

and the Government Accountability Office pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

Final Regulatory Flexibility Certification Analysis (Order on Reconsideration)

81. For the reasons described below, we now certify that the policies and rules adopted in the *Order on Reconsideration* will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The RFA generally defines the term “small entity” as having the same meaning as the terms “small business,” “small organization,” and “small governmental jurisdiction.” In addition, the term “small business” has the same meaning as the term “small business concern” under the Small Business Act. A “small business concern” is one which: (1) is independently owned and operated; (2) is not dominant in its field of operation; and (3) satisfies any additional criteria established by the SBA.

82. In this *Order on Reconsideration*, we make certain changes to the language of § 73.3612 to clarify our collection and use of Form 395–B data. We add language to the rule confirming that the collection of Form 395–B data, and restrictions on the use of the data, also applies to broadcast permittees. The *Order on Reconsideration* adds an explicit statement to its rules that it will not use Form 395–B data to assess compliance with both the equal employment opportunity requirements and nondiscrimination requirements of § 73.2080. We find that this statement is consistent with our statements in the *Fourth Report and Order* and other previous statements made by the Commission over the past two decades.

83. The changes from the *Order on Reconsideration* will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities because such changes do not alter the type or extent of information collected under Form 395–B. Rather, the *Order on Reconsideration* does nothing more than memorialize in another form a prohibition that the Commission has had in place for more than 20 years. Therefore, we certify that the changes provided in the *Order on Reconsideration* will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The Commission will send a copy of this *Order on Reconsideration*, including a copy of this Final Regulatory Flexibility Certification, in a report to Congress and the Government Accountability Office pursuant to the Small Business Regulatory Fairness Act of 1996.

Ordering Clauses

84. Accordingly, *it is ordered* that, pursuant to the authority contained in sections 1, 4(i), 4(k), 303(r), 307, 308, 309, 310, 334, 403, and 634 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i), 154(k), 303(r), 307, 308, 309, 310, 334, 403, and 554, this *Fourth Report and Order* and *Order on Reconsideration* is adopted.

85. *It is further ordered* that this *Fourth Report and Order* and *Order on Reconsideration* shall be effective 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. Compliance with § 73.3612 of the Commission’s rules, 47 CFR 73.3612, which may contain new or modified information collection requirements, will not be required until the Office of Management and Budget completes review of any information collection requirements that the Office of Management and Budget determines is required under the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Commission directs the Media Bureau to announce the compliance date for the *Fourth Report and Order* and *Order on Reconsideration* by subsequent Public Notice.

86. *It is further ordered* that the Joint Petition of the State Broadcasters Associations for Reconsideration and/or Clarification of the Third Report and Order and Fourth NPRM, MM Docket No. 98–204 (filed July 23, 2004), is *granted in part, denied in part, dismissed in part, and deferred in part*.

87. *It is further ordered* that the Media Bureau is hereby directed to make the necessary changes to Form 395–B to provide for inclusion of gender non-binary information.

88. *It is further ordered* that the Commission’s Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Reference Information Center, shall send a copy of the *Fourth Report and Order* and *Order on Reconsideration*, including the Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis and the Initial Regulatory Flexibility Certification, to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration.

89. *It is further ordered* that the Office of the Managing Director, Performance Program Management, shall send a copy of this *Fourth Report and Order* and *Order on Reconsideration* in a report to be sent to Congress and the Government Accountability Office pursuant to the Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

Federal Communications Commission.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Television.

Marlene Dortch,
Secretary.

Final Rules

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. Revise § 73.3612 to read as follows:

§ 73.3612 Annual employment report.

Each licensee or permittee of a commercially or noncommercially operated AM, FM, TV, Class A TV or International Broadcast station with five or more full-time employees shall file an annual employment report with the FCC on or before September 30 of each year on FCC Form 395–B. Data concerning the gender, race and ethnicity of a broadcast station’s workforce collected in the annual employment report will be used only for purposes of analyzing industry trends and making reports to Congress. Such data will not be used for the purpose of assessing any aspect of an individual broadcast licensee’s or permittee’s compliance with the nondiscrimination or equal employment opportunity requirements of § 73.2080. Compliance with this section will not be required until this sentence is removed or contains a compliance date, which will not occur until after the Office of Management and Budget completes review of any information collection requirements pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act or until after the Office of Management and Budget determines that such review is not required.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MB Docket No. 23–380; RM–11968; DA 24–381; FR ID 216242]

Television Broadcasting Services Missoula, Montana.

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Video Division, Media Bureau (Bureau), has before it a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking issued in response to a Petition for Rulemaking filed by Sinclair Media Licensee, LLC (Petitioner or Sinclair), the licensee of KECI-TV (Station or KECI-TV), channel 13, Missoula, Montana (Missoula). The Station is currently operating on channel 13, and in 2021, the Bureau granted Sinclair’s request to substitute UHF channel 20 for VHF channel 13 at Missoula in the Table of TV Allotments (Table). Sinclair currently holds a construction permit to modify its facility to operate on channel 20 and has petitioned for the substitution of channel 21 for channel 20 at Missoula in the Table. Sinclair filed comments in support of the petition, as required by the Commission’s rules (rules), reaffirming its present intention to apply for a construction permit to build the Station’s facilities on channel 21 and to promptly construct such facilities.

DATES: Effective May 3, 2024.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed rule was published at 88 FR 80256 on November 17, 2023. The Petitioner filed comments in support of the petition reaffirming its commitment to apply for channel 21. No other comments were filed.

The Bureau believes the public interest would be served by substituting channel 21 for channel 20 at Missoula. As explained in the Petition, at the same time Sinclair requested and was granted the substitution of channel 20 for channel 13 at Missoula, it also requested and was granted the substitution of UHF channel 20 for VHF channel 6 for co-owned station KTVM-TV, Butte, Montana (Butte). As a result, both KTVM-TV and KECI-TV would operate on a co-channel basis, and Sinclair had determined that predicted interference from both stations operating on channel 20 would affect less than 1 percent of the populations within the noise limited service contours (NLSC) of each station. When the Bureau granted the substitution of channel 20 for channel 13 at Missoula, it also found that the proposed channel 20 facility had a predicted service population of 227,295 persons, a net gain of potential viewers over the existing KECI-TV channel 13 facility. Sinclair now explains, however, that in preparing to construct the new

facilities on channel 20 for both stations, its local engineering staff determined that despite the predictions, the actual interference consequences of both stations operating on channel 20 at Missoula and Butte would result in a more significant number of persons receiving interference, and that the interference would not be localized but spread throughout large portions of the KTVM-TV and KECI-TV service areas. An analysis provided by the Petitioner indicates that operation of KECI-TV on channel 21 instead of channel 13 would result in a net gain in persons within the Station’s NLSC receiving interference-free service, as well as an increase in the population that would receive interference-free service if the Station were to remain on the currently-allotted channel 20.

We also find that the proposal complies with all relevant technical requirements for amendment of the Table of TV Allotments, including the interference protection requirements of § 73.622(a) of the rules, and further demonstrates that the proposed channel 21 facility will provide full principal community coverage to Missoula as required by § 73.618 of the rules. Moreover, the proposed channel substitution would not cause any additional loss of service, which we have already found to be *de minimis*, will increase the population within both KECI-TV’s and KTVM-TV’s NLSCs that will receive interference-free service, and resolve co-channel interference issues caused by the stations’ approved co-channel operation.

As proposed, channel 21 can be substituted for channel 20 at Missoula in compliance with the principal community coverage requirements of § 73.618(a) of the rules, at coordinates 47–01’–04.0” N and 114–00’–50.0” W. The proposed facility is located within the Canadian coordination zone and concurrence from the Canadian government has been obtained for this allotment.

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 *Report and Order*, MB Docket No. 23–380; RM–11968; DA 24–381, adopted April 23, 2024, and released April 23, 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).

This document does not contain information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. In addition, therefore, it does not contain any proposed information collection burden “for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees,” pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, Public Law 107–198, *see* 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(4). Provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, 5 U.S.C. 601–612, do not apply to this proceeding.

The Commission will send a copy of this *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 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 paragraph (j), amend the Table of TV Allotments, under Montana, by revising the entry for Missoula to read as follows:

§ 73.622 Digital television table of allotments.

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