# **Proposed Rules**

This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

### OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### 5 CFR Part 990

RIN 3206-AJ97

#### **General and Miscellaneous**

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management. ACTION: Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Personnel Management proposes to remove its regulation concerning the submission of claims by preference eligibles to OPM and the recognition of representatives by OPM. The regulation is now obsolete. **DATES:** Comments must be received on or before July 28, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send, deliver or fax comments to Ellen E. Tunstall, Deputy Associate Director for Talent and Capacity Policy, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Room 6551, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20415–9700; e-mail *employ@opm.gov;* FAX: (202) 606–2329.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Raleigh M. Neville by telephone at (202) 606–0960; by TDD at (202) 418–3134; by fax at (202) 606–0390; or by e-mail at *rmnevill@opm.gov.* 

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of this revision to part 990 is to eliminate the part because it is obsolete. OPM no longer adjudicates claims or appeals under sections 3502, 3503, or 7701 of title 5, United States Code. That appellate function was vested in the Merit Systems Protection Board, created by the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978. Accordingly, there is no basis to retain the provisions of part 990 in the Code of Federal Regulations.

## E.O. 12866, Regulatory Review

This rule has been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with E.O. 12866.

### **Regulatory Flexibility Act**

I certify that these regulations would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities because it affects only Federal employees.

#### List of Subjects in 5 CFR Part 990

Administrative practice and procedure, Claims, Government employees, Veterans.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management. **Kay Coles James**,

## Director.

Under the authority of 5 CFR chapter 1, OPM proposes to remove and reserve 5 CFR part 990 as follows:

## PART 990—[Removed and Reserved]

1. Part 990 is removed and reserved.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 62

[WV060-6027b; FRL-7503-1]

### Approval and Promulgation of State Air Quality Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; State of West Virginia; Control of Emissions from Existing Small Municipal Waste Combustion Units

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is proposing to approve the section 111(d)/129 negative declaration submitted by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Air Quality (DAQ). The negative declaration certifies that small municipal waste combustion (MWC) units, which are subject to the requirements of sections 111(d) and 129 of the Clean Air Act (CAA), do not exist within the State of West Virginia. If no adverse comments are received in response to this action, 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. Please note that if EPA receives adverse comment on an amendment, paragraph, or section of this rule and if that provision may be severed from the remainder of the rule, EPA may adopt as final those provisions of the rule that are not the subject of an adverse comment.

**DATES:** Comments must be received in writing by June 26, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be mailed to Walter Wilkie, Deputy Chief, Air Quality Planning and Information Services Branch, Mailcode 3AP21, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Air Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James B. Topsale at (215) 814–2190, or by e-mail at *topsale.jim@epa.gov*.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For further information, please see the information provided in the direct final action, with the same title, that is located in the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register** publication.

Dated: April 30, 2003.

# Donald S. Welsh,

Regional Administrator, Region III. [FR Doc. 03–13177 Filed 5–23–03; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6560–50–P

# FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 73

[DA 03-1483, MB Docket No. 03-110, RM-10700]

## Digital Television Broadcast Service; Conway, SC

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by South Carolina Educational Television Commission ("SCETV"), licensee of noncommercial educational station WHMC–TV, NTSC channel \*23, Conway, South Carolina. The SECTV proposes the substitution of DTV channel \*9 for station WHMC–TV's assigned DTV channel \*58 at Conway. DTV Channel \*9 can be allotted to Conway at reference coordinates 33–56– 58 N. and 79–06–31 W. with a power of 20, a height above average terrain HAAT of 250.2 meters.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before June 30, 2003, and reply comments on or before July 15, 2003. ADDRESSES: The Commission permits the electronic filing of all pleadings and comments in proceeding involving petitions for rule making (except in broadcast allotment proceedings). See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rule Making Proceedings, GC Docket No. 97-113 (rel. April 6, 1998). Filings by paper can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission's contractor, Vistronix, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express

Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows: Todd D. Gray, Dow, Lohnes & Albertson, PLLC, 1200 New Hampshire Avenue, NW., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20036 (Counsel for South Carolina Educational Television Commission).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pam Blumenthal, Media Bureau, (202) 418–1600.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MB Docket No. 03-110, adopted April 30, 2003, and released May 9, 2003. The full text of this document is available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC, 20554. This document may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone 202-863-2893, facsimile 202-863-2898, or via e-mail qualexint@aol.com.

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

Digital television broadcasting, Television.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission proposes to amend 47 CFR part 73 as follows:

## PART 73—RADIO BROADCAST SERVICES

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

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 303, 334 and 336.

# §73.622 [Amended]

2. Section 73.622(b), the Table of Digital Television Allotments under South Carolina is amended by removing DTV channel \*58 and adding DTV channel \*9 at Conway.

Federal Communications Commission.

#### Barbara A. Kreisman,

Chief, Video Division, Media Bureau. [FR Doc. 03–13074 Filed 5–23–03; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6712–01–P