

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MB Docket No. 24–152; RM–11982; DA 24–870; FR ID 242482]

**Television Broadcasting Services
Boise, Idaho**

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: On June 24, 2024, the Video Division, Media Bureau (Bureau), issued a notice of proposed rulemaking in response to a Petition for Rulemaking filed by King Broadcasting Company (Petitioner or King Broadcasting), the licensee of KTVB, channel 7, Boise, Idaho (Station or KTVB). The Petitioner requested the substitution of channel 23 for channel 7 at Boise, Idaho (Boise), in the Table of TV Allotments. TEGNA, Inc., on behalf of its wholly owned subsidiary, King Broadcasting, filed comments in support of the Petition, as required by the Commission’s rules (rules), reaffirming King Broadcasting’s commitment to apply for channel 23. The Bureau concludes that the public interest would be served by substituting channel 23 for channel 7 at Boise.

DATES: Effective September 6, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joyce Bernstein, Media Bureau, at (202) 418–1647 or Joyce.Bernstein@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed rule was published at 89 FR 52430 on June 24, 2024. The Petitioner filed comments in support of the petition reaffirming its commitment to apply for channel 23. No other comments were filed.

The Bureau concludes that the public interest would be served by substituting channel 23 for channel 7 at Boise. According to the Petitioner, the channel change will resolve persistent reception complaints it has received from viewers, and substantially improve the community’s access to the Station’s local news, emergency information, and entertainment programming. 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. Additionally, the Petitioner notes that the Commission has observed the large variability in the performance of indoor antennas available to consumers, with most antennas receiving “fairly well at

UHF and the substantial majority not so well to very poor at high-VHF.” An engineering statement provided by the Petitioner confirms that the proposed channel 23 contour would provide full principal community coverage to Boise and would not cause impermissible interference to any station. In addition, the proposed channel 23 facility will not result in any loss of service to existing viewers within the Station’s noise limited service contour.

As proposed, we find that channel 23 can be substituted for channel 7 at Boise in compliance with the principal community coverage requirements of § 73.618(a) of the rules, at coordinates 43–45’–15.6” N and 116–05’–59.4” W. In addition, we find that this channel substitution meets the technical requirements set forth in § 73.622(a) of the rules.

We also conclude that good cause exists to make this channel change effective immediately upon publication in the **Federal Register**, pursuant to section 553(d)(3) of the Administrative Procedure Act. An expedited effective date is necessary in this case to ensure that KTVB can operate with improved service to its viewers as quickly as possible.

This is a synopsis of the Commission’s *Report and Order*, MB Docket No. 24–152; RM–11982; DA 24–870, adopted August 28, 2024, and released August 28, 2024. 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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The Commission will send a copy of the *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.

Federal Communications Commission.

Thomas Horan,
Chief of Staff, Media Bureau.

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

■ 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 TV Allotments, under Idaho by revising the entry for Boise to read as follows:

§ 73.622 Digital television table of allotments.

(j) * * *				
Community	Channel No.			
*	*	*	*	*
Idaho				
Boise	15, 20, *21, 23			
*	*	*	*	*
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MB Docket No. 24–153; RM–11983; DA 24–865; FR ID 242165]

**Television Broadcasting Services
Augusta, Georgia**

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: On June 24, 2024, the Video Division, Media Bureau (Bureau), issued a notice of proposed rulemaking in response to a Petition for Rulemaking filed by Gray Television Licensee, LLC (Gray), the licensee of WRDW-TV (Station or WRDW-TV), Augusta, Georgia (Augusta). Gray requested amendment of the Table of TV Allotments to substitute channel 12 for channel 27. Gray filed comments in support of the Petition, as required by the Commission’s rules (rules), reaffirming its interest in the proposed channel substitution and that it will

promptly file an application seeking authorization on channel 12. The Bureau concludes that the public interest would be served by substituting channel 12 for channel 27 at Augusta.

DATES: Effective October 7, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joyce Bernstein, Media Bureau, at (202) 418-1647 or Joyce.Bernstein@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed rule was published at 89 FR 52431 on June 24, 2024. The Petitioner filed comments in support of the petition reaffirming its commitment to apply for channel 12. No other comments were filed.

The Bureau concludes that the public interest would be served by substituting channel 12 for channel 27 at Augusta. On May 15, 2021, the Bureau granted a petition for rulemaking submitted by Gray to substitute channel 27 for channel 12 at Augusta for WRDW-TV. Gray was also granted a construction permit to construct a facility on channel 27 at Augusta, but was unable complete construction of the channel 27 facility by the expiration date—June 25, 2024. Thus, Gray requested amendment of the Table of TV Allotments to allow it to continue to operate pursuant to the parameters of its current license on channel 12, and the substitution of channel 12 for channel 27 in the TV Table of Allotments would allow the Station to remain on the air and continue to provide service to viewers within its service area.

Gray proposed to utilize its currently licensed parameters and as such we find that channel 12 can be substituted for channel 27 at Augusta as proposed, in compliance with the principal community coverage requirements of § 73.618(a) of the rules, at coordinates 33-24'-37" N and 081-50'-36.0" W. In addition, we find that this channel substitution meets the technical requirements set forth in § 73.622(a) of the rules.

This is a synopsis of the Commission's *Report and Order*, MB Docket No. 24-153; RM-11983; DA 24-865, adopted August 27, 2024, and released August 27, 2024. 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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■ 2. In § 73.622(j), amend the Table of TV Allotments, under Georgia, by revising the entry for Augusta to read as follows:

§ 73.622 Digital television table of allotments.

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(j)	*	*	*	*
Community	Channel No.			
*	*	*	*	*
Georgia				
*	*	*	*	*
Augusta	12, 28, 36			
*	*	*	*	*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

[Docket No. FWS-R2-ES-2022-0115; FXES1113090FEDR-245-FF09E22000]

RIN 1018-BG94

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removal of the Apache Trout From the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service or USFWS), are removing the Apache trout (*Oncorhynchus apache*), a fish native to Arizona, from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife. Our review indicates that the threats to the Apache trout have been eliminated or reduced to the point that the species no longer meets the definition of an endangered or threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). Accordingly, the prohibitions and conservation measures provided by the Act, particularly through section 4 and 7, will no longer apply to the Apache trout.

DATES: This rule is effective October 7, 2024.

ADDRESSES: The proposed rule and this final rule, the post-delisting monitoring plan, the comments we received on the proposed rule, and supporting documents are available at <https://www.regulations.gov> under Docket No. FWS-R2-ES-2022-0115.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Heather Whitlaw, Field Supervisor, Arizona Ecological Services Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 9828 North 31st Ave #C3, Phoenix AZ 85051-2517; telephone 602-242-0210, incomingAZcorr@fws.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Summary

Why we need to publish a rule. Under the Act, a species warrants removal from the Federal Lists of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants if it