, as follows: Frank R. Jazzo, and Anne Goodwin Crump, Esq., Fletcher, Heald & Hildreth, P.L.C., 1300 North 17th Street, Eleventh Floor, Arlington, VA 22209.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 99-74, adopted March 3, 1999, and released March 12, 1999. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC's Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, NW., 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.

Provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to this proceeding.

Members of the public should note that from the time a Notice of Proposed Rule Making is issued until the matter is no longer subject to Commission consideration or court review, all *ex parte* contacts are prohibited in Commission proceedings, such as this one, which involve channel allotments. See 47 CFR 1.1204(b) for rules governing permissible *ex parte* contacts.

For information regarding proper filing procedures for comments, See 47 CFR 1.415 and 1.420.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 591

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[Docket No. 99-NHTSA-5240]

Importation of Vehicles and Equipment Subject to Federal Safety, Bumper, and Theft Prevention Standards

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This document proposes to amend NHTSA's importation regulations to implement a recent statutory amendment that adds "show or display" to the special limited purposes for which vehicles or equipment items may be imported without having to comply with the Federal motor vehicle safety standards (FMVSS). Under the amendments we are proposing, a person who wants to import a vehicle or equipment item for "show or display" would have to persuade us that the vehicle or equipment item is of such historical or technological significance that it is worthy of being shown or displayed in this country even though it would be difficult or impossible to be brought into compliance with the FMVSS. We intend this provision to accommodate primarily individuals wishing to import an example of a make or model of a vehicle which its manufacturer never

sold in the United States and which therefore has no counterpart that was certified to conform to the FMVSS.

We propose to allow limited use on the public roads of vehicles imported for "show or display." Before entry, an importer would describe the intended on-road use of the vehicle and affirm that the vehicle would not be used on the public roads more than 500 miles in any 12-month period. The importer would be required to provide an annual mileage statement to the agency during the first five years after entry.

Pursuant to the recent statutory amendment, we are also allowing owners of vehicles already imported into the United States under other exemptions to apply to us for a change in the terms and conditions under which we permitted their vehicles to be imported. The opportunity to apply for such a change is statutorily limited to the period of 6 months after the effective date of the final rule.

DATES: *Comment due date:* Comments are due on the proposed rule May 6, 1999. *Effective date:* The final rule would be effective 45 days after its publication in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to the docket number indicated above and be submitted to: Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. (Docket hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Taylor Vinson, Office of Chief Counsel, NHTSA (202-366-5263).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background of this Rulemaking Action

A. The 1968 Importation Regulation

Under § 12.80(b)(1)(vii) of the agency's original importation regulation, 19 CFR 12.80, effective January 10, 1968, a person could import motor vehicles or motor vehicle equipment not manufactured to conform to the Federal motor vehicle safety standards (FMVSS) if the person declared that:

The importer or consignee is importing such vehicle or equipment item solely for the purpose of show, test, experiment, competition, repairs, or alterations and that such vehicle or equipment item will not be sold or licensed for use on the public roads.

This regulation allowed importations of nonconforming vehicles or equipment items for "show" until it was superseded on January 31, 1990.

B. The 1990 Importation Regulation

On October 31, 1988, the Imported Vehicle Safety Compliance Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-562) ("Safety Compliance