

and disconnection policies and service application procedures that are required by local exchange companies. Commenters are requested to suggest alternatives to those procedures that are identified as impediments.

Commenters also are requested to provide information about specific procedures that have been adopted to eliminate impediments and provide efficient processing of Lifeline/Link-Up applications without undue delay. We are particularly interested in learning about specific credit and collection procedures that have resulted in increased subscribership in low-income households.

Commenters also should discuss whether there are initiatives in addition to Lifeline/Link-Up that could increase telephone subscribership among low-income households.

C. Outreach

In the *Twelfth Report and Order*, the Commission amended §§ 54.405 and 54.411 of its rules to require eligible telecommunications carriers to publicize the availability of Lifeline/Link-Up services in a manner reasonably designed to reach those likely to qualify for those services. We seek comment on whether more extensive consumer education and outreach efforts are necessary to increase participation in the Lifeline/Link-Up program. We recognize that many carriers and states have been successful in locating and informing low-income consumers of the Lifeline/Link-Up program by various measures, such as mailings, hanging posters in churches and community centers, placing advertisements in local newspapers, and in some cases, canvassing. We seek comment on whether these efforts have been sufficient to educate low-income individuals about their telecommunications options. We encourage states, carriers, and interested non-profit organizations to continue to develop innovative consumer education and outreach programs that will increase public awareness and understanding of Lifeline/Link-Up. The Joint Board and the Commission are committed to working together to increase participation in these programs as well.

To this end, we invite comment on the best practices of states, telecommunications companies, and non-profit organizations with regard to increasing participation in the Lifeline/Link-Up program, including outreach efforts, assisting individuals in enrolling in Lifeline/Link-Up, and assisting in eligibility verification. Commenters

should discuss the costs and benefits of preparing and distributing information to the public. Commenters also should discuss whether existing websites on Lifeline/Link-Up provide adequate information. We encourage commenters to provide as much detail as possible with respect to their consumer education and outreach efforts. Commenters also may wish to identify specifically those non-profit organizations that may be able to assist with consumer outreach efforts, Lifeline/Link-Up enrollment, and any eligibility verification procedures that may be adopted. In addition, commenters should discuss whether the Commission should adopt specific outreach requirements if current outreach efforts are not effectively providing Lifeline/Link-Up information to low-income consumers. We ask commenters to provide detailed comment on these as well as any other issues relating to Lifeline/Link-Up that they wish to raise.

Pursuant to §§ 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, interested parties may file comments on or before December 31, 2001, and reply comments on or before February 28, 2002. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24,121 (1998). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>. Only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and CC Docket No. 96-45. Parties also may submit electronic comments by Internet e-mail. To receive filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing.

All paper filings must be sent to the Commission's Secretary, Magalie Roman Salas, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. Parties who choose to file by paper also should send three copies of their filings to Sheryl Todd, Accounting Policy Division, 445 12th Street, SW., Room 5-B540, Washington, DC 20554. In addition, parties who choose to file by paper must send copies of their comments on diskette to the

Commission's duplicating contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554. Such submissions should be on a 3.5-inch diskette formatted in an IBM-compatible format using Word or compatible software. The diskette should be accompanied by a cover letter and should be submitted in "read only" mode. The diskette should be clearly labeled with the commenter's name, CC Docket No. 96-45, the type of pleading (comment or reply comment), the date of submission, and the name of the electronic file on the diskette. The label should also include the following phrase "Disk Copy—Not an Original." Each diskette should contain only one party's pleadings, preferably in a single electronic file.

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Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,
Deputy Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[DA 01-2468, MM Docket No. 01-306, RM-10152]

Digital Television Broadcast Service; Hartford, CT

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Fox Television Stations, Inc., requesting the substitution of DTV channel 31 for DTV channel 5 for Tribune Television Corporation's station WTIC-TV at Hartford, Connecticut. DTV Channel 31 can be allotted to Hartford, Connecticut, in compliance with the principle community coverage requirements of Section 73.625(a) at reference coordinates (41-42-13 N. and 72-49-57 W.). However, since the community of Hartford is located within 400

kilometers of the U.S.-Canadian border, concurrence of the Canadian government must be obtained for this allotment. As requested, we propose to allot DTV Channel to 31 with a power of 500 and a height above average terrain (HAAT) of 492 meters.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before December 17, 2001, and reply comments on or before January 2, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows: John C. Quale, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, 1440 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20005 (Counsel for Fox Television Stations, Inc.).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pam Blumenthal, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-1600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 01-306, adopted October 25, 2001, and released October 26, 2001. The full text of this document is available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. This document may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone 202-863-2893, facsimile 202-863-2898, or via e-mail qualexint@aol.com.

Provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to this proceeding.

Members of the public should note that from the time a Notice of Proposed Rule Making is issued until the matter is no longer subject to Commission consideration or court review, all *ex parte* contacts are prohibited in Commission proceedings, such as this one, which involve channel allotments. See 47 CFR 1.1204(b) for rules governing permissible *ex parte* contacts.

For information regarding proper filing procedures for comments, see 47 CFR 1.415 and 1.420.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Television, Digital television broadcasting.

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

PART 73—TELEVISION BROADCAST SERVICES

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

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 303, 334, and 336.

§ 73.622 [Amended]

2. Section 73.622(b), the Table of Digital Television Allotments under Connecticut is amended by removing DTV Channel 5 and adding DTV Channel 31 at Hartford.

Federal Communications Commission.

Barbara A. Kreisman,
Chief, Video Services Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[DA 01-2445; MM Docket No. 01-304, RM-10309; MM Docket No. 01-305, RM-10310.]

Radio Broadcasting Services: Menard, TX; San Isidro, TX

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Jeraldine Anderson, proposing the allotment of Channel 287C3 at Menard, Texas, as the community's second local aural transmission service. Channel 287C3 can be allotted to Menard in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 11.9 kilometers (7.4 miles) southwest of Menard. The coordinates for Channel 287C3 at Menard are 30-52-29 North Latitude and 99-54-00 West Longitude. The Commission also requests comments on a petition filed by Jeraldine Anderson proposing the allotment of Channel 247A at San Isidro, Texas, as the community's first local aural transmission service. Channel 247A can be allotted to San Isidro in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 4.2 kilometers (2.6 miles) northeast of San Isidro. The coordinates for Channel 247A at San Isidro are 26-45-00 North Latitude and 98-26-00 West Longitude.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before December 10, 2001, and reply comments on or before December 26, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C., 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner for both proposals, as follows: Jeraldine Anderson; 1702 Cypress Drive; Irving, Texas 75601.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: R. Barthen Gorman, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 01-304 and MM Docket No. 01-305, adopted October 10, 2001, and released October 19, 2001. The full text of this document is available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC, 20554. This document may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone 202-863-2893, facsimile 202-863-2898, or via e-mail qualexint@aol.com.

Provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to this proceeding.

Members of the public should note that from the time a Notice of Proposed Rule Making is issued until the matter is no longer subject to Commission consideration or court review, all *ex parte* contacts are prohibited in Commission proceedings, such as this one, which involve channel allotments. See 47 CFR § 1.1204(b) for rules governing permissible *ex parte* contacts.

For information regarding proper filing procedures for comments, see 47 CFR §§ 1.415 and 1.420.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

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

The authority citation for Part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. §§ 154, 303, 334, and 336.

§ 73.202 [Amended]

1. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Texas, is amended by adding Channel 287C3 at Menard, and San Isidro, Channel 247A.