

Commission identifying the specific errors in their application and providing the contact information for a specific Commission staff member who has been assigned to provide assistance. Additionally, after the application process is complete and the Commission has identified the applicants who will be qualified to bid in Auction 113, all qualified bidders for Auction 113 will automatically be registered for the auction, and registration materials will be distributed prior to the auction by overnight delivery. Applicants are not required to take any further steps until bidding commences.

Another step taken to minimize the economic impact for small entities participating in Auction 113 is the Commission's adoption of bidding credits for small businesses and rural service providers. OEA and WTB received comments discussing the adoption of bidding credits for small businesses and rural service providers and the application of the 47 CFR part 1, subpart Q bidding credit rules as in effect for Auction 97 in Auction 113. These discussions of eligibility for small business bidding credits were resolved in the *2025 AWS-3 Report and Order*. In accordance with the service rules applicable to the AWS-3 band licenses to be offered in Auction 113, bidding credit discounts will be available to eligible small businesses and small business consortia on the following basis: (1) a bidder with attributed average annual gross revenues that do not exceed \$55 million for the preceding five years is eligible to receive a 15% discount on its overall payment; or (2) a bidder with attributed average annual gross revenues that do not exceed \$20 million for the preceding five years is eligible to receive a 25% discount on its overall payment. Eligible applicants can receive only one of the available small business bidding credits—not both.

An eligible rural service provider may request a 15% discount on its overall payment using a rural service provider bidding credit. To be eligible for a rural service provider bidding credit, an applicant must: (1) be a service provider that is in the business of providing commercial communications services and, together with its controlling interests, affiliates, and the affiliates of its controlling interests, has fewer than 250,000 combined wireless, wireline, broadband, and cable subscribers; and (2) serve predominantly rural areas. Rural areas are defined as counties with a population density of 100 or fewer persons per square mile. Eligible applicants can request either a small business bidding credit or a rural

service provider bidding credit, but not both.

The total bidding credit discount that may be awarded to an eligible small business is capped at \$25 million and there is a \$10 million cap that may be awarded to a rural service provider. In addition, to create parity among eligible small businesses and rural service providers competing against each other in smaller markets, OEA and WTB adopt a \$10 million cap on the overall amount of bidding credits that any winning designated entity bidder may apply to winning licenses in markets with a population of 500,000 or less. Based on the technical characteristics of AWS-3 licenses and their analysis of past auction data, OEA and WTB anticipate that the caps adopted in the *Auction 113 Procedures Public Notice* will allow the majority of small businesses to take full advantage of the bidding credit program, thereby lowering the relative costs of participation for small businesses. While eligible entities will have the opportunity to compete at auction without being unduly constrained, the caps are reasonable enough to ensure that ineligible entities are not encouraged to undercut the Commission's rules, thereby achieving the Commission's dual statutory goals of benefiting designated entities and at the same time preventing unjust enrichment. In Auction 113, bidding credit caps were adopted not only because OEA and WTB are required to do so by 47 CFR part 1, subpart Q, but also because bidding credit caps provide safeguards for both the Commission and small entities and other Auction 113 bidders. Therefore, OEA and WTB rejected the alternatives received in comments opposing the bidding credit cap as proposed, including those opposing any form of a bidding credit cap as well as those opposing proposals for an increase. Likewise, OEA and WTB are unable to consider any changes to the geographic size of licenses offered in Auction 113, as proposed by a commenter and supported by another commenter, because the Commission adopted the use of CMAs for AWS-3 spectrum licenses in the context of a rulemaking and amending that decision is outside the scope of OEA's and WTB's delegated authority to establish auction procedures.

A Tribal lands bidding credit will also be available to winning bidders that intend to deploy facilities and provide services to qualifying Tribal lands that have a wireline penetration rate equal to or below 85%. The Tribal lands bidding credit is in addition to, and separate from, any other bidding credit winning

bidders may qualify to claim. Therefore, small entities that are eligible for the small or rural bidding credit can also claim the Tribal lands bidding credit, provided they meet the requirements of 47 CFR 1.2107 and 1.2110(f).

The procedures for the conduct of Auction 113 constitute the more specific implementation of the competitive bidding rules contemplated by 47 CFR parts 1 and 27 and the underlying rulemaking orders, including the *2014 AWS-3 Report and Order*, the *2025 AWS-3 Report and Order*, and relevant competitive bidding orders, and are fully consistent therewith.

Report to Congress. The Commission will send a copy of the *Auction 113 Procedures Public Notice*, including this FRFA, in a report to Congress pursuant to the Congressional Review Act. In addition, the Commission will send a copy of the *Auction 113 Procedures Public Notice*, including this FRFA to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the SBA and will publish a copy of the *Auction 113 Procedures Public Notice* and the FRFA (or summaries thereof) in the **Federal Register**.

Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[DA 25-1062; FR ID 323503]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Various Locations

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document amends the Table of FM Allotments, of the Federal Communications Commission's (Commission) rules, by reinstating certain channels as a vacant FM allotment in various communities. The FM allotments were previously removed from the FM Table because a construction permit and/or license was granted. These FM allotments are now considered vacant because of the cancellation of the associated FM authorizations or the dismissal of long-form auction FM applications. A staff engineering analysis confirms that all of the vacant FM allotments complies with the minimum distance separation requirements and principle community coverage requirements of the

Commission's rules. The window period for filing applications for these vacant FM allotments will not be opened at this time. Instead, the issue of opening these allotments for filing will be addressed by the Commission in subsequent order.

DATES: Effective December 23, 2025.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's *Order*, adopted December 16, 2025, and released December 17, 2025. The full text of this Commission decision is available online at <https://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/>. The full text of this document can also be downloaded in Word or Portable Document Format (PDF) at <https://www.fcc.gov/edocs>. This document does not contain information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. The Commission will not send a copy of the *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), because these allotments were previously reported.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio, Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

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Final Rules

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

PART 73—RADIO BROADCAST SERVICES

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

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 155, 301, 303, 307, 309, 310, 334, 336, 339.

■ 2. In § 73.202(b), amend table 1 (Table of FM Allotments) by:

- a. Adding the entry for "Eufaula" in alphabetical order under Alabama;
- b. Revising the entry for "Coalinga" in alphabetical order under California;
- c. Adding the entry for "Port St. Joe" in alphabetical order under Florida;
- d. Adding the entry for "Warrenton" in alphabetical order under Georgia;
- e. Revising the entry for "Grand Marais" in alphabetical order under Minnesota;
- f. Adding the entry for "Vardaman" in alphabetical order under Mississippi;

- g. Adding the entry for "Jefferson City" in alphabetical order under Missouri;
- h. Adding the entry for "Conrad" in alphabetical order under Montana;
- i. Adding the entry for "Hatteras" in alphabetical order under North Carolina;
- j. Adding the entry for "Meyersdale" in alphabetical order under Pennsylvania;
- k. Adding the entry for "New Ellenton" in alphabetical order under South Carolina;
- l. Under Texas:
- i. Revising the entry for "Big Lake" in alphabetical order;
- ii. Adding the entry for "Farwell" in alphabetical order; and
- iii. Revising the entries for "Junction" and "Lockney" in alphabetical order.

The additions and revisions read as follows:

§ 73.202 Table of Allotments.

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TABLE 1 TO PARAGRAPH (b)
[U.S. States]

| | Channel No. |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Alabama | |
| | |
| Eufaula | 250A. |
| | * * * * * |
| California | |
| | |
| Coalinga | 247A, 261B. |
| | * * * * * |
| Florida | |
| | |
| Port St. Joe | 229C2. |
| | * * * * * |
| Georgia | |
| | |
| Warrenton | 226A. |
| | * * * * * |
| Minnesota | |
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| Grand Marais | 237C1, 245C2. |

TABLE 1 TO PARAGRAPH (b)—
Continued
[U.S. States]

| | Channel No. |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Mississippi | |
| | |
| Vardaman | 258A. |
| | * * * * * |
| Missouri | |
| | |
| Jefferson City | 281A. |
| | * * * * * |
| Montana | |
| | |
| Conrad | 229C1. |
| | * * * * * |
| North Carolina | |
| | |
| Hatteras | 233C1. |
| | * * * * * |
| Pennsylvania | |
| | |
| Meyersdale | 227A. |
| | * * * * * |
| South Carolina | |
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| New Ellenton | 274A. |
| | * * * * * |
| Texas | |
| | |
| Big Lake | 246A, 252C1, 281C1, 296C3. |
| | * * * * * |
| Farwell | 252C1. |
| | * * * * * |
| Junction | 263A, 290A, 297C3. |
| | * * * * * |
| Lockney | 271A. |
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