

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION****47 CFR Part 73**

[DA 00-2323, MM Docket No. 00-200, RM-9967]

**Digital Television Broadcast Service; Sioux Falls, SD****AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Midwest Broadcasting Company, permittee of Station KAUN(TV), NTSC Channel 36, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, requesting the substitution of DTV Channel 51 for Station KAUN(TV)'s assigned DTV Channel 40. DTV Channel 51 can be allotted to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in compliance with the principle community coverage requirements of Section 73.625(a) at reference coordinates (43-30-19 N. and 96-34-19 W.). As requested, we propose to allot DTV Channel 51 to Sioux Falls with a power of 93 and a height above average terrain (HAAT) of 230 meters.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed on or before December 8, 2000, and reply comments on or before December 26, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows: David M Silver, Cole, Raywid & Braverman, L.L.P., 1919 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20006 (Counsel for Midwest Broadcasting Company).

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 00-200, adopted October 16, 2000, and released October 17, 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.

Provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to this proceeding.

Members of the public should note that from the time a Notice of Proposed Rule Making is issued until the matter is no longer subject to Commission consideration or court review, all *ex parte* contacts are prohibited in Commission proceedings, such as this one, which involve channel allotments. See 47 CFR 1.1204(b) for rules governing permissible *ex parte* contacts.

For information regarding proper filing procedures for comments, see 47 CFR 1.415 and 1.420.

Federal Communications Commission.

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[DA 00-2324, MM Docket No. 00-201, RM-9919]

**Digital Television Broadcast Service; Portsmouth, VA****AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Viacom Broadcasting of Seattle, Inc., licensee of station WGNT-TV, NTSC channel 27, Portsmouth, Virginia, requesting the substitution of DTV channel 50 for station WGNT-TV's assigned DTV channel 19. DTV Channel 50 can be allotted to Portsmouth, Virginia, in compliance with the principle community coverage requirements of Section 73.625(a) at reference coordinates (36-48-43 N. and 76-27-49 W.). As requested, we propose to allot DTV Channel 50 to Portsmouth with a power of 800 and a height above average terrain (HAAT) of 296 meters.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed on or before December 8, 2000, and reply comments on or before December 26, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows: Raymond A. White, Viacom Broadcasting of Seattle, Inc., c/o Paramount Stations Group, Inc., 5202 River Road, Bethesda, Maryland 20816 (Counsel for Viacom Broadcasting of Seattle, Inc.).

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Fish and Wildlife Service****50 CFR Part 17****Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Notice of Reclassification of Nine Candidate Taxa****AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of candidate taxa reclassification.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), provide explanation for a change in the status of one animal and eight plant taxa that were under review for possible addition to the Lists of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants (Lists) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). We are removing these nine species from candidate status at this time. Based on information gathered on all of these