

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management****43 CFR Part 3160**

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**Oil and Gas Leasing: Onshore Oil and Gas Operations****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Final rule; confirmation of effective date.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is confirming the effective date for a portion of the final rule concerning joint and several liability for drainage protection published January 10, 2001.

**DATES:** The removal of 43 CFR 3162.2(a) and the addition of 43 CFR 3162.2-7 published January 10, 2001 (66 FR 1883) and delayed February 8, 2001 (66 FR 9527), April 10, 2001 (66 FR 18569), and August 7, 2001 (66 FR 41149), until November 6, 2001, is confirmed as effective November 6, 2001.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

On January 10, 2001, BLM published a final rule in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 1883) which, among other things, removed 43 CFR 3162.2(a) and added 43 CFR 3162.2-7. The effective date of those provisions of the rule was delayed in **Federal Register** documents published on February 8, 2001 (66 FR 9527), April 10, 2001 (66 FR 18569), and August 7, 2001 (66 FR 41149). The August notice delayed the effective date until November 6, 2001. We are not taking action at this time to provide for an additional delay of the effective date of the rule. The provision which takes effect on November 6, 2001 reads as follows:

**§ 3162.2-7 Who is liable for drainage if more than one person holds undivided interests in the record title or operating rights for the same lease?**

(a) If more than one person holds record title interests in a portion of a lease that is subject to drainage, each person is jointly and

severally liable for taking any action we may require under this part to protect the lease from drainage, including paying compensatory royalty accruing during the period and for the area in which it holds its record title interest.

(b) Operating rights owners are jointly and severally liable with each other and with all record title holders for drainage affecting the area and horizons in which they hold operating rights during the period they hold operating rights.

Because of the interest in this issue, the Department of the Interior may give further consideration to alternative approaches on the extent of each party's liability in leases with multiple owners for protection from drainage of Federal and Indian oil and gas resources. The Department may do so either separately or in connection with broader revisions of its oil and gas regulations.

Dated: November 1, 2001.

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

[DA 01-2557, MM Docket No. 01-163, RM-10134]

**Digital Television Broadcast Service; Bozeman, MT****AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission, at the request of Montana State University, licensee of noncommercial station KUSM(TV), NTSC channel \*9, Bozeman, Montana, substitutes DTV channel \*8 for DTV channel \*20 at Bozeman, Montana. See 66 FR 39726, August 1, 2001. DTV channel \*8 can be allotted to Bozeman, Montana, in compliance with the principle community coverage requirements of Section 73.625(a) at coordinates 45-40-24 N. and 110-52-02 W. with a power of 160, HAAT of 305 meters and with a DTV service population of 80 thousand. However, since the community of Bozeman is located within 400 kilometers of U.S.-Canadian border, concurrence from the Canadian government has been obtained for this allotment. With this action, this proceeding is terminated.

**DATES:** Effective December 24, 2001.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a synopsis of the Commission's Report and Order, MM Docket No. 01-163, adopted November 2, 2001, and released November 7, 2001. The full text of this document is available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC. This document may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone 202-863-2893, facsimile 202-863-2898, or via e-mail [qualexint@aol.com](mailto:qualexint@aol.com).

**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 Montana, is amended by removing DTV channel \*20 and adding DTV channel \*8 at Bozeman.

Federal Communications Commission.

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

[DA 01-2486; MM Docket No. 00-172; RM-9963]

**Radio Broadcasting Services; McConnelsville, OH****AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** At the request of Donald Staats this document allots Channel 279A to McConnelsville, Ohio. See 65 FR 59164, published October 4, 2000. The reference coordinates for the Channel 279A allotment at