

higher class channel in response to a petition filed by Turtle Broadcasting Co. of Branson. See 56 FR 65206, December 16, 1991. In accordance with Section 1.420(g) of the Commission's Rules we shall modify the construction permit for Station KRZK(FM) to specify operation on Channel 292C2. The coordinates for Channel 292C2 are 36-43-00 and 93-05-00. To accommodate the upgrade at Branson, we substituted Channel 221A for Channel 222A at Ava, Missouri, at coordinates 36-55-48 and 92-39-19 and modified the license for Station KKOZ-FM and substituted Channel 223A for Channel 293A at Mountain Grove, Missouri, at coordinates 37-08-07 and 92-14-59 and modified the license for Station KCMG-FM. With this action, this proceeding is terminated.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 12, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's *Report and Order*, MM Docket No. 91-352, adopted November 3, 1995, and released November 28, 1995. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Dockets Branch (Room 230), 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractors, International Transcription Services, Inc., 2100 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037, (202) 857-3800.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Part 73 of title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 73—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Secs. 303, 48 Stat., as amended, 1082; 47 U.S.C. 154, as amended.

§ 73.202 [Amended]

2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Missouri, is amended by removing Channel 222A and adding Channel 221A at Ava, by removing Channel 292C3 and adding Channel 292C2 at Branson, and by removing Channel 293A and adding Channel 223A at Mountain Grove.

Federal Communications Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 553

RIN 2127-AG04

Rulemaking Procedures; Petitions for Reconsideration; Petitions for Extension of Comment Period

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

ACTION: Final Rule.

SUMMARY: This rule makes two amendments to NHTSA's procedural rules. The first amendment requires petitions for extension of the period for submitting written comments on a notice such as a notice of proposed rulemaking to be submitted at least 15 days before the closing date for the comment period. Previously, petitions could be submitted up to 10 days before the closing date. This change will give NHTSA additional time to process these petitions and thus ensure that, when a petition is granted, the notice extending the comment period can be published well before the original closing date.

The second amendment provides that the agency will accept petitions for reconsideration of a final rule if they are received not more than 45 days after the publication of the final rule. Previously, petitions for reconsideration had to be received not more than 30 days following publication of a final rule. NHTSA believes that the extension is warranted by the complexity of many of its final rules. The additional time will allow interested parties to review the rules more effectively and better prepare their petitions for reconsideration.

DATES: The amendments made in this rule are effective January 4, 1996.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice makes two amendments to Part 553, Rulemaking Procedures, Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Part 553 prescribes rulemaking procedures that apply to the issuing, amending, and revoking of motor vehicle safety, damageability, domestic content labeling, fuel economy, and theft rules pursuant to the authorizing legislation formerly known as the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966 and the Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings

Act. The amendments change the requirements concerning the deadlines for petitions for extension of comments period and for petitions for reconsideration.

Petitions for Extension of Comment Period

Section 553.19 specifies procedures for petitions for extension of the period for submitting written comments on a notice such as a notice of proposed rulemaking. For some time, the procedures prescribed that petitions for extension must be received by NHTSA not later than 10 days before the comment closing date stated in the notice.

In this final rule, NHTSA amends the procedures so that petitions for extension of the time period must be received by NHTSA not later than 15 days before the comment closing date. This amendment is necessary to provide NHTSA additional time to process such petitions. As stated in section 553.19, the filing of the petition does not automatically extend the time deadline for petitioner's comments. With the additional time, NHTSA will be able to more effectively consider and process the petitions.

The longer interval between the petition deadline and the comment closing date will make it easier for the agency to publish a Federal Register document informing the public of the extension well before the closing date. As has sometimes occurred under the previous 10-day deadline, the notice of extension of the comment period is published only a day or two before the initial scheduled closing date. The lateness of the publication reduces the value of the extension for many commenters. By two days before the initial comment closing date, most commenters will already have prepared comments. For these reasons, NHTSA amends the time period for accepting petitions for extension of time to comment on rulemakings.

Petitions for Reconsideration

Section 553.35 establishes procedures for petitions of reconsideration of a final rule. The procedures require that petitions for extension must be received by NHTSA not later than 30 days after publication of the rule in the Federal Register. Petitions received after that deadline are treated as petitions for rulemaking.

In this final rule, NHTSA amends the procedures to provide 45 days for the receipt of petitions for reconsideration. NHTSA believes that, by providing the public additional time to review final rules, particularly complicated ones, the