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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 73

[DA 00-2028, MM Docket No. 99-296; RM-9661]

#### Digital Television Broadcast Services; Klamath Falls, OR

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission, at the request of California Oregon Broadcasting, Inc., licensee of Station KOTI-TV, Klamath Falls, Oregon, substitutes DTV Channel 13 for Station KOTI-TV's assigned DTV Channel 40 at Klamath Falls. See 64 FR 54269, October 6, 1999. DTV Channel 13 can be allotted to Klamath Falls at coordinates (42-05-48 N. and 121-37-57 W.) with a power of 45.3, HAAT of 671 meters and with a DTV service population of thousand.

With this action, this proceeding is terminated.

**DATES:** Effective October 23, 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. 99-296, adopted September 6, 2000, and released September 7, 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 Oregon, is amended by removing DTV Channel 40 and adding DTV Channel 13 at Klamath Falls.

Federal Communications Commission.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 79

[MM Docket No. 99-339; FCC 00-258]

#### Implementation of Video Description of Video Programming

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document adopt rules to require larger broadcast stations and multichannel programming distributors (MVPDs) to provide programming with video description. This document also adopts rules to require all broadcast stations and MVPDs to pass through any video description they receive from their programming suppliers if they have the technical capability necessary to do so. This document also adopts rules to enhance the accessibility of emergency information. The purpose of these actions is to enhance the accessibility of video programming to persons with visual disabilities.

**DATES:** Section 79.3 is effective April 1, 2002. Section 79.2 contains information collection requirements which have not been approved by the Office Of Management Budget ("OMB"). The Commission will publish a document in the **Federal Register** announcing the effective date of this section.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Commission's Report and Order ("R&O"), FCC 00-258, adopted July 21, 2000; released August 7, 2000. The full text of the Commission's R&O is available for

inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Dockets Branch (Room TW-A306), 445 12 St. S.W., Washington, D.C. The complete text of this R&O may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services (202) 857-3800, 1231 20th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

#### Synopsis of Report and Order

##### I. Introduction

1. In this R&O, we adopt rules designed to bring the benefits of video description to the commercial video marketplace but not impose an undue burden on the video programming production and distribution industries. Video description is the description of key visual elements in programming, inserted into natural pauses in the audio of the programming. It is designed to make television programming more accessible to the many Americans who have visual disabilities.

2. As explained further, we conclude that we have the authority to adopt video description rules, and require the top broadcast stations and multichannel video programming distributors (MVPDs) to provide programming with video description on the top programming networks. This will ensure that the broadcast stations and MVPDs that reach the most people will provide video description for the most watched programming. We also adopt rules to enhance the accessibility of emergency information for people with visual disabilities. Specifically, we adopt rules as follows:

- We require affiliates of the top four commercial broadcast TV networks in the top 25 TV markets to provide 50 hours per calendar quarter of prime time and/or children's programming with video description.

- We also require MVPDs with 50,000 or more subscribers to provide 50 hours per calendar quarter of prime time and/or children's programming with video description on each of the top five national nonbroadcast networks they carry.

- In addition, we require any broadcast station, regardless of its market size, to "pass through" any video description it receives from a programming provider, if the broadcast station has the technical capability necessary to do so, and we require any MVPD, regardless of its number of subscribers, to "pass through" any video description it receives from a programming provider, if the MVPD has the technical capability necessary to do so on the channel on which it