§ 27.1237 Pro rata allocation of transition costs.

(a) Self-transitions. EBS licensees that self-transition may seek reimbursement for their costs to replace eligible downconverters (see §27.1233(a)) and to migrate video programming and data transmission tracks (see §27.1233(b)) from BRS licensees and lessees, EBS lessees, and commercial EBS licensees in the BTA where the center point of the EBS licensee’s GSA is located. In addition, BR S licensees and lessees, EBS lessees, and commercial EBS licensees in the LBS or UBS must reimburse the self-transitioning EBS licensee a pro rata share of the eligible costs of transitioning EBS licensees, based on the formula in paragraph (c) of this section. Eligible costs are listed in §27.1238.

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