

**PART 151—UNMANNED BARGES CARRYING CERTAIN BULK DANGEROUS CARGOES**

2. By deleting 151.13-5(b), 151.13-10, and 151.45-4(d)(11).

**PART 153—SAFETY RULES FOR SELF-PROPELLED VESSELS CARRYING HAZARDOUS LIQUIDS**

3. By deleting § 153.963.

**PART 154—SAFETY STANDARDS FOR SELF-PROPELLED VESSELS CARRYING BULK LIQUEFIED GASES**

4. By deleting § 154.1832.

[46 U.S.C. 392a; 49 U.S.C. 1803; 49 CFR 1.46(n)(4) and (t)]

Dated: March 11, 1980.

J. B. Hayes,  
Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard Commandant.

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**47 CFR Part 63**

[CC Docket No. 78-72]

**MTS and WATS Market Structure; Order Suspending Deadline for Filing Requests for Information**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Suspension of time for the filing of request for information.

**SUMMARY:** The filing date for requests for information has been suspended pending further notice.

**DATES:** Suspension effective March 20, 1980.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carl Lawson, Common Carrier Bureau (202) 632-9342

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

[CC Docket No. 78-72]

Adopted: March 19, 1980.

Released: March 20, 1980.

By the Chief, Common Carrier Bureau: In the Matter of MTS and WATS Market Structure.

1. A preliminary review of the industry model comments filed in this proceeding on March 3, 1980, indicates that it may be necessary for the Commission to reevaluate the nature and scope of this proceeding. That reevaluation conceivably might lead to the rescission or modification of the invitation to file requests for information

with the Chief of the Common Carrier Bureau pursuant to Paragraph 43 of the *Supplemental Notice of Inquiry and Proposed Rulemaking*, 73 F.C.C. 2d 222, 244 (1979). Such requests for information are presently due on or before May 2, 1980. The suspension of that deadline will permit participants to defer preparation of such requests for information until the Commission has completed its reevaluation of the scope of the proceeding.

2. Accordingly, it is ordered, pursuant to the authority delegated in Section 0.291 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, 47 C.F.R. 80.291, and the authority delegated in Paragraph 43 of the *Supplemental Notice of Inquiry and Proposed Rulemaking* in this proceeding, that the deadline for filing requests for information with the Chief of the Common Carrier Bureau is suspended until further notice.

Federal Communications Commission.

Philip L. Verveer,  
Chief, Common Carrier Bureau,

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**47 CFR Part 73**

[BC Docket No. 80-27; RM-3275]

**FM Broadcast Station in Snowmass Village, Colo.; Order Extending Time for Filing Comments and Reply Comments**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Order.

**SUMMARY:** Action taken herein extends the time for filing comments and reply comments in a proceeding involving the assignment of an FM channel to Snowmass Village, Colorado. Pitkin County Broadcasters, Inc., requested the additional time to enable it to file its engineering data.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed on or before April 24, 1980, and reply comments must be filed on or before May 14, 1980.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mildred B. Nesterak, Broadcast Bureau, (202) 632-7792.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

[BC Docket No. 80-27; RM-3275]

Adopted: March 18, 1980.

Released: March 20, 1980.

By the Chief, Policy and Rules Division:

In the matter of Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Assignments,

FM Broadcast Stations. (Snowmass Village, Colorado). Order extending time for filing comments and reply comments.

1. On January 22, 1980, the Commission adopted a *Notice of Proposed Rule Making*, 45 Fed. Reg. 6967, concerning the above-entitled proceeding. The dates for filing comments and reply comments are March 24, and April 14, 1980, respectively.

2. On March 17, 1980, counsel for Pitkin County Broadcasters, Inc., filed a timely request seeking an extension of time for filing comments to and including April 24, 1980. Counsel states that due to the illness and hospitalization of his client's consulting engineer, supporting engineering data cannot be made available in time for filing by March 24th.

3. We are of the view that the public interest would be served by this extension so that Pitkin County Broadcasters, Inc., may file any information which might be helpful to the Commission in reaching a decision in this proceeding. Also, as a result, it is necessary to extend the reply comment date.

4. Accordingly, it is ordered, That the dates for filing comments and reply comments in BC Docket No. 80-27 are extended to and including April 24, 1980, and May 14, 1980, respectively.

5. This action is taken pursuant to authority found in Sections 4(i), 5(d)(1) and 303(r) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and Section 0.281 of the Commission's Rules.

Federal Communications Commission.

Henry L. Baumann,  
Chief, Policy and Rules Division, Broadcast Bureau.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Research and Special Programs Administration**

**49 CFR Part 192 and Part 195**

[Docket PS-66; Notice 1]

**Transportation of Natural and Other Gas by Pipeline, Transportation of Liquids by Pipeline; Placing Longitudinal Weld Seams in Upper Half of Pipe**

**AGENCY:** Materials Transportation Bureau (MTB)

**ACTION:** Advance notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This advance notice of proposed rulemaking invites comments

on a recommendation by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) to locate longitudinal weld seams in the upper half of the pipe as a means to reduce the potential for pipeline failures caused by corrosion in the longitudinal weld seams. Comments are solicited concerning the application of this recommendation to gas pipelines subject to Part 192 as well as interstate and intrastate pipeline facilities transporting hazardous liquids, as those terms are defined by the Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Act of 1979.

**DATE:** Comments must be filed by May 30, 1980. Late filed comments will be considered so far as practicable.

**ADDRESS:** Comments should be sent in triplicate to: Dockets Branch, Materials Transportation Bureau, Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C. 20590. Comments will be available for review at the Docket Branch, Room 8426, Nassiff Building, 400 7th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. each working day.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Frank Robinson (202) 426-2392.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This advance notice of proposed rulemaking invites public comment on a recommendation made in two accident reports issued by the National Transportation Safety Board. The recommendation concerns placement of the longitudinal weld seams in the upper half of the pipe to minimize corrosion to the weld seam and the heat affected zone caused by corrosive elements that may be present in the bottom of the pipe.

One accident report, "Phillips Pipe Line Company, Propane Gas Explosion, Franklin County, Missouri, December 9, 1970 (NTSB-PAR-72-1)," concerned the rupture of a pipeline transporting liquid propane. The Board found the probable cause of the accident to be the rupture of an insufficiently bonded longitudinal weld further weakened by internal corrosion. During construction, the longitudinal welds were positioned in a random manner. Commodities with a significant water content and free water were present in the pipeline for 17 years. The water initiated a corrosion attack on the bottom of the pipe and on those longitudinal welds lying on the bottom of the pipe. In order to avoid failures of this type, the report recommended that Part 195 be amended to require longitudinal welds to be placed in the upper half of the pipe during construction or during pipe replacement.

The other accident report, "Texas Oil and Gas Corporation, 6-inch Natural Gas Gathering Pipeline Failure, Meridian, Missouri, May 21, 1974

(NTSB-PAR-76-1)," analyzes and describes a rupture and fire on a 6-inch gas gathering line near Meridian, Mississippi, May 21, 1974.

The Board found that the probable cause of the accident was the rupture of a pipe which had been weakened by internal corrosion and hydrogen embrittlement. The internal corrosion was caused by an accumulation of water in the bottom of the pipe which combined with hydrogen sulfide and carbon dioxide in the natural gas and formed an acid. The location of the longitudinal seam weld at the bottom of the pipe in contact with the acid further weakened the pipe according to the report.

The report made several recommendations among which was one recommendation to Texas Oil and Gas Corporation to install pipe used in the construction or repair of its gas gathering lines with the longitudinal weld seam on the top half of the pipe.

Both of the reports just described are available to the public in the docket and through the National Technical Information Services, Springfield, Virginia 22151.

The MTB is considering the recommendation to locate the longitudinal weld seams in the upper half of the pipe. To make a proper evaluation of this recommendation, to define the safety problem, and to weigh the technical feasibility and economic practicability of the recommendation, the MTB needs more information than is presently available. The MTB is issuing this advance notice of proposed rulemaking as a means of getting the information it needs. This advance notice is not a proposal to change the regulations. Its only function is to generate information to use in evaluating the recommendation. If the information leads to the conclusion that the regulations should be amended, the MTB will publish a notice of proposed rulemaking setting forth the proposed changes and inviting comment on those proposals.

Each person should feel free to comment on any aspect of the recommendation, but the MTB specifically invites comments on the following: (1) Is industry experience with failures in the longitudinal weld seam consistent with the NTSB reports? (2) Is the recommendation applicable to modern pipe steels and welding techniques? (3) Would placing the longitudinal seam in the upper half of the pipe make bending the pipe or welding the pipe more difficult? (4) If corrosion in the longitudinal weld seam is a cause of or contributing factor to the cause of accidents, are there means

other than locating the weld seams in the upper half of the pipe which would prevent accidents, such as use of corrosion inhibitors or more frequent pigging? (5) Is corrosion in the longitudinal weld seam associated with the transportation of some commodities only? (6) Are there other safety advantages to this recommendation, such as facilitating the discovery of leaks in the longitudinal seams during hydrostatic tests? (7) What difficulties would an operator confront, either offshore or onshore, in placing longitudinal seams in the upper half of pipe? (8) What would be the costs resulting from a requirement to locate the longitudinal weld seams in the upper half of the pipe?

(49 USC 1672; 49 USC 1804, for offshore gas gathering lines; Section 203 of the Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Act of 1979 (Title II of Pub. L. 96-129, November 30, 1979, 93 Stat. 1003); 49 CFR 1.53 (a), Appendix A of Part 1 and Appendix A of Part 106)

Issued in Washington, D.C., on March 19, 1980.

Cesar De Leon,

*Associate Director for Pipeline Safety Regulation, Materials Transportation Bureau.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Part 611

#### Foreign Fishing Regulations; Proposed Waiver of Fishing Fees

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)/Commerce.

**SUMMARY:** In two instances, unforeseen events have caused radical changes in foreign commercial fishing strategies for 1980. The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA, has reviewed each case and has tentatively decided to waive the provisions of 50 CFR 611.22 so that certain vessel permit fees may be refunded to the U.S.S.R. and Japan. The Assistant Administrator has also decided to receive other refund requests should other countries find themselves similarly affected.

**DATE:** Comments are invited until April 15, 1980. Comments should be sent to Mr. Denton R. Moore, whose address is listed below. Please mark "Fishing Fees Waiver" on the envelope.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Denton R. Moore, Acting Chief, Permits and Regulations Division, National Marine Fisheries Service, 3300