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Revisions to Proposed New DTV Table of Allotments

Tentative Channel Designations To Be Added to the DTV Table of Allotments
Proposed in the Seventh Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in MB Docket
No. 87-268

Comment Date: February 9, 2007
Reply Comments Date: February 26, 2007

The Commission recently released a Seventh Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making (“Seventh FNPRM”), FCC 06-150, released October 20, 2006 in MB Docket No. 87-268 finalizing the DTV channel election process and beginning the final stage of the transition of the nation’s broadcast television system from analog to digital technology. In the Seventh FNPRM, the Commission proposed a new DTV Table of Allotments providing eligible stations with channels for DTV operations after the DTV transition.

In paragraph 53 of the Seventh FNPRM, the Commission noted that additional pending applications may be granted before an Order finalizing the new DTV Table is adopted. The Commission stated that, to the extent possible, it would accommodate the future new permittees in the proposed new DTV Table and, to provide interested parties with the opportunity to comment, the Media Bureau would issue public notices announcing tentative channel designations (TCDs) for the new permittees that attain permittee status during the pendency of the Seventh FNPRM rulemaking proceeding. The Commission also directed the Media Bureau to establish separate pleading cycles, if necessary, to give interested parties an opportunity for comment.

The Media Bureau hereby announces TCDs for six permittees that attained permittee status during the pendency of the rulemaking proceeding and, therefore, were not reflected in the proposed new DTV Table released on October 20, 2006. Attached is a list of these permittees together with the channel we propose to assign the permittee (Appendix A). This information revises Appendix A of the Seventh FNPRM. In addition, we have attached the specific technical facilities – effective radiated power (ERP), antenna height above average terrain (HAAT), antenna radiation pattern, and geographic coordinates – at which we propose to allow these stations to operate after the DTV transition (Appendix B). The attachment also includes information on service area and population coverage. This information revises Appendix B of the Seventh FNPRM.

Consistent with paragraph 53 of the Seventh FNPRM, the Media Bureau hereby invites public comment on these changes to the proposed new DTV Table. Comments on the proposed changes to the new DTV Table outlined in this public notice must be filed no later than February 9, 2007, and reply comments must be filed no later than February 26, 2007. Specific instructions for filing comments are contained in paragraphs 58-63 of the Seventh FNPRM.

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