receives legacy support for mobile wireless services must submit a certification in which it (1) provides information regarding the service area(s) for which it and any affiliated mobile competitive ETC(s) receive legacy support and the annual amount of support they receive in each area; (2) indicates the total amount of legacy high-cost support to be spent on the deployment, maintenance, and operation of mobile networks that provide 5G service in calendar year 2021 across the identified service areas; and (3) certifies that any 2021 spending shortfall will be made up in 2022. Only those competitive ETCs receiving legacy high-cost support for mobile wireless services that wish to avail themselves of the flexibility concerning their 2021 and 2022 legacy high-cost support usage requirements will be required to respond to this information collection. The certification will be used by the Commission to identify how much a competitive ETC that chooses to avail itself of the flexibility concerning its 2021 and 2022 legacy high-cost support usage requirements will spend on 5G in 2021 and the spending shortfall it must make up in 2022, and to confirm the competitive ETC’s commitment to make up its 2021 spending shortfall in 2022 in accordance with its certification and the Commission’s rules.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
47 CFR Part 73
[MB Docket No. 21–156; RM–11901; DA 21–768; FR ID 36873]
Television Broadcasting Services
Boise, Idaho
AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.
ACTION: Final rule.
SUMMARY: On April 16, 2021, the Media Bureau, Video Division (Bureau) issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in response to a petition for rulemaking filed by Sinclair Boise Licensee, LLC (Petitioner), the licensee of KBOI–TV, channel 9 (NBC), Boise, Idaho, requesting the substitution of channel 20 for channel 9 at Boise in the DTV Table 2247 for KBOI–TV, channel 9 at Boise. In order to take advantage of this flexibility, a competitive ETC

amends FCC regulations to substitute channel 20 for channel 9 at Boise.


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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed rule was published at 86 FR 22382 on April 28, 2021. The Petitioner filed comments in support of the petition reaffirming its commitment to apply for channel 20. No other comments were filed. The Petitioner states that VHF channels have certain propagation characteristics which may cause reception issues for some viewers. In addition, KBOI–TV has received numerous complaints from viewers unable to receive the Station’s over-the-air signal, despite being able to receive signals from other stations. The Petitioner also demonstrated that while the noise limited contour of the proposed channel 20 facility does not completely encompass the licensed channel 9 contour, only 180 persons in two small loss areas are predicted to lose service from KBOI–TV, a number the Commission considers de minimis.

This is a synopsis of the Commission’s Report and Order, MB Docket No. 21–156; RM–11901; DA 21–768, adopted July 2, 2021, and released July 2, 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).


The Commission will send a copy of this Report and Order in a report to be sent to Congress and the Government Accountability Office pursuant to the Congressional Review Act, see 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Television.
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Final Rule

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. In §73.622, in paragraph (i), amend the Post-Transition Table of DTV Allotments, under Idaho, by revising the entry for “Boise” to read as follows:

§73.622 Digital television table of allotments.

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   | Community       | Channel No.     |
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2. The Commission proposed to modify the LPFM technical rules in a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking published at 84 FR 49205 (Sept. 19, 2019). It adopted revised technical rules in a Report and Order published at 85 FR 35567 (June 11, 2020). The Commission established that the revisions would apply prospectively, i.e., to applications for which no decision had yet issued as of the rules’ effective date. The goal of the revisions was to provide LPFM stations with greater flexibility, to improve their service, and to remove regulatory burdens.

3. Petitions for Reconsideration. The Commission received two petitions for reconsideration. One petition sought further revisions of the LPFM rules to increase maximum power, eliminate certain testing requirements for directional antennas, and revise a requirement that LPFM stations use equipment that has been certified for LPFM use. Another petition asked the Commission to extend the new rules to cases decided under former rules if the decision was not yet final when the new rules took effect. The Order dismisses and/or denies these petitions consistent with the Commission’s goal of keeping LPFM requirements simple and accessible in order to facilitate construction and operation of community-oriented noncommercial stations by organizations with limited expertise and small budgets.

4. Restoration of Inadvertently Deleted Language. The Order takes the opportunity to correct an error that occurred when the Commission amended the Rules to permit LPFM stations to retransmit their signals over co-owned FM booster stations. In making ancillary changes to add the concept of LPFM boosters to existing rules governing booster use in other services, the Commission inadvertently deleted three words (“or FM translator”) from the existing language in section 74.1263(b) of the Rules. The Order includes a rule revision to restore that language. Because the deletion of FM translators from the scope of the rule in question was clearly inadvertent and correcting this error is noncontroversial, the Order finds that the notice and comment procedures of the