

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 63

Communications common carriers, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Federal Communications Commission.

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Secretary.

Rule Changes

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission amends 47 CFR Part 63 as follows:

PART 63—EXTENSION OF LINES AND DISCONTINUANCE, REDUCTION, OUTAGE AND IMPAIRMENT OF SERVICE BY COMMON CARRIERS; AND GRANTS OF RECOGNIZED PRIVATE OPERATING AGENCY STATUS

1. The authority citation for Part 63 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i), 154(j), 160, 161, 201–205, 218, 403, 533 unless otherwise noted.

2. Section 63.10 is amended by adding paragraphs (c)(6) and (e) to read as follows:

§ 63.10 Regulatory classification of U.S. international carriers.

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(c)(6) If authorized to provide facilities-based service, comply with paragraph (e) of this section.

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(e) Except as otherwise ordered by the Commission, a carrier that is classified as dominant under this section for the provision of facilities-based services on a particular route and that is affiliated with a carrier that collects settlement payments for terminating U.S. international switched traffic at the foreign end of that route may not provide facilities-based service on that route unless the current rates the affiliate charges U.S. international carriers to terminate traffic are at or below the Commission's relevant benchmark adopted in IB Docket No. 96–261. See FCC 97–280 (12 FCC Rcd 19806 (1997) (62 FR 45758, August 29, 1997)), (available at the FCC's Reference Operations Division, Washington, D.C. 20554, and on the FCC's World Wide Web Site at <http://www.fcc.gov>).

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Parts 73 and 74

[MM Docket No. 87–268; FCC 98–315]

Advanced Television Systems and Their Impact Upon the Existing Television Service

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule, correction.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission published in the **Federal Register** of January 28, 1999 (64 FR 4322), a *Second Memorandum Opinion and Order on Reconsideration of the Fifth and Sixth Report and Orders (Second MO&O)* in this proceeding that revised and clarified certain aspects of the Commission's policies relating to digital television (DTV) service in response to requests from petitioners. The amended rules in that decision inadvertently removed a portion of § 73.622(e) of the rules. This notice restores the text that was removed from § 73.622. This notice also changes the FCC address in that section to reflect the recent relocation of the agency's headquarters office.

DATES: Effective October 1, 1999.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Communications Commission published a *Second Memorandum Opinion and Order on Reconsideration of the Fifth and Sixth Report and Orders* in MM Docket No. 87–268, FCC 98–315, on January 28, 1999 (64 FR 4322). The *Second MO&O* revised and clarified certain aspects of the Commission's policies relating to channel allotments for digital television (DTV) service in response to requests from petitioners. This notice restores portions of § 73.622(e) of the Commission's rules that were inadvertently removed in the *Second MO&O*. This notice also changes the FCC address in that section to reflect the recent relocation of the agency's headquarters office.

In rule FR Doc. 99–1941 published on January 28, 1999 make the following corrections:

1. On page 4327, in the first column, § 73.622 is amended by revising paragraph (e) to read as follows:

§ 73.622 Digital television table of allotments.

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(e) *DTV Service Areas.* (1) The service area of a DTV station is the geographic area within the station's noise-limited

F(50,90) contour where its signal strength is predicted to exceed the noise-limited service level. The noise-limited contour is the area in which the predicted F(50,90) field strength of the station's signal, in dB above 1 microvolt per meter (dBu) as determined using the method in section 73.625(b) exceeds the following levels (these are the levels at which reception of DTV service is limited by noise):

	dBu
Channels 2–6	28
Channels 7–13	36
Channels 14–69	41

(2) Within this contour, service is considered available at locations where the station's signal strength, as predicted using the terrain dependent Longley-Rice point-to-point propagation model, exceeds the levels above. Guidance for evaluating coverage areas using the Longley-Rice methodology is provided in *OET Bulletin No. 69*. Copies of *OET Bulletin No. 69* may be inspected during normal business hours at the Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Dockets Branch (Room CY A–257), Washington, DC 20554. This document is also available through the Internet on the *FCC Home Page* at <http://www.fcc.gov>.

Note to paragraph (e)(2): During the transition, in cases where the assigned power of a UHF DTV station in the initial DTV Table is 1000 kW, the Grade B contour of the associated analog television station, as authorized on April 3, 1997, shall be used instead of the noise-limited contour of the DTV station in determining the DTV station's service area. In such cases, the DTV service area is the geographic area within the station's analog Grade B contour where its DTV signal strength is predicted to exceed the noise-limited service level, *i.e.*, 41 dB, as determined using the Longley-Rice methodology.

(3) For purposes of determining whether interference is caused to a DTV station's service area, the maximum technical facilities, *i.e.*, antenna height above average terrain (antenna HAAT) and effective radiated power (ERP), specified for the station's allotment are to be used in determining its service area.

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