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§ 74.731 Purpose and permissible service.

(a) Television broadcast translator stations and television broadcast booster stations provide a means whereby the signals of television broadcast stations may be retransmitted to areas in which direct reception of such television broadcast stations is unsatisfactory due to distance or intervening terrain barriers.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (f) of this section, a television broadcast translator station or television broadcast booster station may be used only to receive the signals of a television broadcast station, another television broadcast translator station, a television translator relay station, a television intercity relay station, a television STL station, or other suitable translator or TV booster may make full use of terrain shielding and Longley-Rice terrain dependent propagation prediction methods to demonstrate that the proposed facility would not be likely to cause interference to digital low power TV or TV translator stations, as described in $74.707(e)$ (i.e., reduce the service population by no more than 0.5% within the station’s protected contour based on the interference thresholds of §73.623(c) of this chapter).

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§ 74.710 Digital low power TV and TV translator station protection.

(a) An application to construct a new low power TV, TV translator, or TV booster station or change the facilities of an existing station will not be accepted if it specifies operation on channels 15, 16, 17 or 18 in the following areas. West Longitude and North Latitude are abbreviated as W.L. and N.L. respectively.

(1) On Channel 15: west of 92°00’ W.L.; east of 98°30’ W.L.; and south of a line extending due west from 30°30’ N.L., 92°00’ W.L. to 30°30’ N.L., 96°00’ W.L. and then due southwest to 28°00’ N.L., 98°30’ W.L.

(2) On Channel 16: west of 86°40’ W.L.; east of 96°30’ W.L.; and south of a line extending due west from 31°00’ N.L., 86°40’ W.L. to 31°00’ N.L., 96°00’ W.L. and then due southwest to 29°30’ N.L., 96°30’ W.L.

(3) On Channel 17: west of 86°30’ W.L.; east of 96°00’ W.L.; and south of a line extending due west from 31°00’ N.L., 86°30’ W.L. to 31°00’ N.L., 96°30’ W.L. and then due southwest to 29°30’ N.L., 96°30’ W.L.

(4) On Channel 18: west of 87°00’ W.L.; east of 95°00’ W.L.; and south of 31°00’ N.L.


§ 74.792 Translator stations protection.

(a) Television broadcast station or television broadcast booster station filed prior to the date the low power TV, TV translator, or TV booster station was authorized to operate and then the protection of interference would not be likely to cause interference to digital low power TV or TV translator stations, as described in §74.707(e) (i.e., reduce the service population by no more than 0.5% within the station’s protected contour based on the interference thresholds of §73.623(c) of this chapter).

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