

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: Michael Beder, Esq., Associate General Counsel, TEGNA Inc., 8350 Broad Street, Suite 2000, Tysons, Virginia 22102.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In support of its channel substitution request, the Petitioner states that its proposed channel substitution would serve the public interest by resolving persistent reception complaints it has received from viewers, and substantially improve the Boise community's access to the Station's local news, emergency, NBC network, and other 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 "large variability in the performance (especially intrinsic gain) 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 (NLSC).

We believe that the Petitioner's channel substitution proposal for KTVB warrants consideration. Channel 23 can be substituted for channel 7 at Boise as proposed, in compliance with the principal community coverage requirements of section 73.618(a) of the Commission's rules (rules), at coordinates 43-45'-15.6" N and 116-05'-59.4" W. In addition, we find that this channel change meets the technical requirements set forth in section 73.622(a) of the rules. The proposal would not result in loss of service to any viewers within the Station's existing NLSC.

This is a synopsis of the Commission's *Notice of Proposed*

Rulemaking, MB Docket No. 24-152; RM-11982; DA 24-558, adopted June 13, 2024, and released June 13, 2024. 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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Members of the public should note that all *ex parte* contacts are prohibited from the time a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is issued to the time the matter is no longer subject to Commission consideration or court review, *see* 47 CFR 1.1208. There are, however, exceptions to this prohibition, which can be found in § 1.1204(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 1.1204(a).

See Sections 1.415 and 1.420 of the Commission's rules for information regarding the proper filing procedures for comments, 47 CFR 1.415 and 1.420.

Providing Accountability Through Transparency Act: The Providing Accountability Through Transparency Act, Public Law 118-9, requires each agency, in providing notice of a rulemaking, to post online a brief plain-language summary of the proposed rule. The required summary of this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking/Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is available at <https://www.fcc.gov/proposed-rulemakings>.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Television.
Federal Communications Commission.
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 SERVICE

■ 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, in the table in paragraph (j), under Idaho, amend by revising the entry for Boise to read as follows:

§ 73.622 Digital television table of allotments.

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(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 24-559; FR ID 226551]

Television Broadcasting Services Augusta, Georgia

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Video Division, Media Bureau (Bureau), has before it a petition for rulemaking filed June 7, 2024, by Gray Television Licensee, LLC, the licensee of WRDW-TV, channel 12, Augusta, Georgia. Gray also holds a construction permit to construct a facility on channel 27 at Augusta. Gray now requests that the Bureau substitute channel 12 for channel 27 at Augusta in the Table of TV Allotments, with the technical parameters as set forth in WRDW-TV's current license.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before July 24, 2024 and reply comments on or before August 8, 2024.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 5, 2021, the Bureau granted a petition for rulemaking submitted by Gray to substitute channel 27 for channel 12 at Augusta for WRDW-TV. On June 25, 2021, Gray was granted a construction permit for its new channel, which is scheduled to expire on June 25, 2024. In its Petition, Gray states that it will be unable to complete construction of the channel 27 facility by the expiration date. Thus, Gray requests amendment of the Table of TV Allotments to allow it to continue to operate on channel 12. Gray proposes to specify the technical parameters of its currently licensed channel 12 facility.

We believe that the Petitioner’s channel substitution proposal for WRDW-TV warrants consideration. WRDW-TV is currently operating on channel 12 and the substitution of channel 12 for channel 27 in the TV Table of Allotments will allow the Station to remain on the air and continue to provide service to viewers within its service area. Given that Gray proposes to utilize its currently licensed parameters, we believe 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 Commission’s rules at coordinates 33-24’-37” N and 081-50’-36.0” W. In addition, we find that this channel change meets the technical requirements set forth in § 73.622(a) of the rules.

This is a synopsis of the Commission’s *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, MB Docket No. 24-153; RM-11983; DA 24-559, adopted June 13, 2024, and released June 13, 2024. The full text of this document is available for download at <https://www.fcc.gov/edocs>. To request materials

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- 2. In § 73.622, in the table in paragraph (j), under Georgia, amend 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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