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DATES: Petitions for reconsideration of the *Fifth Report and Order* are due June 16, 1997; petitions for reconsideration of the *Sixth Report and Order* are due June 13, 1997.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. On April 3, 1997, the Commission adopted two decisions in this proceeding: the *Fifth Report and Order* in MM Docket No. 87-268, FCC 97-116 and the *Sixth Report and Order* in MM Docket No. 87-268, FCC 97-115. The *Fifth Report and Order* established service rules for digital television (DTV); the *Sixth Report and Order* established a DTV Table of Allotments, rules for the initial DTV allotments; procedures for assigning for DTV channels, and plans for spectrum recovery.

2. On May 29, 1997, the Association for Maximum Service Television, Inc. (MSTV) submitted a motion seeking permission to file a single petition for reconsideration of the *Fifth and Sixth Reports and Orders* that would exceed the 25-page limitation set forth in § 1.429(d) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 1.429(d). MSTV states that as evidenced by the numerous passages in the decisions that refer back to the separate decisions, the Commission's decisions with respect to many DTV service rule and allotment/assignment issues are interrelated and cannot be meaningfully assessed in isolation. It therefore submits that one petition addressing both the *Fifth and Sixth Reports and Orders* will provide an efficient means of responding to these decisions and also provide the Commission with the most studied and accurate response and information

possible. It further states that a thoughtful discussion in a single document of both DTV service rule and allotment/assignment issues will necessitate exceeding the 25-page limitation.

3. We recognize MSTV's position that many of the issues addressed in the *Fifth and Sixth Reports and Orders* are interrelated and that it may be more efficient for parties to respond to these decisions in a single, consolidated petition for reconsideration. In this case, a single filing could eliminate the need for duplicative pleadings, reduce the burden on responding parties and conserve Commission resources. Thus, we find that there is good cause for granting MSTV's motion for permission to file a single petition that addresses both decisions. Although we do not routinely grant extensions of the page limits for pleadings filed with the Commission (see 47 CFR 1.48(b)), we find that, given the number and complexity of the issues addressed in the *Fifth and Sixth Reports and Orders*, it is reasonable and appropriate to allow a single petition for reconsideration addressing both decisions to exceed the 25 page limit set forth in § 1.429(d). We also believe that a limit of 50 pages is appropriate for such consolidated filings. Accordingly, we are allowing all interested parties to submit consolidated petitions for rule making of the *Fifth and Sixth Reports and Orders* and are increasing the page limit for such petitions to 50 pages. Parties preparing to submit petitions for reconsideration of either or both of these decisions are also advised that they may submit filings addressing only one of these decisions or may submit separate filings addressing both decisions individually, in accordance with the standard procedures for petitions for rule making. Filings that address only one decision will continue to be limited to 25 pages.

4. Accordingly, it is ordered, pursuant to §§ 4(i) and 303(r) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 154(i) and 303(r),

and §§ 0.31, 0.241, 1.3, and 1.429 of the Commission's Rules, 47 CFR 0.31, 0.241, 1.3, and 1.429, that the motion of the Association for Maximum Service Television, Inc. that we permit the filing of consolidated petitions for reconsideration of the *Fifth Report and Order* and the *Sixth Report and Order* in MM Docket No. 87-268 and extend the page limit for such consolidated petitions is granted, as indicated above.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,

Acting Secretary.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

48 CFR Parts 6104 and 6105

RIN 3090-AG29

Board of Contract Appeals; Rules of Procedure for Decisions Authorized Under 31 U.S.C. 3529

AGENCY: Board of Contract Appeals, GSA.

ACTION: Final rule; Correction.

SUMMARY: This document contains a correction to a final rule published in the **Federal Register** on Monday, May 12, 1997, 62 FR 25870.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 12, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon A. Kiser, Federal Acquisition Policy Division (202-501-2164).

Correction

On page 25871, third column, instruction 2. is corrected to read as follows: "2. Part 6105 is added to read as follows:"

Dated: June 9, 1997.

Sharon A. Kiser,

FAR Secretariat.

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