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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 West Virginia is amended by removing DTV Channel 58 and adding DTV Channel 6 at Weston.

Federal Communications Commission.

Barbara A. Kreisman,

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[DA 00-2691, MM Docket No. 00-243, RM-9981]

Digital Television Broadcast Service; Orono, ME

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Maine

Public Broadcasting Corporation, licensee of noncommercial educational station WMEB-TV, NTSC channel 12, Orono, Maine, proposing the substitution of DTV channel *9 for station WMEB-TV's assigned DTV channel *22. DTV Channel *9 can be allotted to Orono, Maine, in compliance with the principle community coverage requirements of Section 73.625(a) at reference coordinates (44-42-13 N. and 69-04-47 W.). However, since the community of Orono is located within 400 kilometers of the U.S.-Canadian border, concurrence by the Canadian government must be obtained for this proposal. As requested, we propose to allot DTV Channel *9 to Orono with a power of 15.0 and a height above average terrain (HAAT) of 375 meters.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before January 25, 2001, and reply comments on or before February 9, 2001.

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: Todd D. Gray, Margaret L. Miller, Christine J. Newcomb, Dow, Lohnes & Albertson, 1200 New Hampshire, NW., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20036 (Counsel for Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation).

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. 00-243, adopted December 1, 2000, and released December 4, 2000. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

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§ 73.622 [Amended]

2. Section 73.622(b), the Table of Digital Television Allotments under Maine is amended by removing DTV Channel *22 and adding DTV Channel *9 at Orono.

Federal Communications Commission.

Barbara A. Kreisman,

Chief, Video Services Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

RIN 1018-AG28

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Notice of Availability of Draft Economic Analysis for Proposed Critical Habitat Determination for the Zayante Band-winged Grasshopper

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of draft economic analysis.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability of a draft economic analysis for the proposed designation of critical habitat for the Zayante band-winged grasshopper (*Trimerotropis infantilis*). We are opening a 15-day comment period to allow all interested parties to submit written comments on the draft economic analysis. Comments submitted during this comment period will be incorporated into the public record and will be fully considered in the final rule.

DATES: The comment period is opened and we will accept comments until