§ 22.817 Additional channel policies.

The rules in this section govern the processing of applications for authority to operate a ground station transmitter on any ground station communication channel listed in §22.805 when the applicant has applied or been granted an authorization for other ground station communication channels in the same area. The general policy of the FCC is to assign one ground station communication channel in an area to a carrier per application cycle, up to a maximum of six ground station communication channels per area. That is, a carrier must apply for one ground station communication channel, receive the authorization, construct the station, and notify the FCC of commencement of service before applying for an additional ground station communication channel in that area.

(a) Air-ground transmitters in same area. Any transmitter on any of the ground station communication channels listed in §22.805 is considered to be in the same area as another transmitter on any ground station channel listed in §22.805 if it is located less than 350 kilometers (217 miles) from that transmitter.