(1) Rule 4622, adopted on February 17, 1994.

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# FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 92-195; RM-7091, RM-7146, RM-8123, RM-8124]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Beverly Hills, Chiefland, Holiday, Micanopy, Sarasota, FL

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document dismisses an Application for Review filed by Dickerson Broadcasting, Inc. directed to an earlier action denying its Petition for Reconsideration. See 58 FR 17349 (April 2,1993). Dickerson contended that the Class 3C FM channel at Beverly Hills was allotted without adequate notice. With this action, the proceeding is terminated.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 2, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Hayne, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 776–1654.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's *Memorandum Opinion and Order*, MM Docket No. 92–195, adopted March 21, 1996, and released April 16, 1996. The full text of this decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Dockets Branch (Room 230), 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, (202) 857–3800, 2100 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission. Douglas W. Webbink,

Chief, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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### 47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 95-77; RM-8616]

# Television Broadcasting Services; Virginia Beach, VA

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications

Commission.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission, at the request of Lockwood Broadcasting, Inc., allots UHF Channel 21 to Virginia Beach, Virginia, as an additional television service. See 60 FR 31278, June 14, 1995. Channel 21+ can be allotted to Virginia Beach consistent with the minimum distance separation requirements of Sections 73.610 and 73.698 of the Commission's Rules with a site restriction of 4.0 kilometers (2.5 miles) south to avoid the ATV freeze zone surrounding Washington, DC. The coordinates for Channel 21+ at Virginia Beach are 36-48-38 and 75-58-30. With this action, this proceeding is terminated.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 10, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pam Blumenthal, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418–2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's *Report and Order*, MM Docket No. 95–77, adopted March 25, 1996, and released April 24, 1996. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, ITS, Inc., (202) 857–3800, 2100 M Street, NW., Suite 140, Washington, DC 20037.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Television broadcasting.

Part 73 of title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

### PART 73—[AMENDED]

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

Authority: Secs. 303, 48 Stat., as amended, 1082; 47 U.S.C. 154, as amended.

# §73.606 [Amended]

2. Section 73.606(b), the Table of TV Allotments under Virginia, is amended by adding Channel 21+ at Virginia Beach.

Federal Communications Commission.

John A. Karousos,

Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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### 47 CFR Part 80

[FCC 96-156]

# Conforming the Maritime Service Rules to the Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications

Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action amends the maritime service rules, consistent with the statutory mandate of the 1996 Telecommunications Act, to eliminate the radiotelegraph carriage requirement for vessels equipped in accordance with the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS). The effect of this rule is to reduce economic burdens for vessel operators and increase safety at sea by promoting the carriage of GMDSS radio installations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 3, 1996.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Roger Noel of the Commission's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau at (202) 418–0680 or via email at rnoel@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Order, FCC 96–156, adopted April 5, 1996, and released April 12, 1996. The full text of this Order is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239) 1919 M Street NW., Washington, DC. The complete text may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, ITS, Inc., 2100 M Street NW., Suite 140, Washington, DC 20037, telephone (202) 857–3800.

# Summary of Order

1. Prior to the enactment of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Section 351 of the Communications Act required passenger vessels and large cargo vessels to be equipped with a manual Morse code radiotelegraph installation when navigating in the open sea or on international voyages. In 1988, the international maritime community agreed to replace the radiotelegraph as the required installation with the GMDSS—an automated ship-shore distress and safety radio communications system that relies on satellites and advanced terrestrial systems. Accordingly, in the Report and