

Proposed Rule Making

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Hazardous Materials Regulations Board

[49 CFR Part 195]

[Docket No. HM-6]

TRANSPORTATION OF LIQUIDS BY PIPELINE

Notice of Extension of Public Hearing Date

On October 4, 1969 the Hazardous Materials Regulations Board published a Notice of Public Hearing (34 F.R. 15489) (Docket No. HM-6; Notice 69-27), to be held November 18, 1969 at 10 o'clock, in the Department of Transportation Building (Federal Office Building 10A) 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, D.C.

The American Petroleum Institute, by letter dated October 13, 1969, requested the Board to extend the date of Hearing for 60 days. Upon consideration of the reasons stated in petitioner's request, it has been determined that it is in the public interest to grant the requested extension. Therefore, the Hearing will be held at 10 o'clock on January 20, 1970, at the same address.

Any person wishing to make oral statements at the Hearing should notify the Secretary of the Hazardous Materials Regulations Board by January 14, 1970.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on October 31, 1969.

CARL V. LYON,
Deputy Administrator,
Federal Railroad Administration.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[47 CFR Parts 2, 81, 83, 85]

[Docket No. 18632]

MARITIME SERVICES AND PUBLIC FIXED STATIONS IN ALASKA

Use of Radiotelephony, Radiotelegraphy, and Single Sideband Emissions on Certain Frequencies; Order Extending Time for Filing Comments

In the matter of amendment of Parts 2, 81, and 83 and the deletion of Part 85 to establish for the State of Alaska a schedule of dates, technical standards, frequencies, and other requirements for

the use of radiotelephony, radiotelegraphy, and single sideband emissions on frequencies below 4,000 kc/s, for the maritime services in Alaska, and below 12,000 kc/s, for Alaska public fixed stations, and to make other incidental rule changes; Docket No. 18632.

1. The above-captioned notice of proposed rule making (FCC 69-873), which was released on August 25, 1969, provided for the filing of comments by September 29, 1969, and reply comments by October 10, 1969. Subsequently, by order released September 26, 1969, the time for filing comments and reply comments in this proceeding was extended to October 29, 1969, and November 10, 1969, respectively. The Central Committee on Communication Facilities of the American Petroleum Institute and the National Marine Electronic Association, Inc. (NMEA) have filed additional requests for extension of time in which to file comments.

2. The Central Committee requests a 15-day extension on the grounds that as a result of the earlier extension of time they have now held three separate meetings to further study the proposed amendments and to formulate the petroleum industry's comments thereon. They submit that the pending sale of Alaskan Communications System (ACS) and the recent oil discoveries on the Alaska North Slope have created communications requirements which must be considered in reviewing the broad amendments proposed by the Commission. Accordingly, the Committee feels that 15 days additional time is necessary to further analyze the complex questions raised by the overall proposal and to finalize the comments received from their members. NMEA requests a 30-day extension, if possible, or the maximum amount of time which the Commission may be in a position to grant, on the grounds that it has been necessary to obtain clarification of various aspects of the proposed rules from the Commission's staff, that their Telecommunications Committee has met to review the Commission's proposal in light of this new information, but will be unable to complete its evaluation of the proposed rules and to submit comments thereon by the extended date of October 29, 1969.

3. The Commission is not unmindful of the problems associated with preparing comments where, as in this case, the notice covers complex technical proposals requiring detailed examination by the affected maritime industry and remote telecommunication users in the State of Alaska. A 30-day extension of time would unduly delay the proceeding; however, some additional time appears warranted and it will not have an adverse effect on these proceedings. In view of the foregoing: *It is ordered*, That the time for filing comments and reply comments in

this proceeding is extended to November 13, 1969, and November 24, 1969, respectively. *It is further ordered*, That the requests for extension of time for filing comments set forth in this order are granted to the extent indicated herein and are otherwise denied.

4. This action is taken pursuant to authority contained in sections 4(i) and 5(d)(1) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and § 0.331(b)(4) of the Commission's rules.

Adopted: October 29, 1969.

Released: October 30, 1969.

[SEAL]

JAMES E. BARR,
Chief, Safety and Special
Radio Services Bureau.

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[47 CFR Part 73]

[Docket No. 18713; FCC 69-1175]

EQUIPMENT PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS BY EDUCATIONAL FM STATIONS

Notice of Proposed Rule Making

1. Equipment performance measurements, of the station's transmitter and related equipment, are now required at least annually in the standard broadcast (AM) service and for FM stations operating on unreserved or "commercial" channels (§§ 73.47 and 73.254).¹ They are not now required for non-commercial educational FM stations on the 20 reserved FM channels (201-220). In this notice we propose to extend the equipment-performance measurement requirement for commercial stations, contained in § 73.254 of the rules, to educational FM stations on reserved channels other than 10-watt Class D stations.

2. Annual equipment performance measurements are, we believe, in general necessary to insure proper station operation and a good quality of broadcast output. Educational stations on reserved channels have not up to now been required to make such measurements, since it was thought that the expense involved would be a substantial handicap to the development of this service. Moreover, a very substantial number of these stations—roughly half—are low-power 10-watt (Class D) stations, and a large number of the rest operate with rather small facilities. Therefore the effects of

¹ In another action today, we are amending Subpart C of the rules, concerning non-commercial educational FM stations, to make it clear that such stations operating on unreserved or "commercial" channels are required to make the equipment performance measurements required by § 73.254 of commercial stations.