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#### Collection of Information

This rule would call for no new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520).

#### Federalism

The Coast Guard analyzed this rule under E.O. 13132 and has determined that this rule does not have implications for federalism under that Order.

#### Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531-1538) governs the issuance of Federal regulations that require unfunded mandates. An unfunded mandate is a regulation that requires a State, local, or tribal government or the private sector to incur direct costs without the Federal Government's having first provided the funds to pay those costs. This rule would not impose an unfunded mandate.

#### Taking of Private Property

This rule would not effect a taking of private property or otherwise have taking implications under E.O. 12630, Governmental Actions and Interference with Constitutionally Protected Property Rights.

#### Civil Justice Reform

This rule meets applicable standards in sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of E.O. 12988, Civil Justice Reform, to minimize litigation, eliminate ambiguity, and reduce burden.

#### Protection of Children

The Coast Guard analyzed this rule under E.O. 13045, Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks. This rule is not an economically significant rule and does not concern an environmental risk to health or risk to safety that may disproportionately affect children.

#### Environment

The Coast Guard considered the environmental impact of this rule and concluded that, under figure 2-1, (34)(g), of Commandant Instruction M16475.IC, this rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation. A "Categorical Exclusion Determination" is available in the docket where indicated under ADDRESSES.

#### List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and record keeping requirements, Security measures, Waterways.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard proposes to amend 33 CFR part 165 as follows:

#### PART 165—REGULATED NAVIGATION AREAS AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS

1. The authority citation for part 165 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 33 U.S.C. 1231; 50 U.S.C. 191; 33 CFR 1.05-1(g), 6.04-1, 6.04-6, and 160.5; 49 CFR 1.

2. Add temporary § 165.T01-157 to read as follows:

#### § 165.T01-157 Safety Zone: Manchester Fourth of July Fireworks, Massachusetts Bay, Massachusetts

(a) *Location.* The following area is a safety zone: All waters of Massachusetts Bay within a four hundred (400) yard radius of the fireworks barge located at position 42°34.05'N, 070°45.52'W.

(b) *Effective Date.* This section is effective from 8 p.m. until 11 p.m. on Monday, July 3, 2000.

(c) *Regulations.*

(1) In accordance with the general regulations in section 165.23 of this part, entry into or movement within this zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Boston.

(2) All vessel operators shall comply with the instructions of the COTP or the designated on-scene U.S. Coast Guard patrol personnel. On-scene Coast Guard patrol personnel include commissioned, warrant, and petty officers of the Coast Guard on board Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary, local, state, and federal law enforcement vessels.

Dated: June 19, 2000.

**J.R. Whitehead,**

*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, Boston, Massachusetts.*

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#### POSTAL SERVICE

#### 39 CFR Part 775

#### National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures

**AGENCY:** Postal Service (USPS).

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This rule corrects an oversight in wording in the Postal Service's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations concerning procedures and categorical exclusions.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This regulation is effective June 30, 2000.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 27, 1998, the Postal Service published in the *Federal Register*, final regulations on procedures and categorical exclusions regarding NEPA (63 FR 45719). After the publication of the regulations, it was discovered that an error had been made in language in section 775.9(a)(1). Specifically, it was not intended that a written determination not to prepare an environmental assessment be required for all actions. When these regulations were proposed on August 11, 1997 (62 FR 42958), the Postal Service expanded the list of postal activities that were subject to NEPA review and also expanded the list of categorical exclusions. Previous and current internal guidance for facilities programs and projects requires a checklist for all facility actions, while previous and current internal guidance for operational activities only requires a checklist for certain actions that exceed certain higher level financial approval requirements. When these regulations were finalized, internal facilities policy was inadvertently carried over to all activities. This was not intended and is inconsistent with internal guidance and the purpose for establishing categorical exclusions. Postal policy, as discussed in the August 1997 notice, requires a checklist to screen for potential environmental concerns, but it was not intended to do one for all activities, even if categorically excluded.

In a further development, it was recently discovered that a sentence in the regulations was inadvertently dropped during the codification process. In § 775.9(b)(1), the original second sentence in the 1997 version of the published regulations in Title 39, Code of Federal Regulations was dropped out of the version of the regulations published in 1999. The old second sentence was to have become the third sentence in § 775.9(b)(1).

In light of the foregoing, the Postal Service adopts the following minor revisions to its NEPA regulations.

#### List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 775

Environmental impact statements.

Accordingly, the Postal Service amends 39 part 775 as follows:

## PART 775—NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT PROCEDURES

1. The authority citation for 39 CFR part 775 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 39 U.S.C. 401; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*; 40 CFR 1500.4.

2. Amend § 775.9 by revising the introductory text of paragraph (a)(1) and adding a sentence after the second sentence in paragraph (b)(1) to read as follows:

### § 775.9 Environmental evaluation process.

(a) All actions—(1) Assessment of actions. An environmental checklist may be used to support a record of environmental consideration as the determination that the proposed action does not require an environmental assessment. An environmental assessment must be prepared for each proposed action except that an assessment need not be made if a determination is made that:

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(b) Additional requirements for facility actions. (1) \* \* \* An environmental assessment report, however, is not required until the contending project sites have been determined. \* \* \*

**Stanley F. Mires,**

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 73

[DA-1412, MM Docket No. 99-291; RM-9665]

### Digital Television Broadcast Service; Reno, NV

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission, at the request of Sarkes Tarzian, Inc., licensee of Station KTVN(TV), Reno, Nevada, substitutes DTV Channel 13 for DTV Channel 32 at Reno, Nevada. *See* 64FR 52486, September 29, 1999. DTV Channel 13 can be allotted to Reno at coordinates (39-18-45 N. and 119-53-00 W.) with a power of 12, HAAT of 906 meters and with a DTV service population of 481 thousand. With this action, this proceeding is terminated.

**DATES:** Effective August 14, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pam Blumenthal, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-1600.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a synopsis of the Commission's Report and Order, MM Docket No. 99-291, adopted June 26, 2000, and released June 29, 2000. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

### List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Television, Digital 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:** 47 U.S.C. 154, 303, 334, 336.

#### § 73.622 [Amended]

2. Section 73.622(b), the Table of Digital Television Allotments under Nevada, is amended by removing DTV Channel 32 and adding DTV Channel 13 at Reno.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Barbara A. Kreisman,**

*Chief, Video Services Division, Mass Media Bureau.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 73

[DA-1413, MM Docket No. 99-252; RM-9648]

### Digital Television Broadcast Service; Las Vegas, NV

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission, at the request of Journal Broadcast Corporation, licensee of Station KTNV, Las Vegas, Nevada, substitutes DTV Channel 12 for DTV Channel 17 at Las Vegas, Nevada. *See* 64 FR 38621, July 19, 1999. DTV Channel 12 can be allotted to Las Vegas at coordinates (35-56-43 N. and 115-02-32 W) with a

power of 26.4, HAAT of 610 meters and with a DTV service population of 738 thousand.

With this action, this proceeding is terminated.

**DATES:** Effective August 14, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pam Blumenthal, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-1600.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a synopsis of the Commission's Report and Order, MM Docket No. 99-252, adopted June 26, 2000, and released June 29, 2000. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

### List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Television, Digital 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:** 47 U.S.C. 154, 303, 334, 336.

#### § 73.622 [Amended]

2. Section 73.622(b), the Table of Digital Television Allotments under Nevada, is amended by removing DTV Channel 17 and adding DTV Channel 12 at Las Vegas.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Barbara A. Kreisman,**

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 73

[DA 00-1261; MM Docket No. 99-287; RM-9712]

### Radio Broadcasting Services; Sulphur Bluff, TX

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document allots Channel 259A to Sulphur Bluff, Texas, in