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### Synopsis of Order on Reconsideration

1. This Order on Reconsideration (Order) denies two petitions for reconsideration of the Report and Order in this proceeding (65 FR 59350, October 5, 2000) regarding licensing the 24 GHz band by 176 EAs. In the Report and Order, the Commission decided to license the 24 GHz band by EAs because EAs not only offer economies of scale, but also serve the needs of a wider range of entities, including both large and small service providers. Also, the Commission decided to adopt a three-tiered approach to bidding credits, under which very small businesses receive a 35 percent bidding credit, small businesses a 25 percent bidding credit, and entrepreneurs a 15 percent bidding credit.

2. The Rural Telecommunications Group (RTG) and the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration (SBA) filed petitions for reconsideration objecting to licensing the 24 GHz band by EA. SBA and RTG maintained that EAs are too large and, therefore unaffordable, for either small businesses or rural telephone companies to participate at auction. Both RTG and SBA recommend that the Commission instead license the 24 GHz band by MSA and RSA, which are smaller than EAs and would result in licensing rural areas separately from urban areas. In contrast, EAs encompass both urban and rural areas.

3. Contrary to the position of RTG and SBA on this issue, the Commission believes, based on its experience with the 39 GHz auction, that licensing the 24 GHz band by EAs will not discourage small businesses from participating at the 24 GHz auction. The 39 GHz auction used EA-based service areas. In that auction, small and very small businesses successfully bid for 849 licenses, or almost 40 percent of the licenses sold. In the 24 GHz auction, bidding credits will be made available to small businesses. Moreover, rural telephone companies were successful at the 39 GHz auction. All six qualified bidders that identified themselves in their short-form applications as rural telephone companies were successful in winning licenses, for a total of 52 licenses. We conclude that licensing the 24 GHz band by EA will not discourage either small businesses or rural telephone companies from participating in the 24 GHz auction.

4. RTG and SBA maintain that the Commission's reliance on post-auction partitioning and disaggregation is

misplaced and unworkable because of the costs involved and the reluctance of license holders to carve out portions of their licenses for rural carriers. The Commission notes that none of their comments specifically relate to the 24 GHz band. Thus, the Commission concludes that it is more appropriate to address SBA's and RTG's concerns in the context of the Secondary Markets proceeding, initiated by our Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (65 FR 81475, December 26, 2000) seeking comment on possible changes to our rules and policies allowing greater flexibility through "spectrum leasing."

5. RTG maintains that licensing by EA would guarantee that rural areas of the country would not see the benefits of 24 GHz service because licensees would be able to meet the substantial service standard by serving the urban area within the EA. Instead of the substantial service standard, RTG recommends that the Commission require licensees to provide service to one-third of the population within five years and two-thirds of the population within ten years. In the alternative, RTG recommends the Commission adopt a fill-in policy in which, at the time of renewal, any party can apply for and provide service to any area in which the original licensee is not providing service. The Commission has already considered and rejected using minimum coverage requirements to establish substantial service, and RTG has reiterated the position it took earlier in the proceeding at the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking stage without presenting any new information on this issue. Consequently, the Commission affirms its prior decision in the Report and Order that the substantial service standard, in lieu of specific service requirements, best serves the public interest. The Commission concludes that this approach is consistent with the approach used in other wireless services and is sufficiently flexible to foster expeditious development and deployment of systems.

6. With regard to providing service to rural areas, the Commission recognizes that section 309(j)(4)(B) of the Telecommunications Act of 1934, as amended, stresses the need for the Commission to encourage the rapid deployment of services to rural areas and to promulgate performance requirements that ensure prompt delivery of service to rural areas. In addition, the Commission notes that the statute includes "rural telephone companies" among the wide variety of applicants to which the Commission is to disseminate licenses. The Commission continues to believe,

however, that licensing the 24 GHz band by EAs strikes the best balance among its various policy objectives for the 24 GHz band. The Commission believes that by adopting EA licenses for the 24 GHz band, it has achieved a means of providing service to rural areas while ensuring that the 24 GHz spectrum is put to the highest and best use.

### Ordering Clauses

7. Accordingly, *It is Ordered* that pursuant to section 4(i) and 405 of the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. 154(i), 405, and § 1.429 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 1.429, the Petitions for Reconsideration filed by the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration and the Rural Telecommunications Group *are denied*.

8. *It is Further Ordered*, pursuant to section 4(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. 154(i), that the Commission's Consumer Information Bureau, Reference Information Center, *Shall Send a copy of the Order on Reconsideration* to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration.

9. *It is Further Ordered* that this proceeding *Is Terminated*.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Magalie Roman Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 73

[DA 01-1271, MM Docket No. 01-53, RM-10040]

### Television Broadcast Service; Galesburg, IL

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission, at the request of Northwest Television, Inc., substitutes TV channel 53 for TV channel 67 at Galesburg, Illinois. *See* 66 FR 12922, March 1, 2001. TV channel 53 can be allotted to Galesburg with a zero offset in compliance with the principle community coverage requirements of Section 73.610 and with the criteria set forth in the Commission's Public Notice released on November 22, 1999, DA 99-2605. The coordinates for channel 53 at Galesburg are (41-18-45 N and 90-22-45 W).

With this action, this proceeding is terminated.

**DATES:** Effective July 9, 2001.

**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. 01-53, adopted May 24, 2001, and released May 25, 2001. 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 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.

#### § 73.606 [Amended]

2. Section 73.606(b), the Table of Television Allotments under Illinois, is amended by removing TV channel 67 and adding TV channel 53 at Galesburg,

Federal Communications Commission.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 73

[DA 01-1262, MM Docket No. 01-51, RM-10007]

#### Digital Television Broadcast Service; Lima, OH

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission, at the request of Lima Communications Corporation, licensee of station WLIO(TV), substitutes DTV channel 8 for DTV channel 20 at Lima, Ohio. See 66 FR 12749, February 28, 2001. DTV channel 8 can be allotted to Lima in compliance with the principle community coverage requirements of section 73.625(a) at reference coordinates (40-44-54 N. and 84-07-55

W.) with a power of 30.0, HAAT of 165 meters and with a DTV service population of 958 thousand. Since the community of Lima is located within 400 kilometers of the U.S.-Canadian border, concurrence by the Canadian government has been obtained for this allotment. With this action, this proceeding is terminated.

**DATES:** Effective July 9, 2001.

**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. 01-51, adopted May 23, 2001, and released May 25, 2001. 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 Ohio, is amended by removing DTV channel 20 and adding DTV channel 8 at Lima.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Barbara A. Kreisman,**

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 73

[DA 01-1261, MM Docket No. 01-50, RM-10059]

#### Digital Television Broadcast Service; Little Rock, AR

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission, at the request of Arkansas Educational Television Commission, licensee of noncommercial educational station KETS(TV), substitutes DTV channel \*5 for DTV channel \*47 at Little Rock, Arkansas. See 66 FR 12750, February 28, 2001. DTV channel \*5 can be allotted to Little Rock in compliance with the principle community coverage requirements of Section 73.625(a) at reference coordinates (34-28-23 N. and 92-12-11 W.) with a power of 2.1, HAAT of 540.1 meters and with a DTV service population of 848 thousand.

With this action, this proceeding is terminated.

**DATES:** Effective July 9, 2001.

**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. 01-50, adopted May 23, 2001, and released May 25, 2001. 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 Arkansas, is amended by removing DTV channel \*47 and adding DTV channel \*5 at Little Rock.

Federal Communications Commission.

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