

§ 73.622 Digital television table of allotments.

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Community			Channel No.	
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WEST VIRGINIA				
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Weston		33		
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MB Docket No. 22-116; RM-11922; DA-22-250; FRS 77512]

Television Broadcasting Services Missoula, Montana

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission has before it a petition for rulemaking filed by Scripps Broadcasting Holdings LLC (Petitioner), the licensee of KPAX-TV, channel 7, Missoula, Montana. The Petitioner requests the substitution of channel 25 for channel 7 at Missoula in the Table of Allotments.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before April 21, 2022 and reply comments on or before May 6, 2022.

ADDRESSES: 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 the Petitioner as follows: Christina A. Burrow, Esq., Cooley LLP, 1299 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20004-2400.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In support, the Petitioner states that the Commission has recognized that VHF channels have certain characteristics that pose challenges for their use in providing digital television service, including propagation characteristics that allow undesired signals and noise to be receivable at relatively far distances. According to the Petitioner, it has received many complaints from

viewers unable to receive a reliable signal on channel 7. The Engineering Statement provided with the Petition confirms that the proposed channel 25 contour would continue to reach virtually all of the population within the Station's current service area and fully cover the city of Missoula. An analysis using the Commission's TVStudy software tool indicates that KPAX-TV's move from channel 7 to channel 25 is predicted to create a small area where 444 persons are predicted to lose service. The loss area, however, is partially overlapped by the noise limited contour of Scripps' owned television station KXLF-TV, Butte, Montana, which is a CBS network affiliate, and reduces the number who are predicted to lose CBS network service to 121 persons.

This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, MB Docket No. 22-116; RM-11922; DA 22-250, adopted March 10, 2022, and released March 10, 2022. The full text of this document is available for download at https://www.fcc.gov/edocs. To request materials in accessible formats (braille, large print, computer diskettes, or audio recordings), please send an email to FCC504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Government Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (VOICE), (202) 418-0432 (TTY).

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List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Television.

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Thomas Horan, Chief of Staff, Media Bureau.

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 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 § 73.622(j), amend the Table of Allotments under Montana by revising the entry for Missoula to read as follows:

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(j) * * *				
Community			Channel No.	
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MONTANA				
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Missoula		* 11, 20, 23, 25		
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MB Docket No. 22-117; RM-11923; DA-22-251; FRS 77504]

Television Broadcasting Services Great Falls, Montana

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission has before it a petition for rulemaking filed by Scripps Broadcasting Holdings LLC (Petitioner), the licensee of KRTV, channel 7, Great Falls, Montana. The Petitioner requests the substitution of channel 22 for channel 7 at Great Falls in the Table of Allotments.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before April 21, 2022 and reply comments on or before May 6, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary, 45