FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MB Docket No. 21–185; RM–11906; DA 21–847; FR ID 39219]

Television Broadcasting Services
Butte, Montana

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: On April 26, 2021, the Media Bureau, Video Division (Bureau) issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in response to a petition for rulemaking filed by Sinclair Media Licensee, LLC (Petitioner), the licensee of KTVM–TV (NBC), channel 6, Butte, Montana, requesting the substitution of channel 20 for channel 6 at Butte in the DTV Table of Allotments. For the reasons set forth in the Report and Order referenced below, the Bureau amends FCC regulations to substitute channel 20 for channel 6 at Butte.


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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed rule was published at 88 FR 24837 on May 10, 2021. The Petitioner filed comments in support of the petition reaffirming its commitment to apply for channel 20. REC Networks also filed comments. The Petitioner states that VHF channels have certain propagation characteristics which may cause reception issues for some viewers. In addition, KTVM–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. While the proposed channel 20 noise limited contour does not completely encompass the relevant channel 6 noise limited contour, KTVM–TV is an NBC affiliate and there are two other NBC affiliated stations that serve some portion of the loss area. In addition, the Petitioner submitted an analysis, using the Commission’s TVStudy software analysis program, demonstrating that, after taking into account service provided by other NBC stations, all of the population located within KTVM–TV’s original post-DTV transition channel 6 noise limited contour will continue to receive NBC service, except for 66 people, a number the Commission considers de minimis. As the Bureau explained in the NPRM, it used the technical parameters of KTVM–TV’s original post-transition digital channel 6 facility (File Nos. BPCDT–20080314ADF; BLCDT–20090622ADT) in determining any predicted loss which may occur.

This is a synopsis of the Commission’s Report and Order, MB Docket No. 21–185; RM–11906; DA 21–847 adopted July 15, 2021 and released July 16, 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(m)(1)[A].

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

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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 SERVICES

§ 73.622 Digital television table of allotments.


2. In § 73.622(i), amend the Post-Transition Table of DTV Allotments, under Montana, by revising the entry for Butte to read as follows:

§ 73.622 Digital television table of allotments.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 384

[Docket No. FMCSA–2020–0198]

RIN 2126–AC36

Commercial Driver’s License Standards, Requirements and Penalties; Exclusively Electronic Exchange of Driver History Record Information

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: FMCSA codifies the statutory requirement that State driver licensing agencies (SDLAs) implement a system and practices for the exclusively electronic exchange of driver history record (DHR) information through the Commercial Driver’s License Information System (CDLIS), including the posting of convictions, withdrawals, and disqualifications. The rule aligns FMCSA’s regulations with existing statutory requirements set forth in the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP–21). The rule also establishes a date by which States must be in substantial compliance with this final rule.

DATES: Effective Date: This final rule is effective August 23, 2021.