FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MB Docket No. 21–50; RM–11875; DA 21–523; FR ID 26168]

Television Broadcasting Services Cape Girardeau, Missouri

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: On February 12, 2021, the Media Bureau, Video Division (Bureau) issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in response to a petition for rulemaking filed by Gray Television Licensee, LLC (Licensee), the licensee of KFVS–TV, channel 11 (CBS), Cape Girardeau, Missouri, requesting the substitution of channel 32 for channel 11 at Cape Girardeau in the DTV Table of Allotments. As a result of the Commission’s Incentive Auction and repacking process, KFVS was repacked from channel 12 to channel 11. For the reasons set forth in the Report and Order referenced below, the Bureau amends FCC regulations to substitute channel 32 for channel 11 at Cape Girardeau. As a result of the Commission’s Incentive Auction and repacking process, KFVS was repacked from channel 12 to channel 11. For the reasons set forth in the Report and Order referenced below, the Bureau amends FCC regulations to substitute channel 32 for channel 11 at Cape Girardeau. As a result of the Commission’s Incentive Auction and repacking process, KFVS was repacked from channel 12 to channel 11. For the reasons set forth in the Report and Order referenced below, the Bureau amends FCC regulations to substitute channel 32 for channel 11 at Cape Girardeau.

DATES: Effective May 14, 2021.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed rule was published at 86 FR 13516 on March 9, 2021. The Petitioner filed comments in support of the petition reaffirming its commitment to applying for channel 32. No other comments were received. In support,

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Chief of Staff Media Bureau.

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

PART 73—RADIO BROADCAST SERVICE

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


2. Amend §73.622, in the table in paragraph (i) (Post-Transition Table of DTV Allotments), under Georgia, by revising the entry for Augusta to read as follows:

§73.622 Digital television table of allotments.

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Augusta ........................................ 27, 30, 31, 42

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the Petitioner states that the Commission has recognized that VHF channels have certain propagation characteristics which may cause reception issues for some viewers, that the reception of VHF signals require larger antennas relative to UHF channels, and that many of the KFVS viewers experience difficulty receiving its signal. In addition, operation on channel 32 will not result in any predicted loss of service.

This is a synopsis of the Commission’s Report and Order, MB Docket No. 21–56; RM–11875; DA 21–523, adopted May 5, 2021, and released May 5, 2021. The full text of this document is available for download at https://www.fcc.gov/edocs. To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an email to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202–418–0530 (voice), 202–418–0432 (tty).


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<th>Community</th>
<th>Channel No.</th>
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<td>Cape Girardeau</td>
<td>22, 32</td>
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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of Commission’s Order, in WT Docket No. 02–55; Terminated; FCC 21–41, adopted and released on April 22, 2021. The full text of this document is available for public inspection online at https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-21-41A1.pdf.

In 2004, the Commission’s Report and Order (800 MHz Report and Order) (69 FR 67823, November 22, 2004) initiated the 800 MHz rebanding program to alleviate harmful interference to 800 MHz public safety radio systems caused by their proximity in the band to the 800 MHz commercial cellular architecture systems, principally those operated by Sprint. To alleviate the interference, the Commission reconfigured the 800 MHz band to increase the spectral separation between cellular architecture systems and so-called, high site systems occupying the band. The Commission adopted a band plan that required the relocation of the bulk of Sprint’s system (and the other similarly situated cellular-based licenses) to spectrum at the upper end of the band, and the relocation of public safety licensees (and the other similarly situated high site system operators) to spectrum at the lower end of the band.

The Commission further required Sprint to pay the accumulated relocation costs incurred by public safety and other high-site licensees in addition to its own relocation costs, in exchange for which the Commission awarded Sprint 10 megahertz of spectrum rights in the 1.9 GHz band. The 800 MHz Report and Order required that “at the conclusion of band reconfiguration, the Transition Administrator shall provide an accounting of the funds spent to reconfigure the systems of incumbent operators in the 800 MHz band. This accounting shall include certifications from each relocated licensee that all necessary reconfiguration work has been completed and that Nextel and said licensee agree on the sum paid for such work.” Those requirements have been either complied with or waived.

Nearly seventeen years after the 800 MHz Report and Order, the 800 MHz band reconfiguration program has achieved its objective—substantially alleviating the interference risk to public safety in the 800 MHz band. The 800 MHz Transition Administrator, LLC (Transition Administrator) reports that 2,169 licensees have successfully completed physical reconfiguration of their systems, and that only two licensees remain with unresolved administrative matters.

In the 800 MHz Report and Order, the Commission adopted certain rules specifically relating to implementation of the rebanding program. With termination of the rebanding program, there is no continued need for these rules and we therefore delete them. We conclude that this deletion does not require notice and comment. An agency may forego notice and comment rulemaking “when the agency for good cause finds . . . that notice and public procedure thereon are impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.” Here, notice and comment is unnecessary and contrary to the public interest.