that WLMB’s channel 35 contour would be fully contained within the Station’s existing channel 5 contour and would continue to reach what Petitioner characterizes as a “substantial majority” of the population within the Station’s current service area, including fully covering the City of Toledo. Petitioner concedes that an analysis using the Commission’s TVStudy indicates that WLMB’s move from channel 5 to channel 35 would create a predicted interference-free population loss of 735,018 persons. However, Petitioner maintains, the majority of that population is located in the densely populated Detroit metropolitan area, which is outside of the Toledo, Ohio Nielsen Designated Market Area (DMA).

Furthermore, Petitioner continues, when terrain limitations and other over-the-air television services are taken into account, nearly all viewers predicted to lose access to WLMB’s signal would continue to be “well served” as they would continue to have access to at least five full power or Class A television signals. Petitioner calculates that only 388 people are predicted to live in portions of a “very small new loss area” that would not otherwise be well-served. Petitioner asserts, however, that even those viewers would not lose access to their only over-the-air television service, as they continue to receive three full power or Class A television signals.

Petitioner claims that the Commission will approve a proposed channel substitution that includes a loss of service if the proposal is “supported by a strong showing of countervailing public interest,” such as offsetting service gains. Given the persistent feedback WLMB has received about reception issues within the Station’s core coverage area, Petitioner maintains that any “nominal population loss” in outlying areas of the station’s contour would be more than outweighed by the substantial improvement in the Station’s actual over-the-air reception within its community of license and in other core portions of its service area. Petitioner concludes that the proposed substitution of channel 35 therefore would serve the public interest by giving Toledo-area residents greater, more reliable access to WLMB’s free over-the-air signal, with few if any viewers losing access to robust over-the-air service.

We believe that Petitioner’s channel substitution proposal warrants consideration. Channel 35 can be substituted for channel 5 at Toledo, Ohio, as proposed, in compliance with the principal community coverage requirements of §73.625(a) of the Commission’s rules (rules), 18 at coordinates 41–44–41 N and 084–01–06 W. In addition, we find that this channel change meets the technical requirements set forth in §§73.616 and 73.623 of the rules. Given its location, we note that Petitioner’s proposal is subject to coordination with Canada. Although substituting channel 35 for channel 5 would result in a loss of service to approximately 735,018 persons, we agree with Petitioner that the loss area is “well-served” by at least five other television stations. Further, although Petitioner’s proposal would result in a loss of service to approximately 388 people that would not otherwise be “well-served,” we find such a loss area to be de minimis.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Television.

Federal Communications Commission.

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Proposed Rule

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission proposes to amend 47 CFR part 73 as follows:

PART 73—RADIO BROADCAST SERVICE

1. The authority citation for part 73 continues to read as follows:


2. In §73.622, Digital television table of allotments, add a new table under Ohio as follows:

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MB Docket No. 21–57; RM–11882; DA 21–166; FR ID 17556]
Television Broadcasting Services; Savannah, Georgia; Correction

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Federal rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission published a document in the Federal Register of March 3, 2021, concerning a petition for rulemaking filed by Gray Television Licensee, LLC (Gray) requesting the substitution of channel 23 for channel 11 at Savannah, Georgia in the DTV Table of Allotments. The document contained the incorrect address for counsel of petitioner.

DATES: March 22, 2021.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Correction

In FR Doc. 2021–04635, in the Federal Register of March 5, 2021, on page 12898, in the third column, correct the ADDRESS caption to read:

ADDRESS:
Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve counsel for petitioner as follows: Joan Stewart, Esq., Wiley Rein LLP, 1776 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20006.

Dated: March 9, 2021.

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