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**ALLOCATIONS AND DEFINITIONS**  
**In AM rules . . .**

**§73.1 Standard broadcast station.**—The term "standard broadcast station" means a broadcasting station licensed for the transmission of radio-telephone emissions primarily intended to be received by the general public and operated on a channel in the band 535-1605 kilocycles per second (kc).

**§73.2 Standard broadcast band.**—The term "standard broadcast band" means the band of frequencies extending from 535-1605 kc.

**§73.3 Standard broadcast channel.**—The term "standard broadcast channel" means the band of frequencies occupied by the carrier and two side bands of a broadcast signal with the carrier frequencies. The 107 carrier frequencies assigned to standard broadcast stations shall begin at 540 kc and be in successive steps of 10 kc.

**§73.4 Dominant station.**—The term "dominant station" means a Class I station, as defined in §73.21, operating on a clear channel.

**§73.5 Secondary station.**—The term "secondary station" means any station, except a Class I station, operating on a clear channel.

**§73.6 Daytime.**—The term "daytime" means that period of time between local sunrise and local sunset.

**§73.7 Nighttime.**—The term "nighttime" means that period of time between local sunset and local sunrise.

**§73.8 Sunrise and sunset.**—The terms "sunrise" and "sunset" mean, for each particular location and during any particular month, the time of sunrise and sunset as specified in the instrument of authorization. See §73.83.

**§73.9 Broadcast day.**—The term "broadcast day" means that period of time between local sunrise and 12 midnight local time.

**§73.10 Experimental period.**—The term "experimental period" means that time between 12 midnight local time and local sunrise. This period may be used for experimental purposes in testing and maintaining apparatus by the licensee of any standard broadcast station on its

assigned frequency and with its authorized power, provided no interference is caused to other stations maintaining a regular operating schedule within such period. No station licensed for "daytime" or "specified hours" of operation may broadcast any regular or scheduled program during this period.

**§73.11 Service areas.**—(a) The term "primary service area" of a broadcast station means the area in which the ground wave is not subject to objectionable interference or objectionable fading.

(b) The term "secondary service area" of a broadcast station means the area served by the sky wave and not subject to objectionable interference. The signal is subject to intermittent variations in intensity.

(c) The term "intermittent service area" of a broadcast station means the area receiving service from the ground wave but beyond the primary service area and subject to some interference and fading.

**§73.12 Portable transmitter.**—The term "portable transmitter" means a transmitter so constructed that it may be moved about conveniently from place to place, and is in fact so moved about from time to time, but not ordinarily used while in motion. In the standard broadcast band, such a transmitter is used in making field intensity measurements for locating a transmitter site for a standard broadcast station. A portable broadcast station will not be licensed in the standard broadcast band for regular transmission of programs intended to be received by the public.

**Allocations—(AM)**

**§73.21 Classes of standard broadcast channels and stations.**

(a) Clear channel. A clear channel is one on which the dominant station or stations render service over wide areas, and which are cleared of objectionable interference within their primary service areas and over all or a substantial portion of their secondary service areas. Stations operating on these channels are classified as follows:

(1) Class I station. A Class I station is a dominant station operating on a clear channel and designed to render primary and secondary service over an extended area and at relatively long distances. Its primary service area is free from objectionable interference from other stations on the same and adjacent channels, and its

secondary service area free from interference except from stations on adjacent channels, and from stations on the same channel in accordance with the channel designation in §73.25 or §73.182. The operating power shall not be less than 10 kilowatts nor more than 50 kilowatts. (Also see §73.25 [a] for further power limitation.)

(2) Class II station. A Class II station is a secondary station which operates on a clear channel (see §73.25) and is designed to render service over a primary service area which is limited by and subject to such interference as may be received from Class I stations. Whenever necessary a Class II station shall use a directional antenna or other means to avoid interference with Class I stations and with other Class II stations, in accordance with §73.182 (and §73.22 in the case of Class II-A stations). Class II stations are divided into three groups:

(i) Class II-A station. A Class II-A station is an unlimited time Class II station operating on one of the clear channels listed in §73.22 and assigned to a community within a state specified in the Table contained in that section. A Class II-A station shall operate with power of not less than 10 kilowatts nighttime nor more than 50 kilowatts at any time.

(ii) Class II-B station. A Class II-B station is an unlimited time Class II station other than those included in Class II-A. A Class II-B station shall operate with power not less than 0.25 kilowatts nor more than 50 kilowatts.

NOTE: The Class II station operating unlimited time on 760 kc at San Diego and the Class II station operating unlimited time on 750 kc at Anchorage, Alaska, shall be limited to a power of 10 kw. Both stations shall protect the I-A station on the same frequency to its 0.5 mv/m 50% skywave contour.

(iii) Class II-D station. A Class II-D station is a Class II station operating daytime or limited time. A Class II-D station shall operate with power not less than 0.25 kilowatts nor more than 50 kilowatts.

(b) Regional channel. A regional channel is one on which several stations may operate with powers not in excess of 5 kilowatts. The primary service area of a station operating on any such channel may be limited to a given field intensity contour as a consequence of interference.

(1) Class III station. A Class III station is a station which operates on a regional channel and is designed to render service primarily to a principal center of population and the rural area contiguous thereto. Class III stations are subdivided into two classes.

(i) Class III-A station. A Class III-A station is a Class III station which operates with power not less than 1 kilowatt nor more than 5 kilowatts and the service area of which is subject to interference in accordance with §73.182.

(ii) Class III-B station. A Class III-B station is a Class III station which operates with power not less than 0.5 kilowatt, nor more than 1 kilowatt night and 5 kilowatts daytime, and the service area of which is subject to interference in accordance with §73.182.

(c) Local channel. A local channel is one on which several stations operate with powers no greater than provided in this paragraph. The primary service area of a station operating on any such channel may be limited to a given field intensity contour as a consequence of interference. Such stations operate with power no greater than 250 watts nighttime, and no greater than 1 kilowatt daytime (except that for stations in an area in the State of Florida south of the parallel 28 degrees north latitude, and between the meridians 80 and 82 degrees west longitude, power is limited to 250 watts, daytime and nighttime).

(1) Class IV station. A Class IV station is a station operating on a local channel and designed to render service primarily to a city or town and the suburban and rural areas contiguous thereto. The power of a station of this class shall not be less than 0.25 kilowatt, and not more than 0.25 kilowatt nighttime and 1 kilowatt daytime, and its service area is subject to interference in accordance with §73.182. Stations which are licensed to operate with 100 watts day or night may continue to do so.

NOTE 1: Under NARBA, the power ceiling for Class IV stations is 250 watts daytime, as well as nighttime. The U.S./Mexican Agreement permits such stations to operate with power not in excess of 1 kilowatt daytime. Pursuant to the U.S./Mexican Agreement and informal coordination with the NARBA signatories, the Commission will consider applications for Class IV stations on local channels with daytime powers in excess of 250 watts, up to 1 kilowatt, if such stations are outside of the area specified in paragraph (c) of this section, and if no objectionable interference would be caused (under the standards set forth in the pertinent international agreement) to a duly notified station in Mexico, Haiti, or any foreign country signatory to NARBA.

NOTE 2: Class IV stations located within 100 kilometers (62 miles) of the Mexican border, and presently authorized to operate with a daytime power of 250 watts, may file applications for increases in daytime power to 1 kilowatt. However, such an application will be granted only after coordination with Mexico of the proposed increase, if required, pursuant to Annex IV to the U.S./Mexican Agreement.

NOTE 3: All authorizations of new or changed

Class I-B, Class II-B, Class II-D, Class III or Class IV facilities after October 30, 1961, are subject to whatever interference may be received from, or whatever overlap of 2.0 mv/m and 25 mv/m groundwave contours or overlap of 25 mv/m groundwave, contours may be involved with previously or subsequently authorized Class II-A facilities.

**§73.22 Assignment of Class II-A stations.**

(a) Table of assignments. One Class II-A station may be assigned on each channel listed in the following table within the designated state or states:

Channel (kHz)	Existing Class I Station	State(s) in which Class II-A Assignment may be Applied for
670	WMAQ	Chicago
720	WGN	Chicago
780	WBBM	Chicago
880	WCBS	New York
890	WLS	Chicago
1920	KDKA	Pittsburgh
1030	WBZ	Boston
1100	KYW	Cleveland
1120	KMOX	St. Louis
1180	WHAM	Rochester
1210	WCAU	Philadelphia

(b) Minimum service to "white" areas. No Class II-A station shall be assigned unless at least 25% of its nighttime interference-free service area or at least 25% of the population residing therein receives no other interference-free nighttime primary service.

(c) Power. Class II-A stations shall operate with not less than 10 kw power nighttime.

(d) Protection. (1) Protection by Class II-A stations to other stations. The co-channel Class I-A station shall be protected by the Class II-A station to its 0.1 mv/m contour daytime and its 0.5 mv/m 50% skywave contour nighttime. All other stations of any class authorized on or before October 30, 1961, shall normally receive protection from objectionable interference from Class II-A stations as provided in §3.182.

(2) Protection to Class II-A stations. A Class II-A station shall normally receive daytime protection to its 0.5 mv/m groundwave contour and nighttime protection to the contour to which it is limited by the co-channel Class I-A station.

(e) Applications not complying with this section. Applications for Class II-A stations which do not meet the requirements of paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section will be returned without further consideration.

**§73.23 Time of operation of the several classes of stations.**—The several classes of standard broadcast stations may be licensed to operate in accordance with the following:

(a) "Unlimited time" permits operation without a maximum limit as to time.

(b) "Limited time" is applicable to class II (secondary) stations operating on a clear channel with facilities authorized before Nov. 30, 1959. It permits operation of the secondary station during daytime, and until local sunset if located west of the dominant station on the channel, or if located east thereof, until sunset at the dominant station; and in addition during night hours, if any, not used by the dominant station or stations on the channel.

(c) Daytime permits operation during the hours between average monthly local sunrise and average monthly local sunset.

(d) "Sharing time" permits operation during hours which are so restricted by the station license as to require a division of time with one or more other stations using the same channel.

(e) Specified hours means that the exact operating hours are specified in the license. (The minimum hours that any station shall operate are specified in §73.71.) Specified hours stations operating on local channels, except those sharing time with other stations may operate at hours beyond those specified in their licenses to carry special events programming. To the extent that such operation is conducted during the nighttime hours, the station's authorized nighttime facilities must be used.

**§73.24 Broadcast facilities; showing required.** An authorization for a new standard broadcast station or increase in facilities of an existing station will be issued only after a satisfactory showing has been made in regard to the following, among others:

(a) That the proposed assignment will tend to effect a fair, efficient and equitable distribution of radio service among the several states and communities.

(b) That a proposed new station (or a proposed change in the facilities of an authorized station) complies

with the pertinent requirements of §73.37.

NOTE: The provisions of §73.37 shall not be applicable to new Class II-A stations or to stations for which applications were accepted for filing before July 13, 1964. With respect to such stations, the provisions of §73.28(d), and the provisions of NOTE 1 of §73.37 shall apply. Special provisions concerning interference from Class II-A to stations of other classes authorized after October 30, 1961 are contained in §73.22(d) and NOTE 3 to §73.21. The level of interference shall be computed pursuant to §§73.182 and 73.186.

(c) That the applicant is financially qualified to construct and operate the proposed station.

(d) That the applicant is legally qualified. That the applicant (or the person or persons in control of an applicant corporation or other organization) is of good character and possesses other qualifications sufficient to provide a satisfactory public service.

(e) That the technical equipment proposed, the location of the transmitter, and other technical phases of operation comply with the regulations governing the same, and the requirements of good engineering practice. (See technical regulations of this subpart and §73.188.)

(f) That the facilities sought are subject to assignment as requested under existing international agreements and the rules and regulations of the Commission.

(g) That the population within the 1 m/v contour does not exceed 1.0 per cent of the population within the 25 mv/m contour: Provided, however, that where the number of persons within the 1 m/v contour is 300 or less the provisions of this subparagraph are not applicable.

(h) That, in the case of an application for a Class II station the proposed station would radiate, during two hours following local sunrise and two hours preceding local sunset, in any direction toward the 0.1 mv/m ground-wave contour of a co-channel United States Class I station, no more than the maximum radiation values permitted under the provisions of §78.187.

(i) That, in the case of an application for a Class II-A station (see §73.22), 25% or more of the area of population within the nighttime interference-free service contour of the proposed station receives no nighttime interference-free primary service from another station.

(j) That the 25 mv/m contour encompasses the business district of the community to which the station is assigned, and that the 5 mv/m contour (or, at night, the interference-free contour, if of a higher value) encompasses all residential areas of such community.

(k) That the public interest, convenience and necessity will be served through the operation under the proposed assignment.

**§73.25 Clear channels: Classes I and II stations.**—The frequencies in the following tabulations are designated as clear channels and assigned for use by the classes of stations given:

(a) On each of the following channels, one Class I station will be assigned, operating with power of 50 kw: 640, 650, 660, 670, 700, 720, 750, 760, 780, 820, 830, 840, 870, 880, 890, 1020, 1030, 1040, 1100, 1120, 1160, 1180, 1200 and 1210 kc. In addition, on the channels listed in this paragraph, Class II stations may be assigned as follows:

(1) On 670, 720, 780, 880, 890, 1020, 1030, 1100, 1120, 1180 and 1210 kc, one Class II-A unlimited time station, assigned and located pursuant to the provisions of §73.22.

(2) On the channel 750 kc, an unlimited time Class II station located at Anchorage.

(3) On the channel 760 kc, an unlimited time Class II station located at San Diego, Calif.

(4) On any of the channels listed in this paragraph (to the extent consistent with the assignments provided in subparagraphs [1], [2], and [3] of this paragraph), unlimited time Class II stations located in Alaska, Hawaii, Virgin Islands, or Puerto Rico, which will not deliver more than 5 microvolts per meter groundwave day or night or microvolts per meter 10 percent time skywave at night at any point within the continental limits of the United States excluding Alaska.

(5) On any of the channels listed in this paragraph (to the extent consistent with the Class I, Class II-A, and Anchorage and San Diego Class II assignments provided in this paragraph, and, in the case of limited time stations, subject to the restrictions contained in §73.38), limited time and daytime only stations, as follows:

(i) In Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands.

(ii) Within the continental United States excluding Alaska, where the station would operate with facilities authorized as of October 30, 1961.

NOTE 1: In view of special circumstances arising from the provision of presunrise broadcast service on 640 kc at Ames, Iowa, applications will be accepted for broadcast operations on 640 kc between 6:00 a.m. central standard time and local sunrise at Ames, Iowa, with not to exceed 1 kw power: provided, that such applications will be

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acted upon only after and in light of the decision reached in Docket No. 11290.

NOTE 2: In view of special circumstances arising from the provision of a service during some nighttime hours by a Class II station operating on 830 kc at New York, N.Y., (i.e. from 6:00 a.m. to local sunrise and from sunset at Minneapolis to 10:00 p.m. E.S.T.), applications will be accepted for such operation: Provided, that they will be acted upon only after and in light of the decision reached in Docket No. 11227.

NOTE 3: The question of whether two Class I stations should be assigned to 770 kc, and if so how they should operate, has not been determined.

NOTE 4: See NARBA concerning priority for Canadian Class I-B and Cuban I-C assignments on 640 kc.

NOTE 5: NARBA concerning Cuban Class II-E assignments on 660, 670, 760, 780, 830, 1020, 1030 and 1120 kc.

NOTE 6: See U.S.-Mexican Agreement concerning Mexican use of 660, 760, 830, 1020, 1030, and 1180 kc.

(b) To each of the following channels there may be assigned Class I and Class II stations: 680, 710, 810, 850, 940, 1000, 1060, 1070, 1080, 1090, 1110, 1130, 1140, 1170, 1190, 1500, 1510, 1520, 1530, 1540, 1550 and 1560 kc.

NOTE: Class I and Class II stations on 1540 kc shall deliver not over 5 microvolts per meter groundwave or 25 microvolts per meter 10 percent time skywave at any point of land in the Bahama Islands, and such stations operating nighttime (i.e., sunset to sunrise at the location of the Class II station) shall be located not less than 650 miles from the nearest point of land in the Bahama Islands.

(c) For Class II stations which will not deliver over 5 microvolts per meter groundwave or 25 microvolts per meter 10 percent time skywave at any point on the Canadian border, and provided that such station operating nighttime (i.e. sunset to sunrise at the location of the Class II station) are located not less than 650 miles from the nearest point on the Canadian border, 690, 740, 860, 990, 1010, and 1580 kc.

NOTE: See NARBA concerning priority for Cuban Class I-B assignment on 1010 kc, Class I-C assignments on 690 and 860 kc, and Class I-D assignment on 740 kc.

(d) The frequencies 730, 800, 900, 1050, 1220 and 1570 kc, for Class II stations which operate daytime only which will not deliver at any point on the Mexican border over 5 microvolts per meter groundwave, and which operate with no more than the following powers:

(1) If not located within the areas specified in subparagraph (2) of this paragraph, 5 kilowatts.

(2) If operating on any of the following frequencies within the following specified areas, no more than one kilowatt:

(i) 800 kc: less than 1319 kilometers (820 miles) from Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua.

(ii) 1050 kc: less than 998 kilometers (620 miles) from Monterrey, Nuevo Leon.

(iii) 1570 kc: less than 998 kilometers (620 miles) from Ciudad Acuna, Coahuila.

NOTE: See the U.S.-Mexican Agreement concerning specific U.S. unlimited time Class II assignments on each of the following channels: 730, 800, 900, 1050 and 1220 kc.

(e) The frequency 540 kc, for Class II stations which will not deliver a signal of more than 5 microvolts per meter groundwave or 25 microvolts per meter 10% skywave at any point on the Canadian border, nor more than 10 microvolts per meter daytime or 50 microvolts per meter nighttime at any point on the Mexican border; Provided, that stations operating at night shall be located:

(1) Within the continental United States including Alaska; and

(2) Not less than 650 miles from the nearest point on the Canadian border; and

(3) North of the parallel 35°N. if west of the meridian 93°W., or north of the parallel 30°N. if east of said meridian.

NOTE 1: See U.S.-Mexican Agreement concerning a specific U.S. unlimited time assignment on this channel.

NOTE 2: See 2.106 (a) of this chapter with respect to use of 540 kc.

**§73.26 Regional channels: Classes III-A and III-B stations.**—The following frequencies are designated as regional channels and are assigned for use by class III-A and III-B stations: 550, 560, 570, 580, 590, 600, 610, 620, 630, 790, 910, 920, 930, 950, 960, 970, 980, 1150, 1250, 1260, 1270, 1280, 1290, 1300, 1310, 1320, 1330, 1350, 1360, 1370, 1380, 1390, 1410, 1420, 1430, 1440, 1460, 1470, 1480, 1590, and 1600 kc.

NOTE: See NARBA concerning Cuban Class I-C assignment on 550 kc, Class I-D assignments on 570, 590, 630, 920, 950 and 980 kc, and Class III-E assignments on 790, 910, and 1150 kc.

**§73.27 Local channels: Class IV stations.**—The following frequencies are designated as local channels

and are assigned for use by class IV stations: 1230, 1240, 1400, 1450, and 1490 kc.

NOTE: See NARBA concerning Cuban Class IV-E assignments on 1240 and 1340 kc.

**§73.28 Assignment of stations to channels.** (a) With respect to applications for new Class II-A stations, and other applications accepted for filing before July 13, 1964, the individual assignments of stations to channels which may cause interference to other United States stations only shall be made in accordance with the provisions of this part for the respective classes of stations involved. (For determining objectionable interference, see §73.22, and §73.182 through §73.186.)

(b) Except as provided in §73.21 (c) concerning Class IV stations, no U.S. assignment of a standard broadcast station will be made which would be inconsistent with the provisions of NARBA or the U.S.-Mexican Agreement. Similarly, as long as protection for U.S. assignments from Haitian assignments continues, no U.S. assignment of a standard broadcast station will be made which would cause objectionable interference (under the standards set forth in NARBA) to a duly notified Haitian station. (The Haitian stations considered to be duly notified are those notified and accepted in accordance with past agreements, and those subsequently notified in accordance with the procedures and understandings which have pertained thus far.) In all cases where an individual assignment may cause interference with, or may involve a channel assigned for priority of use by, a station in another North American country, the classifications, allocation requirements, and engineering standards set forth in NARBA and the U.S.-Mexican Agreement shall be observed.

NOTE: In general, an application for a standard broadcast station assignment, the grant of which would be consistent with the provisions of NARBA and the U.S.-Mexican Agreement and would not cause objectionable interference to a duly notified station in Haiti, will be considered and acted upon by the Commission in accordance with its rules and established procedure for action upon such applications. However, in particular cases such applications may also present considerations of an international nature which require that a different procedure be followed. In such cases the procedure to be followed will be determined by the Commission in the light of the special considerations involved.

With respect to applications for facilities which would involve conflict with NARBA only as to a country which has signed but not completed formal ratification of that agreement, and facilities which would cause objectionable interference to a duly notified Haitian station, special provisions of a procedural nature are contained in §1.352 of this chapter.

(c) Engineering standards now in force domestically differ in some respects from those specified for international purposes. The engineering standards specified for international purposes (in NARBA and the U.S.-Mexican Agreement) will be used to determine: (1) the extent to which interference might be caused by a proposed station in the United States to a station in another country of the North American Region; and (2) whether the United States should register an objection to any new or changed assignment notified by another country of the North American Region. The domestic standards in effect in the United States will be used to determine the extent to which interference exists or would exist from a foreign station where the value of such interference enters into a calculation of: (1) the service to be rendered by a proposed operation in the United States; or (2) the permissible interfering signal from one station in the United States to another United States station.

(d) With respect to applications for new Class II-A stations, and other applications accepted for filing before July 13, 1964, the following shall apply: Upon showing that a need exists, a Class II, III, or IV station may be assigned to a channel available for such class, even though interference will be received within its normally protected contour, subject to the following conditions: (1) No objectionable interference will be caused by the proposed station to existing stations or that if interference will be caused, the need for the proposed service outweighs the need for the service which will be lost by reason of such interference; (2) Primary service will be provided to the community in which the proposed station is to be located; (3) The interference received does not affect more than 10 percent of the population in the proposed station's normally protected primary service area; however, in the event that the nighttime interference received by a proposed Class II or III station would exceed this amount, then an assignment may be made if the proposed station would provide either a standard broadcast night-time facility to a community not having such a facility or if 25 percent or more of the nighttime primary service area of the proposed station is without primary nighttime service. This subparagraph (3) shall not apply to existing Class IV stations on local channels applying for an increase in power above 250 watts, nor to new Class IV stations proposing power in excess of 250 watts with respect to population in the primary service area outside the equivalent 250 watt, 0.5 mv/m contour.

**§73.29 Class IV stations on regional channels.**—No license will be granted for the operation of a class IV station on a regional channel, provided, however, that class IV stations presently authorized to operate on regional channels will not be required to change frequency or power but will not be protected against interference from class III stations.

### In FM rules . . .

**§73.21. Numerical designation of FM broadcast channels.**—The FM broadcast band consists of that portion of the radio frequency spectrum between 88 megacycles per second (MHz) and 108 MHz. It is divided into 100 channels of 200 kilocycles per second (kHz) each. For convenience, the frequencies available for FM broadcasting (including those assigned to noncommercial educational broadcasting) are given numerical designations which are shown in the table below:

EDITOR'S NOTE: [The band is 88-108 mc. Non-commercial educational FM occupies 88-92 mc.]

**§73.202. Table of Assignments.**—(a) General. The following Table of Assignments contains the channels (other than noncommercial educational channels) assigned to the listed communities in the United States, its territories and possessions. Channels designated with an "A" are for Class A FM stations. All other listed channels are for Class B stations in Zones I and I-A and for Class C stations in Zone II. Channels designated with an asterisk are assigned for use by noncommercial educational broadcast stations only.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Channel assignments by cities are reprinted in the AM-FM directory and are not repeated here.

**§73.203. Availability of channels.**—(a) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (b) of this section, applications may be filed to construct FM broadcast stations only on the channels assigned in the Table of Assignments (§73.202(b) t) and only in communities listed therein. Applications which fail to comply with this requirement, whether or not accompanied by a petition to amend the Table, will not be accepted for filing; provided, however, that applications specifying channels which accord with publicly announced Commission orders changing the Table of Assignments will be accepted for filing even though such applications are tendered before the effective dates of such channel changes.

(b) A channel assigned to a community listed in the Table of Assignments is available upon application in any listed community which is located within 10 miles of the listed community if the channel requested is a Class A channel and 15 miles if the channel is a Class B/C channel, provided no other channel in the listed community has been similarly assigned to another community and provided further that the unlisted community has not already removed a channel from any other listed community. Where channels are assigned to two or more communities listed in combination in the Table of Assignments the provisions of this paragraph shall apply separately to each community so listed. The distance between communities shall be determined by the distance between the respective coordinates thereof as set forth in the publication of the United States Department of Commerce entitled "Air Line Distance Between Cities in the United States." (This publication may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402). If said publication does not contain the coordinates of either or both communities, the coordinates of the main post office in either or both of the communities shall be used. The method to be followed in making the measurements is set forth in §73.208(c).

**§73.204. International agreements and other restrictions on use of channels.**

(a) The United States has entered into agreements with Canada and the United Mexican States, respectively, dealing with the allotment and use of FM broadcast channels and facilities for a defined border area. Assignment of an FM channel, authorization for use of an FM broadcast facility, and related matters as to the use of FM facilities for the particular border area are subject to the provisions of the respective agreements. Both provide for consultation and the right to object to any particular proposal. The Commission will give notice of the filing of such an objection; if, for whatever reason, the Commission has taken action inconsistent with any such timely objection, it may take appropriate steps to rescind the action taken.

(b) The frequency 89.1 mcs (ch. 206) is reserved in the New York City metropolitan area for the use of the United Nations with the equivalent of an antenna height of 500 feet above average terrain and effective radiated power of 20 kilowatts, and the Commission will make no assignments which would cause objectionable interference with such use.

(c) In Alaska, the frequency band 88-100 mcs is allocated exclusively to government radio services and the nongovernment fixed service. The frequencies 88.1 through 99.9 mcs (chs. 201 through 260) will not be assigned in Alaska for use by FM broadcast stations.

(d) In Hawaii, the frequency band 98-108 mcs is allocated for nonbroadcast use. The frequencies 98.1



through 107.9 mcs (chs. 251 through 300) will not be assigned in Hawaii for use by FM broadcast stations.

**§73.205. Zones.**

For the purpose of allocation and assignment the United States is divided into three zones as follows:

(a) Zone I consists of that portion of the United States located within the confines of the following lines drawn on the United States Albers Equal Area Projection Map (based on standard parallels 29½° and 45½°; North American datum); Beginning at the most easterly point on the State boundary line between North Carolina and Virginia; thence in a straight line to a point on the Virginia, West Virginia boundary line located at North Latitude 37° 49' and West Longitude 80° 12' 30"; thence westerly along the southern boundary lines of the States of West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois to a point at the junction of the Illinois, Kentucky, and Missouri state boundary lines; thence northerly along the western boundary line of the State of Illinois to a point at the junction of the Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin state boundary lines; thence, easterly along the northern state boundary line of Illinois to the 90th meridian; thence north along this meridian to the 43.5° parallel; thence east along the parallel to the United States-Canada border; thence southerly and following that border until it again intersects the 43.5° parallel; thence east along this parallel to the 71st meridian; thence in a straight line to the intersection of the 69th meridian and the 45th parallel; thence east along the 45th parallel to the Atlantic Ocean. When any of the above lines pass through a city, the city shall be considered to be located in Zone I. (See Figure 1 of §73.699 in complete copy of Rules).

(b) Zone IA consists of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and that portion of the State of California which is located south of the 40th parallel.

(c) Zone II consists of Alaska, Hawaii and the rest of the United States which is not located in either Zone I or Zone IA.

**§73.206. Classes of commercial channels, and stations operating thereon.**

**(a) Class A channels and stations.**

(1) Except as provided in §73.202, the following frequencies are designated as Class A channels and are assigned for use, in all zones, by Class A stations only:

Frequency (mhz)	Channel No.	Frequency (mhz)	Channel No.
92.1	221	100.1	261
92.7	224	100.9	265
93.5	228	101.7	269
94.3	232	102.3	272
95.3	237	103.1	276
95.9	240	103.9	280
96.7	244	104.9	285
97.7	249	105.5	288
98.3	252	106.3	292
99.3	257	107.1	296

(2) A Class A station is a station which operates on a Class A channel, and is designed to render service to a relatively small community, city, or town, and the surrounding rural area.

(3) A Class A station will not be authorized to operate with effective radiated power greater than 3 kilowatts (4.8 dbk), and the coverage of a Class A station shall not exceed that obtained from 3 kilowatts effective radiated power and antenna height above average terrain of 300 feet. For provisions concerning minimum facilities, and concerning reduction in power where antenna height above average terrain exceeds 300 feet, see §73.211.

**(b) Class B-C channels and Class B and Class C stations.**

(1) Except for the channels specified in paragraph (a) (1) of this section, all of the channels listed in §73.201 from 222 through 300 (92.3 through 107.9 mcs) are classified as Class B-C channels, and (subject to the restrictions set forth in §73.204) are assigned for use in Zones I and I-A by Class B stations only, and for use in Zone II by Class C stations only (there are no Class C stations in Zones I or I-A and no Class B stations in Zone II).

(2) A Class B station is a station which operates on a Class B-C channel in Zone I or Zone I-A, and is designed to render service to a sizeable community, city, or town, or to the principal city or cities of an urbanized area, and to the surrounding area.

(3) With respect to Class B stations authorized after September 10, 1962, no such station will be authorized with effective radiated power greater than 50 kilowatts (17 dbk), and the coverage of a Class B station authorized after that date shall not exceed that obtained from 50 kilowatts effective radiated power and 500 feet antenna height above average terrain. For provisions concerning minimum power, and concerning reduction in power where antenna height above average terrain exceeds 500 feet, see §73.211.

(4) A Class C station is a station which operates on a Class B-C channel in Zone II, and is designed to render

service to a community, city, or town, and large surrounding area.

(5) With respect to Class C stations authorized after September 10, 1962, no such station will be authorized with effective radiated power greater than 100 kilowatts (20 dbk), and the coverage of a Class C station authorized after that date shall not exceed that obtained from 100 kilowatts effective radiated power and antenna height above average terrain of 2,000 feet. For provisions concerning minimum power, and reduction in power where antenna height above average terrain exceeds 2,000 feet, see §73.211.

**§73.207. Minimum mileage separations between co-channel and adjacent-channel stations on commercial channels.**

(a) Petitions to amend the Table of Assignments (§73.202(b) t) (other than those expressly requesting amendment of this section or §73.205) will be dismissed and no application for a new station, change in the channel of an existing station, or increase in antenna height or effective radiated power, or change in location of an existing station will be accepted for filing unless the proposed facilities will be located at least as far from the transmitter sites of other co-channel and adjacent-channel stations (both existing and proposed) as the distances specified in this paragraph. Proposed stations of the respective classes shown in the left hand column of the table, [see separation table, this page] shall be located no less than the distance shown from co-channel stations and first adjacent-channel stations (200 kc removed) and second and third adjacent channel stations (400 and 600 kc removed) of the classes shown in the remaining columns of the table. The distances shown between stations of different classes apply regardless of which is the proposed station under consideration (e.g., distances shown from a new Class A station to an existing Class C station are also the distances between a new Class C station and an existing Class A station.) The distances between Class B and Class C stations apply only across zone lines. The adjacent-channel spacings listed also apply: (1) To applications for noncommercial educational facilities on channels 218, 219, or 220, with respect to other stations on channels 221, 222, or 223; (2) to applications for facilities on channels 221, 222, or 223 with respect to noncommercial educational stations on channels 218, 219, or 220 (for classification of noncommercial educational stations, see §73.504).

(b) The zone in which the transmitter of an FM station is located or proposed to be located determines the applicable rules with respect to minimum required spacings.

**§73.209. Protection from interference.**

(a) Permittees and licensees of FM broadcast stations are not protected from any interference which may be caused by the grant of a new station, or of authority to modify the facilities of an existing station, in accordance with the provisions of the subpart.

(b) The nature and extent of the protection from interference accorded to FM broadcast stations is limited solely to the protection which results from the minimum assignment and station separation requirements and the rules with respect to maximum powers and antenna heights set forth in this subpart.

(c) When the Commission determines that grant of an application would serve the public interest, convenience and necessity and the instrument of authorization specifies an antenna location in a designated antenna farm area which results in mileage separations less than those specified in this subpart, FM broadcast station permittees and licensees shall be afforded protection from interference equivalent to the protection afforded under the minimum mileage separations specified in this subpart.

**§73.211. Power and antenna height requirements.**

(a) Minimum requirements.  
(1) Except as provided in paragraph (b) (2) of this section, the minimum effective radiated power shall be:

Class A	100 Watts (—10dbk)
Class B	5 kw (7dbk)
Class C	25 kw (14dbk)

(2) No minimum antenna height above average height is specified.

(b) Maximum power and antenna height.

(1) The maximum effective radiated power in any direction, and maximum antenna height for equivalence purposes, shall be as follows for the various classes of stations:

	Maximum power	Maximum antenna height (feet above average terrain)
Class A	3 kw ( 4.8 dbk)	300
Class B	50 kw (17.0 dbk)	500
Class C	100 kw (20.0 dbk)	2,000

(2) Antenna heights may be used exceeding those specified in this paragraph for equivalence purposes, provided effective radiated power is reduced in the amount determined by use of the appropriate curves in Figure 3 of §73.333. Where, under Figure 3 of §73.333, effective radiated power must be reduced to an amount less than the normal minimum specified in paragraph (a) (1) of this section for the class of station involved, the effective radiated power determined by Figure 3 of §73.333 shall be the minimum for the station involved.

(3) In Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands Class B stations may use antenna heights up to 2000 feet above average terrain with effective radiated powers up to 25 kw. For antenna heights above 2000 feet the power shall be reduced so that the station's 1 mv/m contour (located pursuant to Figure 1 of §73.333) will extend no farther from the station's transmitter than with the facilities of 25 kw and antenna height of 2000 feet. For powers above 25 kw (up to 50 kw) no antenna heights will be authorized which result in greater coverage by the 1 mv/m contour than that obtained with the facilities of 25 kw and antenna height of 2000 feet.

(c) Determination of applicable rules. The zone in which the transmitter of an FM station is located or proposed to be located determines the applicable rules with respect to the class of station, and thus the minimum and maximum requirements as to facilities.

(d) Existing stations. Stations authorized as of September 10, 1962 which do not conform to the requirements of this section, may continue to operate as authorized. For stations operating with facilities in excess of those specified in Paragraph (b) of this section no changes in facilities will be authorized which either increases the effective radiated power or extends the location of the 1 mv/m field strength contour beyond that of its present authorization in any direction. The provisions of this section shall not apply to applications to increase facilities for those stations operating with powers less than the minimum powers specified in paragraph (a) of this section.

**Class of Station and Frequency Separation (khz)**

Class of Station	Class A			Class B			Class C			10-watt educational						
	Co-ch.	200	400	600	Co-ch.	200	400	600	Co-ch.	200	400	600				
Class A	65	40	15	15	65	40	40	—	105	65	65	—	30	15	15	
Class B	—	—	—	—	150	150	40	40	170	135	65	65	—	—	40	40
Class C	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	180	150	65	65	—	—	65	65
10-watt educational	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

NOTE: Intermediate frequency amplifiers of most FM broadcast receivers are designed to operate on 10.7 megacycles. For this reason the stations or assignments separated in frequency by 10.6 or 10.8 Mc/s (53 or 54 channels) will not be authorized unless they conform to the following separation table:

Class of stations	Required spacing in Miles
A to A	5
B to A	10
B to B	15
C to A	20
C to B	25
C to C	30

# FCC Broadcast Rules

## In TV rules . . .

### §73.603. Numerical designation of television channels—(a)

Channel No.	Frequency band (Mega-cycles)	Channel No.	Frequency band (Mega-cycles)
2	54-60	43	644-650
3	60-66	44	650-656
4	66-72	45	656-662
5	76-82	46	662-668
6	82-88	47	668-674
7	174-180	48	674-480
8	180-186	49	680-686
9	186-192	50	686-692
10	192-198	51	692-698
11	198-204	52	698-704
12	204-210	53	704-710
13	210-216	54	710-716
14	470-476	55	716-722
15	476-482	56	722-728
16	482-488	57	728-734
17	488-494	58	734-740
18	494-500	59	740-746
19	500-506	60	746-752
20	506-512	61	752-758
21	512-518	62	758-764
22	518-524	63	764-770
23	524-530	64	770-776
24	530-536	65	776-782
25	536-542	66	782-788
26	542-548	67	788-794
27	548-554	68	794-800
28	554-560	69	800-806
29	560-566	70	806-812
30	566-572	71	812-818
31	572-578	72	818-824
32	578-584	73	824-830
33	584-590	74	830-836
34	590-596	75	836-842
35	596-602	76	842-848
36	602-608	77	848-854
37	608-614	78	854-860
38	614-620	79	860-866
39	620-626	80	866-872
40	626-632	81	872-878
41	632-638	82	878-884
42	638-644	83	884-890

(b) In Alaska and Hawaii the frequency bands 76-82 mc and 82-88 mc are allocated for nonbroadcast use. These frequency bands (Channels 5 and 6) will not be assigned in Alaska and Hawaii for use by television broadcast stations.

(c) Channel 37, 608-614 mc, is not available for assignment prior to January 1, 1974.

**§73.606. Table of Assignments.**—(a) The following Table of Assignments contains the channels assigned to the listed communities in the United States, its territories, and possessions. Channels designated with an asterisk are assigned for use by noncommercial educational broadcast stations only. A station on a channel identified by a plus or minus mark is required to operate with its carrier frequencies offset 10 kc above or below, respectively, the normal carrier frequencies.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: Channel assignments by cities are reprinted in the AM-FM directory and are not repeated here.]

**§73.607. Availability of channels.**—(a) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (b) of this section, applications may be filed to construct television broadcast stations only on the channels assigned in the Table of Assignments and only in the communities listed therein. Applications which fail to comply with this requirement, whether or not accompanied by a petition to amend the Table, will not be accepted for filing provided, however, that applications specifying channels which accord with publicly announced Commission orders changing the Table of Assignments will be accepted for filing even through such applications are tendered before the effective dates of such channel changes.

(b) A channel assigned to a community listed in the Table of Assignments is available upon application in any unlisted community which is located within 15 miles of the listed community. In addition, a channel assigned to a community listed in the Table of Assignments and not designated for use by noncommercial educational stations only, is available upon application in any other community within 15 miles thereof which, although listed in the table, is assigned only a channel designated for use only by noncommercial educational stations. Where channels are assigned to two or more communities listed in combination in the Table of Assignments the provisions of this paragraph shall apply separately to each community so listed. The distance between communities

shall be determined by the distance between the respective coordinates thereof as set forth in the publication of the United States Department of Commerce entitled "Air Line Distances Between Cities in the United States." (This publication may be purchased from the Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.) If said publication does not contain the coordinates of either or both communities the coordinates of the main post office in either or both of such communities shall be used. The method to be followed in making the measurements is set forth in §73.611(d).

**§73.609. Zones.**—(a) For the purpose of allocation and assignment, the United States is divided into three zones as follows:

(1) Zone I consists of that portion of the United States located within the confines of the following lines drawn on the United States Albers Equal Area Projection Map (based on standard parallels 29½° and 45½°; North American datum); Beginning at the most easterly point on the state boundary line between North Carolina and Virginia; thence a straight line to a point on the Virginia-West Virginia boundary line located at North Latitude 37° 49' and West Longitude 80° 12' 30"; thence westerly along the southern boundary lines of the states of West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois to a point at the junction of the Illinois, Kentucky, and Missouri state boundary lines; thence northerly along the western boundary line of the state of Illinois to a point at the junction of the Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin state boundary lines; thence easterly along the northern state boundary line of Illinois to the 90th meridian; thence north along this meridian to the 43.5° parallel; thence east along this parallel to the United States-Canada border; thence southerly and following that border until it again intersects the 43.5° parallel; thence east along this parallel to the 71st meridian; thence in a straight line to the intersection of the 69th meridian and the 45th parallel; thence east along the 45th parallel; to the Atlantic Ocean. When any of the above lines pass through a city, the city shall be considered to be located in Zone I. (See Figure 1 of §73.699).

(2) Zone II consists of that portion of the United States which is not located in either Zone I or Zone III, and Puerto Rico, Alaska, Hawaiian Islands and the Virgin Islands.

(3) Zone III consists of that portion of the United States located south of a line, drawn on the United States Albers Equal Area Projection Map (based on standard parallels 29½° and 45½°; North American datum), beginning at a point on the east coast of Georgia and the 31st parallel and ending at the United States-Mexican border, consisting of arcs drawn with a 150 mile radius to the north from the following specified points:

	North Latitude	West Longitude
a)	29°40'00"	83°24'00"
b)	30°07'00"	84°12'00"
c)	30°31'00"	86°30'00"
d)	30°48'00"	87°58'30"
e)	30°00'00"	90°38'30"
f)	30°04'30"	93°19'00"
g)	29°46'00"	95°05'00"
h)	28°43'00"	96°30'30"
i)	27°52'30"	97°32'00"

When any of the above arcs pass through a city, the city shall be considered to be located in Zone II. (See Figure 2 of §73.699.)

**§73.610. Separations.**—(a) The provisions of this section relate to assignment separations and station separations. Petitions to amend the Table of Assignments (§73.606 (b)) (other than those also expressly requesting amendment of this section or §73.609) will be dismissed and all applications for new television broadcast stations or for changes in the transmitter sites of existing stations will not be accepted for filing if they fail to comply with the requirements specified in paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of this section.

NOTE: Licensees and permittees of television broadcast stations which were operating on April 14, 1952 pursuant to one or more separations below those set forth in §73.610 may continue to so operate, but in no event may they further reduce the separations below the minimum. As the existing separations of such stations are increased, the new separations will become the required minimum separations until separations are reached which comply with the requirements of §73.610. Thereafter the provisions of said section shall be applicable.

(b) Minimum co-channel assignment and station separations:

(1) Zone	Channels 2-13	Channels 14-28
I	170 miles	155 miles
II	190 miles	175 miles
III	220 miles	205 miles

(2) The minimum co-channel mileage separation between a station in one zone and a station in another

zone shall be that of the zone requiring the lower separation.

(c) Minimum assignment and station adjacent channel separations applicable to all zones:

(1) Channels 2-13 60 miles	Channels 14-83 55 miles
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(2) Due to the frequency spacing which exists between channels 4 and 5, between channels 6 and 7, and between channels 13 and 14, the minimum adjacent channel separations specified above shall not be applicable to these pairs of channels (see §73.603).

(d) In addition to the requirements of paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this section, the minimum assignment and station separations between stations on channels 14-83, inclusive, as set forth in Table IV of §73.698 must be met in either rule making proceedings looking towards the amendment of the Table of Assignments (§73.606 (b)) or in licensing proceedings. No channel listed in column (1) of Table IV of §73.698 [see box] will be assigned to any city, and no application for an authorization to operate on such a channel will be granted unless the mileage separations indicated at the top of column (2)-(7), inclusive, are met with respect to each of the channels listed in those columns and parallel with the channel in column (1).

(e) The zone in which the transmitter of a television station is located or proposed to be located determines the applicable rules with respect to co-channel mileage separations where the transmitter is located in a different zone from that in which the channel to be employed is located.

**§73.614. Power and antenna height requirements.**—(a) Minimum requirements. Applications will not be accepted for filing if they specify less than—10 dbk (100 watts) visual effective radiated power in any horizontal direction. No minimum antenna height above average terrain is specified.

(b) Maximum power. Applications will not be accepted for filing if they specify a power in excess of that provided in this paragraph. Except as provided in subparagraph (1) below, the maximum effective radiated powers of television broadcast stations operating on the channels set forth below with antenna heights not in excess of 2000 feet above average terrain shall be as follows:

Channel Nos.	Maximum visual effective radiated power in db above one kilowatt (dbk)
2-6	20dbk (100 kw)
7-13	25 dbk (316 kw)
14-83	37 dbk (5000)

(1) In Zone I, on Channels 2-13 inclusive, the maximum powers specified above for these channels may be used only with antenna heights not in excess of 1000 feet above average terrain. Where antenna heights exceeding 1000 feet above average terrain are used on Channels 2-13, or antenna heights exceeding 2000 feet above average terrain are used on Channels 14-83, the maximum power shall be based on the chart designated as Figure 3 of §76.699.

NOTE: This limitation shall not apply to any licensee or permittee in Zone I who received an authorization after March 22, 1951, to relocate its transmitter site and construct a new tower and antenna to a height in excess of 1000 feet above average terrain and who constructed or who had substantially completed construction of said tower and antenna prior to April 14, 1952. In such case, maximum power may be utilized at the height above average terrain specified in the authorization. The limitation shall apply, however, where the tower of other principal supporting structure had been constructed prior to the date of such authorization.

(2) In Zones II and III, the maximum powers which may be used by television broadcast stations operating on the respective channels set forth in the above table with antenna heights exceeding 2000 feet above average terrain shall be based on the chart designated as Figure 4 of §73.699.

(3) The effective radiated power in any horizontal or vertical direction may not exceed the maximum values permitted by this section and Figure 3 and 4 of §73.699.

(4) The maximum effective radiated power in any direction above the horizontal plane shall be as low as the state of the art permits and may not exceed the effective radiated power in the horizontal direction in the same vertical plane.

(c) The zone in which the transmitter of a television station is located or proposed to be located determines the applicable rules with respect to maximum antenna heights and powers for VHF stations when the transmitter is located in Zone I and the channel to be employed is located in Zone II, or the transmitter is located in Zone II and the channel to be employed is located in Zone I.

[NOTE: The maximum visual effective radiated power of television broadcast stations operating on chan-

nels 14-83 within 250 miles of the Canadian-U.S. border may not be in excess of 30 dbk (1,000 kw.)]

§73.684, encompassing the entire community of license of the proposed station; or

(b) Such party, or any stockholder, officer or director of such party, directly or indirectly owns, operates, controls, or has any interest in, or is an officer or director of any other standard broadcast station if the grant of such license would result in a concentration of control of standard broadcasting in a manner inconsistent with public interest, convenience, or necessity. In determining whether there is such a concentration of control, consideration will be given to the facts of each case with particular reference to such factors as the size, extent and location of area served, the number of people served, classes of stations involved and the extent of other competitive service to the areas in question. The Commission, however, will in any event consider that there would be such a concentration of control contrary to the public interest, convenience or necessity for any party or any of its stockholders, officers or directors to have a direct or indirect interest in, or be stockholders, officers, or directors of, more than seven standard broadcast stations.

NOTE 1: The word "control" as used herein, is not

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### MULTIPLE OWNERSHIP

#### In AM rules . . .

§73.35. Multiple ownership—No license for a standard broadcast station shall be granted to any party (including all parties under common control) if:

(a) Such party directly or indirectly owns, operates, or controls: one or more standard broadcast stations and the grant of such license will result in any overlap of the predicted or measured 1 mv/m groundwave contours of the existing and proposed stations, computed in accordance with §73.183 or §73.186; or one or more television broadcast stations and the grant of such license will result in the predicted or measured 2 mv/m groundwave contour of the proposed station, computed in accordance with §73.183 or §73.186, encompassing the entire community of license of one of the television broadcast stations or will result in the Grade-A contour(s) of the television broadcast station(s), computed in accordance with

limited to majority stock ownership but includes actual working control in whatever manner exercised.

NOTE 2: In applying the provisions of paragraph (a) of this section, partial (as well as total) ownership interests in corporate broadcast licenses represented by ownership of voting stock of such corporations will be considered.

NOTE 3: Except as provided in NOTE 4 of this section, in applying the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section to the stockholders of a corporation which has more than 50 voting stockholders, only those stockholders need be considered who are officers or directors or who directly or indirectly own 1 percent or more of the outstanding voting stock.

NOTE 4: In applying the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section to the stockholders of a corporation which has more than 50 voting stockholders, an investment company, as defined in 15 USC §80a-3 (commonly called a mutual fund), need be considered only if it directly or indirectly owns 3 percent or more of the outstanding voting stock or if officers or directors of the corporation are representatives of the investment company. Holdings by investment companies under common managements shall be aggregated.

NOTE 5: In calculating the percentage of ownership of voting stock under the provisions of NOTE 4, if an investment company directly or indirectly owns voting stock in a company which in turn directly or indirectly owns 50% or more of the voting stock off a corporate broadcast licensee, the investment company shall be considered to own the same percentage of outstanding shares of the corporate broadcast station licensee as it owns of the outstanding voting shares of the company standing between it and the licensee corporation. If the intermediate company owns less than 50% of the voting stock of a corporate broadcast station licensee, the holding of the investment company need not be considered under the 3 percent rule, but, officer or directors of the licensee corporation who are representatives of the intermediate company shall be deemed to be representatives of the investment company.

NOTE 6: In applying the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section to the stockholders of a corporation which has more than 50 voting stockholders, a bank holding stock through its trust department in trust accounts need be considered only if such bank directly or indirectly owns 5 percent or more of the outstanding voting stock; provided, the bank files a disclaimer of intent to control the management or policies of the broadcast corporation. Holdings by banks shall be aggregated if the bank has any right to determine how the stock will be voted.

NOTE 7: In cases where record and beneficial ownership of voting stock of a corporate broadcast station licensee which has more than 50 voting stockholders are not identical, e.g., bank nominees holding stock as record owners for the benefit of mutual funds, brokerage houses holding stock in street name for the benefit of customers, trusts holding stock as record owners for the benefit of designated parties, the party having the right to determine how the stock will be voted will be considered to own it for the purposes of these rules.

NOTE 8: Paragraph (a) of this section will not be applied so as to require divestiture, by any licensee, of existing facilities. Said paragraph will not apply to applications for increased power for Class IV stations, to applications for assignment of license or transfer of control filed in accordance with §§1.540 (b) or 1.541 (b) of this chapter, or to applications for assignment of license or transfer of control to heirs or legatees by will or intestacy if no new or increased overlap would be created between commonly owned, operated, or controlled standard broadcast stations and if no new encroachment of communities proscribed in paragraph (a) of this section as to commonly owned, operated, or controlled standard broadcast stations and television broadcast stations would result. Said paragraph will apply to all applications for new stations, to all other applications for assignment or transfer, and to all applications for major changes in existing stations except major changes that will result in overlap of contours of standard broadcast stations with each other no greater than that already existing. (The resulting areas of overlap of contours of standard broadcast stations with each other in such major change cases may consist partly or entirely of new terrain. However, if the population in the resulting overlap areas substantially exceeds that in the previously existing overlap areas, the Commission will not grant the application if it finds that to do so would be against the public interest, convenience and necessity.) Paragraph (a) of this section will not apply to any application by a party who directly or indirectly owns, operates or controls a UHF television broadcast station where grant of such application would result in the Grade A contour of the UHF station encompassing the entire community of license of a commonly owned, operated, or controlled standard broadcast station or would result in the entire community of license of such UHF station being encom-

Table IV of Sec. 73.698 — UHF Mileage Separations

(1) Channel	(2) 20 miles (I.F. beat)	(3) 20 miles (Intermod- ulation)	(4) 55 miles (Adjacent channel)	(5) 60 miles (Oscil- lator)	(6) 60 miles (Sound image)	(7) 75 miles (Picture image)
14	22	16-19	15	21	29	30
15	23	17-20	14,16	22	29	30
16	24	14,18-21	15,17	23	30	31
17	25	14-15,19-22	16,18	24	31	32
18	26	14-16,20-23	17,19	25	32	33
19	27	14-17,21-24	18,20	26	33	34
20	28	15-18,22-25	19,21	27	34	35
21	29	16-19,23-26	20,22	28,14	35	36
22	30,14	17-20,24-27	21,23	29,15	36	37
23	31,15	18-21,25-28	22,24	30,16	37	38
24	32,16	19-22,26-29	23,25	31,17	38	39
25	33,17	20-23,27-30	24,26	32,18	39	40
26	34,18	21-24,28-31	25,27	33,19	40	41
27	35,19	22-25,29-32	26,28	34,20	41	42
28	36,20	23-26,30-33	27,29	35,21	42,14	43
29	37,21	24-27,31-34	28,30	36,22	43,15	44,14
30	38,22	25-28,32-35	29,31	37,23	44,16	45,15
31	39,33	26-29,33-36	30,32	38,24	45,17	46,16
32	40,24	27-30,34-37	31,33	39,25	46,18	47,17
33	41,25	28-31,35-38	32,34	40,26	47,19	48,18
34	42,26	29-32,36-39	33,35	41,27	48,20	49,19
35	43,27	30-33,37-40	34,36	42,28	49,21	50,20
36	44,28	31-34,38-41	35,37	43,29	50,22	51,21
37	45,29	32-35,39-42	36,38	44,30	51,23	52,22
38	46,30	33-36,40-43	37,39	45,31	52,24	53,23
39	47,31	34-37,41-44	38,40	46,32	53,25	54,24
40	48,32	35-38,42-45	39,41	47,33	54,26	55,25
41	49,33	36-39,43-46	40,42	48,34	55,27	56,26
42	50,34	37-40,44-47	41,43	49,35	56,28	57,27
43	51,35	38-41,45-48	42,44	50,36	57,29	58,28
44	52,36	39-42,46-49	43,45	51,37	58,30	59,29
45	53,37	40-43,47-50	44,46	52,38	59,31	60,30
46	54,38	41-44,48-51	45,47	53,39	60,32	61,31
47	55,39	42-45,49-52	46,48	54,40	61,33	62,32
48	56,40	43-46,50-53	47,49	55,41	62,34	63,33
49	57,41	44-47,51-54	48,50	56,42	63,35	64,34
50	58,42	45-48,52-55	49,51	57,43	64,36	65,35
51	59,43	46-49,53-56	50,52	58,44	65,37	66,36
52	60,44	47-50,54-57	51,53	59,45	66,38	67,37
53	61,45	48-51,55-58	52,54	60,46	67,39	68,38
54	62,46	49-52,56-59	53,55	61,47	68,40	69,39
55	63,47	50-53,57-60	54,56	62,48	69,41	70,40
56	64,48	51-54,58-61	55,57	63,49	70,42	71,41
57	65,49	52-55,59-62	56,58	64,50	71,43	72,42
58	66,50	53-56,60-63	57,59	65,51	72,44	73,43
59	67,51	54-57,61-64	58,60	66,52	73,45	74,44
60	68,52	55-58,62-65	59,61	67,53	74,46	75,45
61	69,53	56-59,63-66	60,62	68,54	75,47	76,46
62	70,54	57-60,64-67	61,63	69,55	76,48	77,47
63	71,55	58-61,65-68	62,64	70,56	77,49	78,48
64	72,56	59-62,66-69	63,65	71,57	78,50	79,49
65	73,57	60-63,67-70	64,66	72,58	79,51	80,50
66	74,58	61-64,68-71	65,67	73,59	80,52	81,51
67	75,59	62-65,69-72	66,68	74,60	81,53	82,52
68	76,60	63-66,70-73	67,69	75,61	82,54	83,53
69	77,61	64-67,71-74	68,70	76,62	83,55	54
70	78,62	65-68,72-75	69,71	77,63	56	55
71	79,63	66-69,73-76	70,72	78,64	57	56
72	80,64	67-70,74-77	71,73	79,65	58	57
73	81,65	68-71,75-78	72,74	80,66	59	58
74	82,66	69-72,76-79	73,75	81,67	60	59
75	83,67	70-73,77-80	74,76	82,68	61	60
76	68	71-74,78-81	75,77	83,69	62	61
77	69	72-75,79-82	76,78	70	63	62
78	70	73-76,80-83	77,79	71	64	63
79	71	74-77,81-83	78,80	72	65	64
80	72	75-78,82-83	79,81	73	66	65
81	73	76-79,83	80,82	74	67	66
82	74	77-80	81,83	75	68	67
83	75	78-81	82	76	69	68



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passed by the 2 mv/m contour of such standard broadcast station. Such community encompassment cases will be handled on a case-by-case basis in order to determine whether common ownership, operation or control of the stations in question would be in the public interest. Commonly owned, operated, or controlled broadcast stations with overlapping contours or with community-encompassing contours prohibited by paragraph (a) of this section may not be assigned or transferred to a single person, group, or entity, except as provided above in this note.

NOTE 9: Paragraph (a) of this section will not be applied to cases involving television stations which are primarily "satellite" operations. Such cases will be considered on a case-by-case basis in order to determine whether common ownership, operation, or control of the stations in question would be in the public interest. Whether or not a particular television broadcast station which does not present a substantial amount of locally originated programming is primarily a "satellite" operation will be determined on the facts of the particular case. An authorized and operating "satellite" television station the Grade A contour of which completely encompasses the community of license of a commonly owned, operated, or controlled standard broadcast station, or the community of license of which is completely encompassed by the 2 mv/m contour of such a standard broadcast station may subsequently become a "non-satellite" station with local studios and locally originated programming. However, such commonly owned, operated, or controlled standard and "non-satellite" television stations may not be transferred or assigned to a single person, group, or entity, except as provided in Note 8.

### In FM rules . . .

**§73.240. Multiple ownership.**—(a) No license for an FM broadcast station shall be granted to any party (including all parties under common control) if:

(1) Such party directly or indirectly owns, operates or controls: one or more FM broadcast stations and the grant of such license will result in any overlap of the predicted 1 mv/m contours of the existing and proposed stations, computed in accordance with §73.313; or one or more television broadcast stations and the grant of such license will result in the predicted 1 mv/m contour of the proposed station, computed in accordance with §73.313, encompassing the entire community of license of one of the television broadcast stations or will result in the Grade A contour(s) of the television broadcast station(s), computed in accordance with §73.684, encompassing the entire community of license of the proposed stations; or

(2) Such party, or any stockholder, officer or director of such party, directly or indirectly owns, operates, controls or has any interest in, or is an officer or director of any other FM broadcast station if the grant of such license would result in a concentration of control of FM broadcasting in a manner inconsistent with the public interest, convenience or necessity. In determining whether there is such a concentration of control, consideration will be given to the facts of each case with particular reference to such factors as the size, extent and location of areas served, the number of people served, classes of stations involved and the extent of other competitive service to the areas in question. The Commission, however, will in any event consider that there would be such a concentration of control contrary to the public interest, convenience or necessity for any party or any of its stockholders, officers or directors to have a direct or indirect interest in, or be stockholders, officers, or directors of, more than seven FM broadcast stations.

(b) Paragraph (a) of this section is not applicable to non-commercial educational FM stations.

NOTE 1: The word "control" as used herein is not limited to majority stock ownership, but includes actual working control in whatever manner exercised.

NOTE 2: In applying the provisions of paragraph (a) (1) of this section, partial (as well as total) ownership interests in corporate broadcast licensees represented by ownership of voting stock of such corporations will be considered.

NOTE 3: Except as provided in NOTE 4 of this section, in applying the provisions of paragraphs (a) (1) and (a) (2) of this section to the stockholders of a corporation which has more than 50 voting stockholders, only those stockholders need be considered who are officers or directors or who directly or indirectly own 1 percent or more of the outstanding voting stock.

NOTE 4: In applying the provisions of paragraphs (a) (1) and (a) (2) of this section to the stockholders of a corporation which has more than 50 voting stockholders, an investment company, as defined in 15 USC §80a-3 (commonly called a mutual fund), need be considered only if it directly or indirectly owns 3 percent or more of the outstanding voting stock or if officers or directors of the corporation are representatives of the investment company. Holdings by investment companies under common

management shall be aggregated.

NOTE 5: In calculating the percentage of ownership of voting stock under the provisions of NOTE 4, if an investment company directly or indirectly owns voting stock in a company which in turn directly or indirectly owns 50% or more of the voting stock of a corporate broadcast licensee, the investment company shall be considered to own the same percentage of outstanding shares of the corporate broadcast stations licensee as it owns of the outstanding voting shares of the company standing between it and the licensee corporation. If the intermediate company owns less than 50% of the voting stock of a corporate broadcast station licensee, the holding of the investment company need not be considered under the 3 percent rule, but, officers or directors of the licensee corporation who are representatives of the intermediate company shall be deemed to be representatives of the investment company.

NOTE 6: In applying the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section to the stockholders of a corporation which has more than 50 voting stockholders, a bank holding stock through its trust department in trust accounts need be considered only if such bank directly or indirectly owns 5 percent or more of the outstanding voting stock; provided, the bank files a disclaimer of intent to control the management or policies of the broadcast corporation. Holdings by banks shall be aggregated if the bank has any right to determine how the stock will be voted.

NOTE 7: In cases where record and beneficial ownership of voting stock of a corporate broadcast station licensee which has more than 50 voting stockholders are not identical e.g., bank nominees holding mutual funds, brokerage houses holding stock as record owners for the benefit of stock in street name for the benefit of owners for the benefit of designated customers, trusts holding stock as record parties, the party having the right to determine how the stock will be voted will be considered to own it.

NOTE 8: Paragraph (a) (1) of this section will not be applied so as to require divestiture, by any licensee, of existing facilities. Said paragraph will not apply to applications for assignment of license or transfer of control filed in accordance with §§1.540 (b) or 1.541 (b) of this chapter, or to applications for assignment of license or transfer of control to heirs or legatees by will or intestacy if no new or increased overlap would be created between commonly owned, operated, or controlled FM broadcast stations and if no new encompassment of communities proscribed in paragraph (a) (1) of this section as to commonly owned, operated, or controlled FM broadcast stations and standard or television broadcast stations would result. Said paragraph will apply to all applications for new stations, to all other applications for assignment or transfer, and to all applications for major changes in existing stations except major changes that will result in overlap of contours of FM broadcast stations with each other no greater than that already existing. (The resulting areas of overlap of contours of FM broadcast stations with each other in such major change cases may consist partly or entirely of new terrain. However, if the population in the resulting overlap areas substantially exceeds that in the previously existing overlap areas, the Commission will not grant the application if it finds that to do so would be against the public interest, convenience, or necessity.) Paragraph (a) of this section will not apply to any application by a party who directly or indirectly owns, operates or controls a UHF television broadcast station where grant of such application would result in the Grade A contour of the UHF station encompassing the entire community of license of a commonly owned, operated, or controlled FM broadcast station or would result in the entire community of license of such UHF station being encompassed by the 1 mv/m contour of such FM broadcast station. Such community encompassment cases will be handled on a case-by-case basis in order to determine whether common ownership, operation or control of the stations in question would be in the public interest. Commonly owned, operated, or controlled FM broadcast stations with overlapping contours or community-encompassing contours prohibited by paragraph (a) (1) of this section may not be assigned or transferred to a single person, group, or entity, except as provided above in this note.

NOTE 9: Paragraph (a) (1) of this section will not be applied to cases involving television stations which are primarily "satellite" operations. Such cases will be considered on a case-by-case basis in order to determine whether common ownership, operation, or control of the stations in question would be in the public interest. Whether or not a particular television broadcast station which does not present a substantial amount of locally originated programming is primarily a "satellite" operation will be determined on the facts of the particular case. An authorized and operating "satellite" television station the Grade A contour of which completely encompasses the community of license of a commonly owned, operated, or controlled FM broadcast station, or the community of license of which is completely encompassed by the 1 mv/m contour of such an FM broadcast station may subsequently become a "non-satellite" station with local studios and locally originated programming. However, such commonly owned, operated, or

controlled FM and "non-satellite" television stations may not be transferred or assigned to a single person, group, or entity, except as provided in Note 8.

### In TV rules . . .

**§73.636. Multiple ownership.**—(a) No license for a television broadcast station shall be granted to any party (including all parties under common control) if:

(1) Such party directly or indirectly owns, operates, or controls: one or more television broadcast stations and the grant of such license will result in any overlap of the Grade B contours of the existing and proposed stations, computed in accordance with §73.684; or one or more standard broadcast stations and the grant of such license will result in the Grade A contour of the proposed station, computed in accordance with §73.684, encompassing the entire community of license of one of the standard broadcast stations, or will result in the predicted or measured 2 mv/m groundwave contour(s) of the standard broadcast station(s), computed in accordance with §73.183 or §73.186, encompassing the entire community of license of the proposed station; or one or more FM broadcast stations and the grant of such license will result in the Grade A contour of the proposed station, computed in accordance with §73.684, encompassing the entire community of license of one of the FM broadcast stations, or will result in the predicted 1 mv/m contour of the FM broadcast station(s), computed in accordance with §73.313, encompassing the entire community of license of the proposed station; or

(2) Such party, or any stockholder, officer or director of such party, directly or indirectly owns, operates, controls, or has any interest in, or is an officer or director of any other television broadcast station if the grant of such license would result in a concentration of control of television broadcasting in a manner inconsistent with public interest, convenience, or necessity. In determining whether there is such a concentration of control, consideration will be given to the facts of each case with particular reference to such factors as the size, extent and location of areas served, the number of people served, and the extent of other competitive service in the areas in question. The Commission, however, will in any event consider that there would be such a concentration of control contrary to the public interest, convenience or necessity for any party or any of its stockholders, officers or directors to have a direct or indirect interest in, or be stockholders, officers, or directors of, more than seven television broadcast stations, no more than five of which may be in the VHF band.

(b) Paragraph (a) of this section is not applicable to non-commercial educational stations.

NOTE 1: The word "control" as used herein is not limited to majority stock ownership, but includes actual working control in whatever manner exercised.

NOTE 2: In applying the provisions of paragraph (a) (1) of this section, partial (as well as total) ownership interests in corporate broadcast licensees represented by ownership of voting stock of such corporations will be considered.

NOTE 3: Except as provided in NOTE 4 of this section, in applying the provisions of paragraph (a) (1) and (a) (2) of this section to the stockholders of a corporation which has more than 50 voting stockholders, only those stockholders need be considered who are officers or directors or who directly or indirectly own 1 percent or more of the outstanding voting stock.

NOTE 4: In applying the provisions of paragraphs (a) (1) and (a) (2) of this section to the stockholders of a corporation which has more than 50 voting stockholders, an investment company, as defined in 15 USC §80a-3 (commonly called a mutual fund), need be considered only if it directly or indirectly owns 3 percent or more of the outstanding voting stock or if officers or directors of the corporation are representatives of the investment company. Holdings by investment companies under common management shall be aggregated.

NOTE 5: In calculating the percentage of ownership of voting stock under the provisions of NOTE 4, if an investment company directly or indirectly owns 50% or more of the voting stock in a corporate broadcast licensee, the investment company shall be considered to own the same percentage of outstanding shares of the corporate broadcast station licensee as it owns of the outstanding voting shares of the company standing between it and the licensee corporation. If the intermediate company owns less than 50% of the voting stock of a corporate broadcast station licensee, the holding of the investment company need not be considered under the 3 percent rule, but, officers or directors of the licensee corporation who are representatives of the intermediate company shall be deemed to be representatives of the investment company.

NOTE 6: In applying the provisions of paragraphs (a) (1) and (a) (2) of this section to the stockholders of a corporation which has more than 50 voting stockholders, a bank holding stock through its trust department in trust accounts need be considered only if such bank directly or indirectly owns 5 percent or more of the outstanding voting stock; provided, the bank files a disclaimer of intent to control the management or policies of the broadcast corporation. Holdings by banks shall be aggregated if the bank has any right to determine how the

stock will be voted.

NOTE 7: In cases where record and beneficial ownership of voting stock of a corporate broadcast station licensee which has more than 50 voting stockholders are not identical, e.g., bank nominees holding stock as record owners for the benefit of mutual funds, brokerage houses holding stock in street name for the benefit of customers, trusts holding stock as record owners for the benefit of designated parties, the party having the right to determine how the stock will be voted will be considered to own it for the purposes of these rules.

NOTE 8: Paragraph (a) (1) of this section will not be applied so as to require divestiture, by any licensee, of existing facilities. Said paragraph will not apply to applications for assignment of license or transfer of control filed in accordance with §§1.540 (b) or 1.541 (b) of this chapter, or to applications for assignment of license or transfer of control to heirs or legatees by will or intestacy if no new or increased overlap would be created between commonly owned, operated, or controlled television broadcast stations and if no new encompassment of communities proscribed in paragraph (a) (1) of this section as to commonly owned, operated, or controlled television broadcast stations and standard or FM broadcast stations would result. Said paragraph will apply to all applications for new stations, to all other applications for assignment or transfer, and to all applications for major changes that will result in overlap of contours of television broadcast stations with each other no greater than that already existing. (The resulting areas of overlap of contours of television broadcast stations with each other in such major change cases may consist partly or entirely of new terrain. However, if the population in the resulting overlap areas substantially exceeds that in the previously existing overlap areas, the Commission will not grant the application if it finds that to do so would be against the public interest, convenience, and necessity.) Said paragraph will not apply to major changes in UHF television broadcast stations authorized as of September 30, 1964, which will result in Grade B overlap with another television broadcast station that was commonly owned, operated, or controlled as of September 20, 1964; or to any application concerning a UHF television broadcast station which would result in the Grade A contour of the UHF station encompassing the entire community of license of a commonly owned, operated, or controlled standard or FM broadcast station or which would result in the entire community of license of such UHF station being encompassed by the 2 mv/m or 1 mv/m contours of such standard or FM broadcast stations, respectively. Such UHF overlap or community encompassment cases will be handled on a case-by-case basis in order to determine whether common ownership, operation, or control of the stations in question would be in the public interest. Commonly owned, operated, or controlled broadcast stations with overlapping contours or with community-encompassing contours prohibited by paragraph (a) (1) of this section may not be assigned or transferred to a single person, group, or entity, except as provided in this note.

NOTE 9: Paragraph (a) (1) of this section will not be applied to cases involving television stations which are primarily "satellite" operations. Such cases will be considered on a case-by-case basis in order to determine whether common ownership, operation, or control of the stations in question would be in the public interest. Whether or not a particular television broadcast station which does not present a substantial amount of locally originated programming is primarily a "satellite" operation will be determined on the facts of the particular case. An authorized and operating "satellite" television station the Grade B contour of which overlaps that of a commonly owned, operated, or controlled "non-satellite" parent television station, or the Grade A contour of which completely encompasses the community of license of a commonly owned, operated, or controlled standard or FM broadcast station, or the 1 mv/m contour of such an FM broadcast station, may subsequently become a "non-satellite" station with local studios and locally originated programming. However, such commonly owned, operated, or controlled "non-satellite" television stations with Grade B overlap, or such commonly owned, operated, or controlled "non-satellite" television stations and standard or FM stations with the aforementioned community encompassment, may not be transferred or assigned to a single person, group, or entity, except as provided in Note 8.

**STUDIO LOCATION, PROGRAM ORIGINATIONS**  
**In AM rules . . .**

§73.30 **Station location and program origination.**—(a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section each standard broadcast station will be licensed to serve primarily a particular city, town, political subdivision, or community which will be specified in the station license and the station will be considered to be located in such place. (2) Unless licensed as a synchronous amplifier transmitter, each station shall maintain a studio, which will be known as the main studio, in the place where the station is located provided that the main studio may be located at the transmitter site whether or not the

transmitter site is in the place where the station is located. (3) A majority (computed on the basis of duration and not number) of a station's programs or in the case of a station affiliated with a network two-thirds of such station's non-network programs, whichever is smaller, shall originate from the main studio or from other studios or remote points situated in the place where the station is located.

(b) (1) Stations will be licensed to serve more than one city, town, political subdivision, or community only where a satisfactory showing is made that each such place meets all the requirements of the rules and regulations of this subpart with respect to the location of main studios; that the station can and will originate a substantial number of local live programs from each such place; and that the requirements as to origination of programs contained in paragraph (a) of this section would place an unreasonable burden on the station if it were licensed to serve only one city, town, political subdivision or community. (2) A station licensed to serve more than one place shall be considered to be located in and shall maintain main studios in each such place. With respect to such station and requirements as to origination of programs contained in paragraph (a) of this section shall be satisfied by the origination of programs from any or all of the main studios or from other studios and remote points situated in any or all of the places in which the main studios are located.

§73.31. **Authority to move main studio.**—The licensee of a station shall not move its main studio outside the borders of the borough or city, state, district, territory, or possession in which it is located, unless such move is to the location of the station's transmitter, without first securing a modification of construction permit or license. The licensee shall promptly notify the Commission of any other change in location of the main studio.

**In FM rules . . .**

§73.210 **Station location, main studio location, and program origination.**—(a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, each FM broadcast station will be licensed to serve primarily a particular city, town, political subdivision, or community which will be specified in the station license and the station will be considered to be located in such place.

(2) The main studio of an FM broadcast station shall be located in the principal community to be served. Where the principal community to be served is a city, town, village or other political subdivision, the main studio shall be located within the corporate boundaries of such city, town, village or other political subdivision. Where the principal community to be served does not have specifically defined political boundaries, applications will be considered on a case-to-case basis in the light of the particular facts involved to determine whether the main studio is located within the principal community to be served.

(3) Where an adequate showing is made that good cause exists for locating a main studio outside the principal community to be served and that to do so would be consistent with the operation of the station in the public interest, the Commission will permit the use of a main studio location other than that specified in subparagraph (2) of this paragraph. No relocation of a main studio to a point outside the principal community to be served, or from one such point outside the community to another, may be made without first securing a modification of construction permit or license, except for relocation at the AM main studio location of a commonly-owned AM station licensed to the same community. FCC Form 301 shall be used to apply therefor. The main studio may, however, be relocated within the principal community to be served, or be moved from a location outside the community to one within it, without specific authority, but the Commission shall be notified promptly of any such relocation.

(4) A majority (computed on the basis of duration and not number) of a station's programs or, in the case of a station affiliated with a network, two-thirds of such station's non-network programs, which ever is smaller, shall originate from the main studio or from other studios or remote points situated in the place where the station is located.

(b) (1) Stations will be licensed to serve more than one city, town, political subdivision, or community only where a satisfactory showing is made that each such place meets all the requirements of this subpart with respect to the location of main studios; that the station can and will originate a substantial number of local live programs from each such place; and that the requirements as to origination of programs contained in paragraph (a) of this section would place an unreasonable burden on the station if it were licensed to serve only one city, town, political subdivision, or community.

(2) A station licensed to serve more than one place shall be considered to be located in and shall maintain main studios in each such place.

(3) With respect to such station, the requirements in paragraph (a) of this section as to origination of programs shall be satisfied by the origination of programs from any or all of the main studios, other studios, or remote points situated in any or all of the places in which the main studios are located.

**In TV rules . . .**

§73.613 **Main studio location.**—(a) The main studio of a television broadcast station shall be located in the principal community to be served. Where the principal community to be served is a city, town, village or other political subdivision, the main studio shall be located within the corporate boundaries of such city, town, village or other political subdivision. Where the principal community to be served does not have specifically defined political boundaries, applications will be considered on a case-to-case basis in the light of the particular facts involved to determine whether the main studio is located within the principal community to be served.

(b) Where an adequate showing is made that good cause exists for locating a main studio outside the principal community to be served and that to do so would be consistent with the operation of the station in the public interest, the Commission will permit the use of a main studio location other than that specified in paragraph (a) of this section. No relocation of a main studio to a point outside the principal community to be served, or from one such point outside the community to another, may be made without first securing a modification of construction permit or license. FCC Form 301 shall be used to apply therefor. The main studio may, however, be relocated within the principal community to be served or be moved from a location outside the community to one within it without specific authority, but the Commission shall be notified promptly of any such relocation.

**OPERATING SCHEDULES**

**For AM stations . . .**

§73.71 **Minimum operating schedule.**—(a) All standard broadcast stations are required to maintain an operating schedule of not less than two-thirds of the total hours they are authorized to operate between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., local time, and two-thirds of the total hours they are authorized to operate between 6 p.m. and midnight, local time each day of the week except Sunday: Provided, however, that stations authorized for daytime operation only need comply only with the minimum requirement for operation between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.

(b) In the event that causes beyond the control of a permittee or licensee make it impossible to adhere to the operating schedule in paragraph (a) of this section or to continue operating, the station may limit or discontinue operation for a period of not more than 30 days without further authority from the Commission, provided that notification is sent to the Commission in Washington, D.C. no later than the 10th day of limited or discontinued operation. During such period, the permittee or licensee shall continue to adhere to the requirements of the station license pertaining to the lighting of antenna structures. In the event normal operation is restored prior to the expiration of the 30-day period, the permittee or licensee will so notify the Commission in Washington, D.C. of this date. If causes beyond the control of the permittee or licensee make it impossible to comply within the allowed period, informal written request shall be made to the Commission in Washington, D.C., no later than the 30th day for such additional time as may be deemed necessary.

§73.72 **Operation during experimental period.**—The licensee of each standard broadcast station shall operate or refrain from operating its station during the experimental period as directed by the Commission in order to facilitate frequency measurement or for the determination of interference.

§73.73 **Specified hours.**—If the license of a station specifies the hours of operation, the schedule so specified shall be adhered to except as provided in §§73.23 (e), 73.71, 73.72 and 73.98 (d).

§73.79 **License to specify sunrise and sunset hours.**—If the licensee of a broadcast station is required to commence or cease operation, or to change the mode of operation of the station at the times of sunrise and sunset at any particular location, the controlling times of each month of the year are set forth in the station's instrument of authorization. Uniform sunrise and sunset times are specified for all of the days of each month, based upon the actual times of sunrise and sunset for the fifteenth day of that month adjusted to the nearest quarter hour. In accordance with a standardized procedure described therein, actual sunrise and sunset time are derived by interpolation in the tables of the 1946 American Nautical Almanac, issued by the Nautical Almanac Office of the United States Naval Observatory.

§73.80 **Secondary station; filing of operating schedule.**—The license of a secondary station authorized to operate limited time and which may resume operation at the time the dominant station (or stations) on the same channel ceases operation shall, with each application for renewal of license, file in triplicate a copy of its regular operating schedule, bearing a signed notation by the licensee of the dominant station of its objection or lack of objection thereto. Upon approval of such operating



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schedule, the Commission will affix its file mark and return one copy to the licensee authorized to operate limited time, which shall be posted with the station license and considered as a part thereof. Departure from said operating schedule will be permitted in accordance with the procedure set forth in §73.77.

**§73.81 Secondary station; failure to reach agreement.**—If the licensee of a secondary station authorized to operate limited time and a dominant station on a channel are unable to agree upon a definite time for resumption of operation by the station authorized limited time, the Commission shall be so notified by the licensee of the station authorized limited time. After receipt of such statement the Commission will designate for hearing the applications of both stations for renewal of license, and pending the hearing the schedule previously adhered to shall remain in full force and effect.

**§73.82 Departure from schedule; material violation.**—In all cases where a station licensee is required to prepare and file an operating schedule, any deviation of departure from such schedule, except as herein authorized, shall be considered as a violation of a material term of the license.

**§73.87 Times and modes of program transmission.**—Except as provided in §73.98 and §73.99, no standard broadcast station shall operate at times, or with modes or powers, other than those specified in the basic instrument of authorization.

**§73.88 Blanketing interference.**—The licensee of each broadcast station is required to satisfy all reasonable complaints of blanketing interference with the 1 m/v contour.

**§73.98 Operation during emergency.**—(a) When necessary to the safety of life and property and in response to dangerous conditions of a general nature, standard broadcast stations may, at the discretion of the licensee and without further Commission authority, transmit emergency weather warnings and other emergency information. Examples of emergency situations which may warrant either an immediate or delayed response by the licensee are: tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, tidal waves, earthquakes, icing conditions, heavy snows, widespread fires, discharge of toxic gases, widespread power failures, industrial explosions, and civil disorders. Transmission of information concerning school closings and changes in school bus schedules resulting from any of these conditions is appropriate. In addition, and if requested by responsible public officials, emergency point-to-point messages may be transmitted for the purpose of requesting or dispatching aid and assisting in rescue operations.

(b) When emergency operation is conducted under a state-level EBS Operational Plan, the attention signal described in §73.906 may be employed.

(c) Except as provided in paragraph (d) of this section, emergency operation shall be confined to the hours, frequencies, powers, and modes of operation specified in the license documents of the stations concerned.

(d) When adequate advance warning cannot be given with the facilities or hours authorized, stations may employ their full daytime facilities during nighttime hours to carry weather warnings and other types of emergency information connected with the examples listed in paragraph (a) of this section. Because of skywave interference impact on other stations assigned to the same channel, such operation may be undertaken only if regular, unlimited-time service is nonexistent, inadequate from the standpoint of coverage, or not serving public need. All operation under this paragraph must be conducted on a noncommercial basis. Recorded music may be used to the extent necessary to provide program continuity.

(e) Any emergency operation undertaken in accordance with this section may be terminated by the Commission, if required in the public interest.

(f) Immediately upon cessation of an emergency during which broadcast facilities were used for the transmission of point-to-point messages under paragraph (a) of this section, or when daytime facilities were used during nighttime hours in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section, a report in letter form shall be forwarded to the Commission, in Washington, D.C., setting forth the nature of the emergency, the dates and hours of emergency operation, and a brief description of the material carried during the emergency period. A certification of compliance with the noncommercialization provision of paragraph (d) of this section must accompany the report where daytime facilities are used during nighttime hours, together with a detailed showing concerning the alternate service provisions of that paragraph.

(g) If the Emergency Broadcast System (EBS) is activated at the National-Level while non-EBS emergency operation under this section is in progress, the EBS shall take precedence.

**§73.99 Pre-sunrise Service Authority.**—(a) In order to afford the maximum uniformity in early morning

operations compatible with interference considerations, the following classes of standard broadcast permittees and licensees are eligible to request Pre-sunrise Service Authority (PSA):

(1) Class II stations operating on clear channels other than Class I-A clear channels; Class II stations operating on Class I-A clear channels assigned to the United States under the NARBA or the U.S./Mexican Agreement, where such Class II stations are located west of co-channel Class I-A stations; and Class II stations operating on the Class I-A clear channels 730, 800, 900, 1050, 1220, and 1570 kc/s, which are assigned to Mexico under the aforementioned agreements.

(2) Class III stations.

(b) When issued, a PSA will permit:

(1) Class II stations operating on Mexican Class I-A clear channels to commence operation with their daytime antenna systems at 6 a.m. local time, and to continue such operation until the sunrise times specified in their basic instruments of authorization; and other Class II stations, where eligible under paragraph (a) (1) of this section, to commence operation with their daytime or critical hours antenna systems either at 6 a.m. local time, or at the time of sunrise at the westernmost Class I station located east of the Class II stations (whichever is later), and to continue such operation until the sunrise times specified in their basic instruments of authorization: Provided, that the permissible power to be specified in a PSA shall not exceed 500 watts (or the authorized daytime or critical hours power, if less than 500 watts), or such lesser power as may be determined by computations made pursuant to paragraph (c) of this section.

(2) Class III stations to commence operation with their daytime antenna systems at 6:00 a.m. local time, and to continue such operation until local sunrise: Provided, that the permissible power, to be specified in the PSA, shall not exceed 500 watts or such lesser power as may be determined on the basis of calculations made pursuant to paragraph (c) of this section.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of §§1.571 and 1.580 of this chapter, requests for PSA's shall be treated as proposals for minor change in existing facilities and, as such, are not subject to the procedural requirements or remedies applicable to applications for new facilities and major changes therein. PSA requests shall be submitted by letter, signed in the manner specified in §1.513 of this chapter, with the following information:

(1) Name, call letters and station location.

(2) For Class II stations operating on clear channels other than Class I-A clear channels, a showing that objectionable interference as determined by the Standard Broadcast Technical Standards (§§73.182 to 73.190), or by the engineering standards of the NARBA (whichever is controlling), will not be caused within the 0.5 mv/m 50 percent skywave contour of any domestic Class -B Station, or of a Class I-B station in any country signatory to the NARBA, where the Class II station is located east of the Class I-B station; for Class II stations operating on Mexican Class I-A clear channels, and for Class II stations located east of co-channel Mexican Class I-B stations, a showing under the engineering standards of the United States/Mexican Agreement that the Class II station does not produce a signal in excess of 25 uv/m 10 percent skywave at any point on the co-channel Mexican Class I station's 0.5 mv/m 50 percent skywave contour which falls on Mexican territory, or more than 50 uv/m 10 percent skywave at any point on the Mexican border or boundary where the signal of the Mexican Class I station exceeds 0.5 mv/m 50 percent skywave in strength. In addition, the applicant must show that foreign Class II stations (if any) assigned to the same channel as the U.S. Class II station will receive full protection under the standards for nighttime operation set forth in the applicable agreement. If the foregoing protections cannot be achieved by the Class II station while operating with 500 watts, a showing may be submitted to establish the level to which power must be limited to preclude objectionable interference: Provided, that in relation to Canadian Class II stations, the permissible power level may be established in the manner described in paragraph (c) (3) of this section by the use of Figure 12 of §73.190.

(3) For Class III stations, a showing that co-channel stations in foreign countries will receive full treaty protection. If such protection cannot be achieved on the basis of 500-watt operation, calculations may be submitted to establish the level to which power must be reduced to preclude objectionable interference: Provided, that with respect to Canadian Class III stations, such power level may be established by a showing that the radiation at the pertinent vertical angle toward co-channel Canadian stations does not exceed that defined in Figure 12 of §73.190. If the latter showing cannot be made on the basis of 500-watt operation, calculations may be submitted to establish the level to which power must be reduced in order to limit radiation at the pertinent vertical angle to the values specified in Figure 2 of §73.190.

(4) A description of the method whereby any proposed power reduction will be achieved.

(d) Calculations made under paragraph (c) of this section shall not take outstanding PSA's into account, nor shall the grant of PSA confer any degree of interference protection on the holder thereof.

(e) Operation under a PSA is not mandatory, and will not be included in determining compliance with the requirements of §73.71. To the extent actually undertaken, however, pre-sunrise operation will be considered by the Commission in determining overall compliance with past programming representations and station policy concerning commercial matter.

(f) The PSA is secondary to the basic instrument of authorization and may be suspended, modified, or withdrawn by the Commission without prior notice or right to hearing, if necessary to resolve interference conflicts, to implement agreements with foreign governments, or in other circumstances warranting such action.

(g) The PSA will be issued for a term coinciding with the current basic instrument of authorization and, unless surrendered by the holder or suspended, modified or withdrawn by the Commission, will have continuing or renewed effect under succeeding instruments.

(h) The issuance of a PSA is intended to include the waiver of §§73.45, 73.182, and 73.188 in situations where the operation might otherwise be considered as technically sub-standard. However, such special conditions as the Commission may deem appropriate may be included in the PSA to insure the operation of the transmitter and associated equipment in accordance with all phases of good engineering practice.

(i) In the event of permanent discontinuance of pre-sunrise operation, the PSA shall be forwarded to the Commission's Washington office for cancellation, and the Engineer in Charge of the radio district in which the station is located shall be notified accordingly.

### For FM stations . . .

**§73.242 Duplication of AM and FM programming.**—(a) After October 15, 1965, licensees of FM stations in cities of over 100,000 population (as listed in the latest regular U.S. Census Reports) shall operate so as to devote no more than 50 percent of the average FM broadcast week to programs duplicated from an AM station owned by the same licensee in the same local area. For the purposes of this paragraph, duplication is defined to mean simultaneous broadcasting of a particular program over both the AM and FM station or the broadcast of a particular FM program within 24 hours before or after the identical program is broadcast over the AM station.

(b) Compliance with the non-duplication requirement shall be evidenced by such showing in connection with renewal applications as the Commission may require.

(c) Upon a substantial showing that continued program duplication over a particular station would better serve the public interest than immediate non-duplication, a licensee may be granted a temporary exemption from the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section. Requests for such exemption must be submitted to the Commission, accompanied by supporting data, at least 6 months prior to the time the non-duplication requirement of paragraph (a) of this section is to become effective as to a particular station. Such exemption, if granted, will ordinarily run to the end of the station's current license period, or if granted near the end of the license period, for some other reasonable period not to exceed 3 years.

**§73.261 Time of operation.**—(a) All FM broadcast stations will be licensed for unlimited time operation. All FM stations are required to maintain an operating schedule of not less than eight hours between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., local time, and not less than four hours between 6 p.m. and midnight, local time, each day of the week except Sunday.

(b) In the event that causes beyond the control of a permittee or licensee make it impossible to adhere to the operating schedule in paragraph (a) of this section or to continue operating, the station may limit or discontinue operation for a period of not more than 30 days without further authority from the Commission, provided that notification is sent to the Commission in Washington, D.C. no later than the 10th day of limited or discontinued operation. During such period, the permittee or licensee shall continue to adhere to the requirements of the station license pertaining to the lighting of antenna structures. In the event normal operation is restored prior to the expiration of the 30-day period, the permittee or licensee will so notify the Commission in Washington, D.C. of this date. If the causes beyond the control of the permittee or licensee make it impossible to comply within the allowed period, informal written request shall be made to the Commission in Washington, D.C., no later than the 30th day for such additional times as may be deemed necessary.

**§73.262 Experimental operation.**—(a) The period between 12 midnight and 6 a.m., prevailing local time, may be used for experimental purposes in testing and maintaining apparatus by the licensee of any FM broadcast station on its assigned frequency and not in excess of its authorized power without specific authorization from the Commission.

(b) FM broadcast stations may (with prior notification to the Commission and the Engineer in Charge of the radio district in which the station is located) test, maintain, and adjust the apparatus at the station during other time periods; and may (upon informal application)

conduct technical experimentation directed to the improvement of technical phases of operation during other time periods and for such purposes may utilize a signal other than the standard FM signal, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) That the licensee complies with the provisions of §73.261 with regard to the minimum number of hours of operation.
- (2) That emissions outside the authorized bandwidth shall comply with §73.317 (a) and that no interference is caused to the transmissions of other FM broadcast stations.
- (3) No charges either direct or indirect shall be made by the licensee of an FM broadcast station for the production or transmission of programs when conducting technical experimentation.

**For TV stations . . .**

§73.651 **Time of operation.**—(a) (1) All television broadcast stations will be licensed for unlimited time operation. Each such station shall maintain a regular program operating schedule as follows: not less than 2 hours daily in any five broadcast days per week and not less than a total of 12 hours per week during the first 18 months of the stations operation; not less than 2 hours daily in any 5 broadcast days per week and not less than a total of 16 hours, 20 hours and 24 hours per week for each successive 6-month period of operation, respectively; and not less than a total of 28 hours per week thereafter.

(2) "Operation" includes the period during which a station is operated pursuant to temporary authorization or during program tests, as well as during the license period. Time devoted to test patterns, or to aural presentations accompanied by the incidental use of fixed visual images which have no substantial relationship to the subject matter of such aural presentations, shall not be considered in computing periods of program service.

(3) In the event that causes beyond the control of a permittee or licensee make it impossible to adhere to the operating schedule in paragraph (a) of this section or to continue operating, the station may limit or discontinue operation for a period of not more than 30 days without further authority from the Commission, provided that notification is sent to the Commission in Washington, D.C. no later than the 10th day of limited or discontinued operation. During such period, the permittee or licensee shall continue to adhere to the requirements of the station license pertaining to the lighting of antenna structures. In the event normal operation is restored prior to the expiration of the 30-day period, the permittee or licensee will so notify the Commission in Washington, D.C. of this date. If the causes beyond the control of the permittee or licensee make it impossible to comply within the allowed period, informal written request shall be made to the Commission in Washington, D.C., no later than the 30th day for such additional time as may be deemed necessary.

(b) Noncommercial educational television broadcast stations are not required to operate on a regular schedule and no minimum number of hours of operation is specified; but the hours of actual operation during a license period shall be taken into account when considering the renewal of noncommercial educational television broadcast licenses.

(c) (1) The aural transmitter of a television station shall not be operated separately from the visual transmitter except for the following purposes:

- (i) For actual tests of station equipment or actual experimentation in accordance with §73.666; and
- (ii) For emergency "fills" in case of visual equipment failure or unscheduled and unavoidable delays in presenting visual programs. In such situations the aural transmitter may be used to advise the audience of difficulties and to transmit for a short period program material of such nature that the audience will be enabled to remain tuned to the station: for example, music or news accompanying a test pattern or other visual presentation.

(2) During periods of transmission of a test pattern on the visual transmitter of a television station, aural transmission shall consist only of a single tone or series of variable tones. During periods when still pictures or slides are employed to produce visual transmissions which are accompanied by aural transmissions, the aural and visual transmission shall be integral parts of a program or announcement and shall have a substantial relationship to each other; Provided: That nothing herein shall preclude the transmission of a test pattern, still picture or slides for the following purposes and periods:

(1) To accompany aural announcements of the station's program schedule and aural news broadcasts or news commentaries, for a total period not to exceed one hour in any broadcast day.

(ii) To accompany aural transmissions for a period of time not to exceed fifteen minutes immediately prior to the commencement of a programming schedule.

Examples: (1) Duplication of AM or FM programs on the aural transmitter of a television station while the same program is broadcast on the visual transmitter (i.e., a "simulcast") is consistent with this paragraph.

(2) Duplication of AM or FM programs on the aural transmitter of a television station while a test pattern is

broadcast on the visual transmitter is not consistent with this paragraph, except for the specific purposes and periods specified in paragraph (c) (2).

(3) A travel lecture in which the words of the lecturer are broadcast simultaneously with still pictures or slides of scenes illustrating the lecture and a newscast in which the words of the newscaster are broadcast simultaneously with still pictures or slides of the news events, are examples of programs in which the aural and visual transmission are integral parts of the same program having a substantial relationship to each other, within the meaning of paragraph (c) (2). Mood music unrelated to the visual transmission is not consistent with this paragraph.

(4) The broadcast of a test pattern accompanied by a musical composition for the purpose of demonstration, sale, installation or orientation of television receivers, or receiving antennas is not consistent with this paragraph.

(5) Music accompanying the transmission of a test pattern upon which is visually imposed a moving test consisting of continuous program material, such as a running newscast or news commentary, is inconsistent with this paragraph.

(6) Music accompanying the transmission of a test pattern upon which is visually imposed a clock indicating the time of day, or a text that is changed at spaced intervals, is not consistent with this paragraph.

**OPERATOR REQUIREMENTS**

**In AM rules . . .**

§73.93 **Operator requirements.**—(a) One or more operators holding a radio operator license or permit of a grade specified in this section shall be in actual charge of the transmitting system, and shall be on duty either at the transmitter location or at the remote control point. If operation by remote control has not been authorized, the transmitter, required monitors and other required metering equipment shall be readily accessible, and located sufficiently close to the operator at the normal operation position that deviations from normal indications of required instruments can be observed within a 360° arc from that position. If operation by remote control is authorized, the required controls and instruments shall be readily accessible, and located sufficiently close to the operator at the normal operating position that deviations from normal indications of required metering instruments can be observed in a 360° arc from that position.

(b) With the exceptions set forth in paragraph (f) of this section, adjustments of the transmitting system, and inspection, maintenance, required equipment performance measurements, and required field strength measurements shall be performed only by a first class radiotelephone operator, or, during periods of operation when a first class radiotelephone operator is in charge of the transmitter, by or under the direction of a broadcast consultant regularly engaged in the practice of broadcast station engineering.

(c) A station using a non-directional antenna with nominal power of 10 kilowatts or less may employ first class operators, second class operators, or operators with third class permits endorsed for broadcast station operation for routine operation of the transmitting system if the station has at least one first class radiotelephone operator readily available at all times. This operator may be in full-time employment, or, as an alternative, the licensee may contract in writing for the services, on a part-time basis, of one or more such operators. Signed contracts with part-time operators shall be kept in the files of the station and shall be made available for inspection upon request by an authorized representative of this Commission.

(d) A station using a non-directional antenna, during periods of operation with authorized power in excess of 10 kilowatts, may employ first class radiotelephone operators, second class operators, or operators with the third class permits endorsed for broadcast station operation for routine operation of the transmitting system if the station has in full-time employment at least one first class radiotelephone operator and complies with the provisions of paragraphs (f) and (g) of this section.

(e) A station using a directional antenna system, which is required by the station authorization to maintain the ratios of the currents in the elements of the system within a tolerance which is less than 5 per cent or the relative phases of those currents within a tolerance which is less than 3 degrees shall, without exception, employ first class radiotelephone operators who shall be on duty and in actual charge of the transmitting system as specified in paragraph (a) of this section during hours of operation with a directional radiation pattern. A station whose authorization does not specifically require therein the maintenance of phase and current relationships within closer tolerances than above specified shall employ first class radio-telephone operators for routine operation of the transmitting system during periods of directional operation, provided, however, that holders of second class licenses or third class permits endorsed for broadcast station operation, may be employed for routine operation of the transmitting system if the following conditions are met:

(1) The station must have in full-time employment at least one first class radiotelephone operator.

(2) The station shall be equipped with a type-approved phase (antenna) monitor fed by a sampling system installed and maintained pursuant to accepted standards of good engineering practice (see NOTE 1 at end of this section).

(3) Within one year of the date on which the Commission is notified, pursuant to §73.93(h), of the designation of a chief operator, the station shall complete a partial proof of performance, as defined in Note 2 at the end of this section, and shall complete subsequent partial proofs of performance at three year intervals thereafter. A skeleton proof of performance, as defined in Note 3 at the end of this section, shall be completed during each year that a partial proof of performance is not required. Not less than ten, nor more than fourteen months shall elapse between the completion dates of successive proofs of performance. The results of such proofs shall be prepared and filed as specified in paragraph (b) of §73.47.

(4) Field strength measurements shall be made at the monitoring points specified in the station authorization at least once each 30 days unless more frequent measurements are required by such authorization. The results of these measurements shall be entered in the station maintenance log. The licensee shall have readily available, and in proper working condition, field strength measuring equipment to perform these measurements.

(f) Subject to the conditions set forth in paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) of this section, the routine operation of the transmitting system may be performed by an operator holding a second class license or third class permit endorsed for broadcast station operation. Unless, however, performed under the immediate and personal supervision of an operator holding a first class radiotelephone license, an operator holding a second class license or third class permit endorsed for broadcast station operation, may make adjustments only of external controls, as follows:

- (1) Those necessary to turn the transmitter on and off;
- (2) Those necessary to compensate for voltage fluctuations in the primary power supply;
- (3) Those necessary to maintain modulation levels of the transmitter within prescribed limits;
- (4) Those necessary to effect routine changes in operating power which are required by the station authorization;
- (5) Those necessary to change between non-directional and direction or between differing radiation patterns, provided that such changes require only activation of switches and do not involve the manual tuning of the transmitter final amplifier or antenna phasor equipment. The switching equipment shall be so arranged that the failure of any relay in the directional antenna system to activate properly will cause the emissions of the station to terminate.

(g) It is the responsibility of the station licensee to insure that each operator is fully instructed in the performance of all the above adjustments, as well as in other required duties, such as reading meters and making log entries. Printed step-by-step instructions for those adjustments which the lesser grade operator is permitted to make, and a tabulation or chart of upper and lower limiting values of parameters required to be observed and logged, shall be posted at the operating position. The emissions of the station shall be terminated immediately whenever the transmitting system is observed operating beyond the posted parameters, or in any other manner inconsistent with the rules or the station authorization, and the above adjustments are ineffective in correcting the condition of improper operation, and a first class radiotelephone operator is not present.

(h) When lesser grade operators are used, in accordance with paragraph (d) or (e) of this section, for any period of operation with nominal power in excess of 10 kilowatts, or with a directional radiation pattern, the station licensee shall designate one first class radiotelephone operator in full-time employment as the chief operator who, together with the licensee, shall be responsible for the technical operation of the station. The licensee also may designate another first class radiotelephone operator as assistant chief operator, who shall assume all responsibilities of the chief operator during periods of his absence. The station licensee shall notify the engineer in charge of the radio district in which the station is located of the name(s) and license number(s) of the operator(s) so designated. Such notification shall be made within three days of the date of such designation. A copy of the notification shall be posted with the license(s) of the designated operator(s).

(1) An operator designated as chief operator for one station may not be so designated concurrently at any other standard broadcast station.

(2) The station licensee shall vest such authority in, and afford such facilities to the chief operator as may be necessary to insure that the chief operator's primary responsibility for the proper technical operation of the station may be discharged efficiently.

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(3) At such time as the regularly designated chief operator is unavailable or unable to act as chief operator (e.g., vacations, sickness), and an assistant chief operator has not been designated, or, if designated, for any reason is unable to assume the duties of chief operator, the licensee shall designate another first class radiotelephone operator as acting chief operator on a temporary basis. Within three days of the date such action is taken, the engineer in charge of the radio district in which the station is located shall be notified by the licensee by letter of the name and license number of the acting chief operator, and shall be notified by letter, again within three days of the date when the regularly designated chief operator returns to duty.

(4) The designated chief operator may serve as a routine duty transmitter operator at any station only to the extent that it does not interfere with the efficient discharge of his responsibilities as listed below.

(i) The inspection and maintenance of the transmitting system including the antenna system and required monitoring equipment.

(ii) The accuracy and completeness of entries in the maintenance log.

(iii) The supervision and instruction of all other station operators in the performance of their technical duties.

(iv) A review of completed operating logs to determine whether technical operation of the station has been in accordance with the rules and terms of the station authorization. After review, the chief operator shall sign the log and indicate the date and time of such review. If the review of the operating logs indicates technical operation of the station is in violation of the rules or the terms of the station authorization, he shall promptly initiate corrective action. The review of each day's operating log shall be made within 24 hours, except that, if the chief operator is not on duty during a given 24 hour period, the logs must be reviewed within two hours after his next appearance for duty. In any case, the time before review shall not exceed 72 hours.

(i) The operator on duty at the transmitter or remote control point, may, at the discretion of the licensee and the chief operator, if any, be employed for other duties or for the operation of another radio station or stations in accordance with the class of operator's license which he holds and the rules and regulations governing such other stations; provided, however, that such other duties shall not interfere with the proper operation of the standard broadcast transmitting system and keeping of required logs.

(j) At all standard broadcast stations, a complete inspection of the transmitting system and required monitoring equipment in use, shall be made by an operator holding a first class radiotelephone license at least once each calendar week. The interval between successive required inspections shall not be less than 5 days. This inspection shall include such tests, adjustments, and repairs as may be necessary to insure operation in conformance with the provisions of this subpart and the current station authorization.

NOTE 1: The effectiveness of subparagraph (2) of paragraph (e) is suspended until June 1, 1974.

NOTE 2: The partial proof of performance shall consist of at least 10 field strength measurements on each of the radials established in the latest complete adjustment of the directional antenna system. These measurements shall be made at locations, all within 2 to 10 miles from the antenna, which were utilized in such adjustment, and include on each radial, the point, if any, designated as a monitoring point in the station authorization. Measurements shall be analyzed in the manner prescribed in §73.186 of the rules of this part.

NOTE 3: The skeleton proof of performance shall consist of field strength measurements, at least three on each of the radials established in the latest complete adjustment of the directional antenna system, made at measurement locations utilized in such adjustment, and include, on each radial, the point, if any, designated as a monitoring point in the station authorization.

### In FM rules . . .

**§73.265 Operator requirements.**  
[EDITOR'S NOTE: Substantially the same as §73.93.]

### In TV rules . . .

**§73.661 Operator requirements.**—One or more operators holding a valid radiotelephone first class operator license shall be on duty at the place where the transmitting apparatus is located or at a remote control point established pursuant to the provisions of §73.676, and in actual charge thereof whenever the transmitter is delivering power to the transmitting antenna. The licensed operator on duty and in charge of the television broadcast transmitter may, at the discretion of the licensee, be employed for other duties or for the operation of another station or stations in accordance with the class of license which he holds and the rules and regulations governing such other stations. However, such

other duties shall in no way impair or impede the required supervision of the television broadcast transmitter. If operation by remote control has not been authorized, the transmitter shall be readily accessible, and located sufficiently close to the operator at the normal operating position that deviations from normal indications of required instruments can be observed from that position. If operation by remote control is authorized, the control and monitoring equipment shall be readily accessible, and located sufficiently close to the operator at the normal operating position that deviations from normal indications of required instruments can be observed from that position.

### FACSIMILE

**§73.266 Facsimile broadcasting and multiplex transmission.**—(a) FM broadcast stations may transmit simplex facsimile in accordance with transmission standards set forth in §73.318 during periods not devoted to FM aural broadcasting. Such transmissions may not exceed one hour during the period between 7 a.m. and midnight (no limit for the hours between midnight and 7 a.m.) and may not be counted toward the minimum operation required by §73.261. The Commission shall be notified by the licensee of the FM broadcast station of its intent to transmit such facsimile.

(b) FM broadcast stations may, upon securing authorization from the Commission, transmit multiplex facsimile in accordance with transmission standards set forth in §73.318; provided that the transmission of such facsimile does not reduce the quality of aural programs simultaneously transmitted by the licensee below that required by the technical standards of this subpart and that no degradation of such aural programs will result from such facsimile transmissions when received on FM receivers not equipped with filter or other additional equipment.

### PERSONAL ATTACK AND POLITICAL BROADCASTING In AM rules . . .

**§73.123 Personal attacks; political editorials.**—(a) When, during the presentation of views on a controversial issue of public importance, an attack is made upon the honesty, character, integrity or like personal qualities of an identified person or group, the licensee shall, within a reasonable time and in no event later than one week after the attack, transmit to the person or group attacked (1) notification of the date, time and identification of the broadcast; (2) a script or tape (or an accurate summary if a script or tape is not available) of the attack; and (3) an offer of a reasonable opportunity to respond over the licensee's facilities.

(b) The provisions of paragraph (a) of this section shall not be applicable (i) to attacks on foreign groups or foreign public figures; (ii) to personal attacks which are made by legally qualified candidates, their authorized spokesmen, or those associated with them in the campaign, on other such candidates; their authorized spokesmen, or persons associated with the candidates in the campaign; and (iii) to bona fide newscasts, bona fide news interviews, and on on-the-spot coverage of a bona fide news event (including commentary or analysis contained in the foregoing programs, but the provisions of paragraph (a) shall be applicable to editorials of the licensee).

NOTE: The fairness doctrine is applicable to situations coming within (iii), above, and, in a specific factual situation, may be applicable in the general area of political broadcasts (ii), above. See, Section 315(a) of the Act, 47 USC §315(a); Public Notice: Applicability of the Fairness Doctrine in the Handling of Controversial Issues of Public Importance, 29 Fed. Reg. 10415. The categories listed in (iii) are the same as those specified in Section 315(a) of the Act.

(c) Where a licensee, in an editorial, (i) endorses or (ii) opposes a legally qualified candidate or candidates, the licensee shall, within 24 hours after the editorial, transmit to respectively (i) the other qualified candidate or candidates for the same office or (ii) the candidate opposed in the editorial (1) notification of the date and the time of the editorial; (2) a script or tape of the editorial; and (3) an offer of a reasonable opportunity for a candidate or a spokesman of the candidate to respond over the licensee's facilities; provided, however, that where such editorials are broadcast within 72 hours prior to the day of the election, the licensee shall comply with the provisions of this subsection sufficiently far in advance of the broadcast to enable the candidate or candidates to have a reasonable opportunity to prepare a response and to present it in a timely fashion.

### In FM rules . . .

**§73.300** [EDITOR'S NOTE: Identical with §73.123 above.]

### In TV rules . . .

**§73.679** [EDITOR'S NOTE: Identical with §73.123 above.]

**§73.125 Equal employment opportunities.**—(a)

General policy: Equal opportunity in employment shall be afforded by all licensees or permittees of commercially or noncommercially operated standard, FM, television or international broadcast stations (as defined in this Part) to all qualified persons, and no person shall be discriminated against in employment because of race, color, religion, or national origin or sex.

(b) Equal employment opportunity program: Each station shall establish, maintain, and carry out, a positive continuing program of specific practices designed to assure equal opportunity in every aspect of station employment policy and practice. Under the terms of its program, a station shall:

(1) Define the responsibility of each level of management to insure a positive application and vigorous enforcement of the policy of equal opportunity, and establish a procedure to review and control managerial and supervisory performance.

(2) Inform its employees and recognized employee organizations of the positive equal employment opportunity policy and program and enlist their cooperation.

(3) Communicate the station's equal employment opportunity policy and program and its employment needs to sources of qualified applicants without regard to race, color, religion, national origin or sex, and solicit their recruitment assistance on a continuing basis.

(4) Conduct a continuing campaign to exclude every form of prejudice or discrimination based upon race, color, religion, national origin or sex, from the station's personnel policies and practices and working conditions.

(5) Conduct continuing review of job structure and employment practices and adopt positive recruitment, training, job design and other measures needed in order to insure genuine equality of opportunity to participate fully in all organizational units, occupations and levels of responsibility in the station.

(c) Applicants for construction permit for a new facility, for assignment of license or construction permit or for transfer of control (other than pro forma or involuntary assignments and transfers), and applicants for renewal of license who have not previously done so, shall file with the Commission programs designed to provide equal employment opportunities for Negroes, orientals, American Indians, Spanish-surnamed Americans, and women, or amendments to such programs. Guidelines for the preparation of such programs are set out in Section VI of the appropriate application forms. See 32 FCC 2d 708, 831. A program need not be filed by any station having less than five full-time employees or with respect to any minority group which is represented in such insignificant numbers in the area that a program would not be meaningful. In the latter situation, a statement of explanation should be filed.

### In FM rules . . .

**§73.300**—[EDITOR'S NOTE: In substance, the same as §73.123 above.]

**§73.301**—[EDITOR'S NOTE: In substance the same as §73.125 above.]

### In TV rules . . .

**§73.679**—[In substance, the same as §73.123 above.]

**§73.680**—[In substance, the same as §73.125 above.]

### NETWORK AFFILIATION

#### In AM rules . . .

**§73.131 Exclusive affiliation of station.**—No license shall be granted to a standard broadcast station having any contract, arrangement, or understanding, express or implied, with a network organization under which the station is prevented or hindered from or penalized for, broadcasting the programs of any other network organization. (The term "network organization" as used herein includes national and regional network organizations. See Chapter VII, J of Report on Chain Broadcasting.)

**§73.132 Territorial exclusivity.**—No license shall be granted to a standard broadcast station having any contract arrangement, or understanding, express or implied, with a network organization which prevents or hinders another station serving substantially the same area from broadcasting the network's programs not taken by the former station, or which prevents or hinders another station serving a substantially different area from broadcasting any program of the network organization. This section shall not be construed to prohibit any contract, arrangement, or understanding between a station and a network organization pursuant to which the station is granted the first call in its primary organization.

**§73.133 Term of affiliation.**—No license shall be granted to a standard broadcast station having any contract, arrangement, or understanding, express or implied, with a network organization which provides, by original term, provisions for renewal, or otherwise for the affiliation of the station with the network organization for a period longer than two years; provided, that a contract, arrangement, or understanding for a period up to two years, may be entered into within six months prior to the commencement of such period.

**§73.134 Option time.**—No license shall be granted to a



standard broadcast station which options for network programs any time subject to call on less than 56 days' notice, or more time than a total of 3 hours within each of four segments of the broadcast day, as herein described. The broadcast day is divided into four segments, as follows: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.; 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.; 11 p.m. to 8 a.m. (These segments are to be determined for each station in terms of local time at the location of the station but may remain constant throughout the year regardless of shifts from nonadvanced to advanced time or vice versa.) Such option may not be exclusive as against other network organizations and may not prevent or hinder the station from obtaining or selling any or all of the time covered by the option, or other time, to other network organizations.

NOTE 1: As used in this section, an option is any contract, arrangement, or understanding, expressed or implied, between a station and a network organization which prevents or hinders the station from scheduling programs before the network agrees to utilize the time during which such programs are scheduled, or which requires the station to clear time already scheduled when the network organization seeks to utilize the time.

NOTE 2: All time options permitted under this section must be for specific clock hours, expressed in terms of any time system set forth in the contract agreed upon by the station and network organization. Shifts from advanced to nonadvanced time or vice versa may or may not shift the specified hours correspondingly as agreed by the station and network organization.

**§73.135 Right to reject programs.**—No license shall be granted to a standard broadcast station having any contract, arrangement, or understanding, express or implied, with a network organization which (a) with respect to programs offered pursuant to an affiliation contract, prevents or hinders the station from rejecting or refusing network programs which the station reasonably believes to be unsatisfactory or unsuitable; or which (b) with respect to network programs so offered or already contracted for, prevents the station from rejecting or refusing any program which, in its opinion, is contrary to the public interest, or from substituting a program of outstanding local or national importance.

**§73.136 Network ownership of stations.**—No license shall be granted to a network organization, or to any person directly or indirectly controlled by or under common control with a network organization, for more than one standard broadcast station where one of the stations covers substantially the service area of the other station, or for any standard broadcast station in any locality where the existing standard broadcast stations are so few or of such unequal desirability (in terms of coverage, power, frequency, or other related matters) that competition would be substantially restrained by such licensing. (The word "control" as used herein, is not limited to full control but includes such a measure of control as would substantially affect the availability of the station to other networks.)

NOTE: Effective date of this section with respect to any station may be extended from time to time in order to permit the orderly disposition of properties; and it shall be suspended indefinitely with respect to regional network organizations.

**§73.137 Dual network operation.**—No license shall be issued to a standard broadcast station affiliated with a network organization which maintains more than one network; provided, that this section shall not be applicable if such networks are not operated simultaneously, or if there is no substantial overlap in the territory served by the group of stations comprising each such network.

**§73.138 Control by networks of station rates.**—No license shall be granted to a standard broadcast station having any contract, arrangement, or understanding, express or implied, with a network organization under which the station is prevented or hindered from, or penalized for, fixing or altering its rates for the sale of broadcast time for other than the network's programs.

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**§73.231-73.238, inclusive—**

EDITOR'S NOTE: Same as §§73.131-73.138 above, with the following exceptions; (1) references are to FM rather than standard stations and networks; and (2) the section on "Network Ownership of Stations" is changed to read as follows:†

**§73.236 Network ownership of stations.**—No license shall be granted to a network organization, or to any person directly or indirectly controlled by or under common control with a network organization, for an FM broadcast station in any locality where the existing FM broadcast stations are so few or of such unequal desirability (in terms of coverage, power, frequency, or other related matters) that competition would be substantially restrained by such licensing. (The word "control" as used herein, is not limited to majority stock ownership but includes actual working control in whatever manner exercised.)

**In TV rules . . .**

**§73.658. Affiliation agreements.**—(a) **Exclusive affiliation of station.** No license shall be granted to a television broadcast station having any contract, arrangement, or understanding, express or implied, with a network organization under which the station is prevented or hindered from, or penalized for, broadcasting the programs of any other network organization.

(The term "network organization" as used herein includes national and regional network organizations. See chapter VII, J. of Report on Chain Broadcasting.)

(b) **Territorial exclusivity.** No license shall be granted to a television broadcast station having any contract, arrangement, or understanding, express or implied, with a network organization which prevents or hinders another broadcast station in the same community from broadcasting the network's programs not taken by the former stations, or which prevents or hinders another broadcast station located in a different community from broadcasting any program of the network organization. This regulation shall not be construed to prohibit any contract, arrangement, or understanding between a station and a network organization pursuant to which the station is granted the first call in its community upon the program of the network organization. As employed in this paragraph the term "community" is defined as the community specified in the instrument of authorization as the location of the station.

(c) **Term of affiliation.** No license shall be granted to a television broadcast station having any contract, arrangement, or understanding, express or implied, with a network organization which provides, by original terms, provisions for renewal, or otherwise for the affiliation of the station with the network organization for a period longer than 2 years: Provided that a contract, arrangement, or understanding for a period of up to two years may be entered into within 6 months prior to take commencement of such period.

(d) **Station commitment of broadcast time.** No license shall be granted to a television broadcast station having any contract, arrangement, or understanding, express or implied, with any network organization, which provides for optioning of the station's time to the network organization, or which has the same restraining effect as time optioning. As used in this section, time optioning is any contract, arrangement, or understanding, express or implied, between a station and a network organization which prevents or hinders the station from scheduling programs before the network agrees to utilize the time during which such programs are scheduled, or which requires the station to clear time already scheduled when the network organization seeks to utilize the time.

(e) **Right to reject programs.** No license shall be granted to a television broadcast station having any contract, arrangement, or understanding, express or implied, with a network organization which, with respect to programs offered or already contracted for pursuant to an affiliation contract, prevents or hinders the station from (1) rejecting or refusing network programs which the station reasonably believes to be unsatisfactory or unsuitable or contrary to the public interest, or (2) substituting a program which in the station's opinion, is of greater local or national importance.

(f) **Network ownership of stations.** No license shall be granted to a network organization, or to any person directly or indirectly controlled by or under common control of a network organization, for a television broadcast station in any locality where the existing television broadcast stations are so few or of such unequal desirability (in terms of coverage, power, frequency, or other related matters) that competition would be substantially restrained by such licensing. (The word "control" as used in this section is not limited to full control but includes such a measure of control as would substantially affect the availability of the station to other networks.)

(g) **Dual network operation.** No license shall be issued to a television broadcast station affiliated with a network organization which maintains more than one network of television broadcast stations: Provided that this section shall not be applicable, if such networks are not operated simultaneously, or if there is no substantial overlap in the territory served by the group of stations comprising each such network.

(h) **Control by networks of station rates.** No license shall be granted to a television broadcast station having any contract, arrangement, or understanding, express or implied, with a network organization under which the station is prevented or hindered from, or penalized for, fixing or altering its rates for the sale of broadcast time for other than the network's programs.

(i) No license shall be granted to a television broadcast station which is represented for the sale of non-network time by a network organization or by an organization directly or indirectly controlled by or under common control with a network organization, if the station has any contract, arrangement or understanding, express or implied, which provides for the affiliation of the station with such network organization; provided, however, that this rule shall not be applicable to stations licensed to a network organization or to a subsidiary of a network organization.

(j) **Network syndication and program practices.** (1) Except as provided in subparagraph (3) of this paragraph, no television network shall:

(i) after June 1, 1973, sell, license, or distribute television programs to television station licensees within the United States or non-network television exhibition or otherwise engage in the business commonly known as "syndication" within the United States; or sell, license, or distribute television programs to television station licensees within the United States or non-network television exhibition or otherwise engage in the business commonly known as "syndication" within the United States; or sell, license, or distribute television programs of which it is not the sole producer for exhibition outside the United States; or reserve any option or right to share in revenues or profits in connection with such domestic and/or foreign sale, license, or distribution; or

(ii) after August 1, 1972, acquire any financial or proprietary right or interest in the exhibition, distribution, or other commercial use of any television program produced wholly or in part by a person other than such television network, except the license or other exclusive right to network exhibition within the United States and on foreign stations regularly included within such television network; provided that if such network does not timely avail itself of such license or other exclusive right to network exhibition within the United States, the grantor of such license or right to network exhibition may, upon making a timely offer reasonably to compensate the network, re-acquire such license or other exclusive right to exhibition of the program.

(2) Nothing contained in subparagraph (1) and (2) of this paragraph shall prevent any television network from selling or distributing programs of which it is the sole producer for television exhibition outside the United States, or from selling or otherwise disposing of any program rights not acquired from another person, including the right to distribute programs for non-network exhibition (as in syndication) within the United States as long as it does not itself engage in such distribution within the United States or retain the right to share the revenues or profits therefrom.

(3) Nothing contained in this paragraph shall be construed to include any television network formed for the purpose of producing, distributing, or syndicating program materials for educational, non-commercial, or public broadcasting exhibition or uses.

(k) **Prime time access rule.** (1) No television stations assigned to any of the top-fifty markets in which there are three or more operating commercial television stations, shall broadcast network programs offered by any television network or networks for a total of more than three hours per day between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. local time except that in the Central and Mountain time zones the relevant period shall be between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. local time.

(2) For the purpose of subparagraph (1) of this paragraph, network programs shall be defined to exclude special news programs dealing with fast-breaking news events, on-the-spot coverage of news events and political broadcasts by legally qualified candidates for public office.

NOTE: See also footnote 35, Report and Order, 35 FR 7417, for application of this paragraph to certain sports events.

(3) The portion of time from which network programming is excluded by subparagraph (1) hereof may not after October 1, 1972, be filled with off-network programs; or feature films which within two years prior to the date of broadcast have been previously broadcast by a station in the market.

(4) The top-fifty markets shall be determined on an annual basis as of September 1, according to the most recent American Research Bureau prime time market rankings (all home stations combined) throughout the United States.

(5) Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to apply to educational, non-commercial, or public broadcasting station licensees in their use and exhibition of program materials supplied through one or more non-commercial, educational, or public broadcasting television network systems.

NOTE: For stations in the Mountain time zone, network programs broadcast in excess of three hours during prime time in any evening shall not be counted, where: (1) the program is a sports event or other broadcast simultaneously on the network throughout the 48 contiguous states; and (2) the station broadcasts no other network material (including "pre-game shows") during prime time the same evening.

(l) Broadcast of the programs of more than one network. The provisions of this paragraph govern and limit the extent to which, after October 1, 1971, commercial television stations in the 50 States of the United States, which are regular affiliates of one of the three national television networks, may broadcast programs of another network, in markets where there are two such affiliated

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stations and one or more operational VHF or UHF stations having reasonably comparable facilities which are not regular affiliates of any network. Whether or not the stations in a particular market come within the provisions of this paragraph is determined by whether, as of July 1 of each year with respect to programs beginning October 1, or as of January 1 of each year with respect to programs beginning April 1, there are in the market the stations specified in the last sentence.

(1) Definitions. As used in this paragraph, the following terms have the meaning given:

(i) "Station" means a commercial television station in the 50 States of the United States.

(ii) "Operational station" means a station authorized and operating as of June 10 (with respect to programs beginning October 1) or as of December 10 (with respect to programs beginning April 1), or as a station authorized and which gives notice to the Commission by such June 10 or December 10 date that it will be on the air by such October 1 or April 1 date (including request for program test authority if none has previously been given), and commits itself to remain on the air for six months after such October 1 or April 1 date. Such notice shall be received at the Commission by the June 10 or December 10 date mentioned, and shall show that copies thereof have been sent to the three national networks and to the licensees of all operating television stations in the market.

(iii) "Affiliated station" means a station having a regular affiliation with one of the three national television networks, under which it serves as that network's primary outlet for the presentation of its programs in a market. It includes any arrangement under which the network looks primarily to this station rather than other stations for the presentation of its programs and the station chiefly presents the programs of this network rather than another network.

(iv) "Unaffiliated station" means a station not having an affiliation arrangement as defined in this subparagraph with a national television network, even though it may have other types of agreements or per-program arrangements with it.

(v) "Network" means a national organization distributing programs for a substantial part of each broadcast day to television stations in all parts of the United States, generally via interconnection facilities.

(vi) "Unaffiliated network" means a network not having an affiliated station (as defined in this paragraph) in a particular market, even though it may have other types of agreements or per-program arrangements.

(vii) "Market" means the television markets of the United States, and the stations in them, as identified in the latest publication of American Research Bureau (ARB), together with any stations which have since become operational in the same communities.

(viii) "Evening programming" means programming (regular programs or "specials") starting and concluding on a network between the hours of 7:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. local time (except 6:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. in the Central time zone), plus all programs other than regular newscasts starting on the network between 7 and 7:30 p.m. local time (6 and 6:30 p.m. local time in the Central time zone). It does not include portions broadcast after 7 p.m. of programs starting earlier, or portions broadcast after 11 p.m. of programs starting earlier.

(ix) "Specials" means programs not carried on the network at least as often as once a week. It includes both programs scheduled very well in advance and those scheduled very shortly before broadcast on the network.

(x) "Reasonably comparable facilities" means station transmitting facilities (effective radiated power and effective antenna height above average terrain) such that the station's Grade B coverage area is at least two-thirds as large (in square miles) as the smallest of the market affiliated stations' Grade B coverage areas. Where on or both of the affiliates is licensed to a city different from that of the unaffiliated station, the term "reasonably comparable facilities" also includes the requirement that the unaffiliated station must put a predicted Grade A or better signal over all of the city of license of the other regular (non-satellite) station(s), except that where one of the affiliated stations is licensed to the same city as the unaffiliated station, and puts a Grade B but not a Grade A signal over the other city of license, the unaffiliated station will be considered as having reasonably comparable facilities if it too puts a predicted Grade B signal over all of the other city of license.

(2) Taking programs from unaffiliated networks. No affiliated station, in a market covered by this paragraph, shall take and broadcast, from an unaffiliated network, any programming of the times and types specified in this subparagraph, unless the conditions specified have first been met:

(i) Any evening programming (as defined in this paragraph), unless and until the entire schedule of such programs has been offered by the unaffiliated network to the unaffiliated station as provided in subparagraph (4) of this paragraph, and the unaffiliated station has either accepted 15 hours per week of such programs, plus addi-

tional "special" hours when part of the "special" is included in the 15 hours, or has accepted a lesser amount and indicated that it does not wish to carry any more. Such acceptance shall be governed by the provisions of subparagraph (4) of this paragraph.

(ii) Any programming beginning on the network between 12 noon and 7 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, and consisting of sports events (including, without limitation, college football and basketball, professional football, baseball, ice hockey, golf, tennis, horse racing and auto racing), unless and until the program has first been offered to the unaffiliated station and that station has indicated that it does not wish to accept it.

(iii) Any programming broadcast after 11 p.m. local time (except 10 p.m. local time in the Central time zone) which is a continuation of programs starting earlier and carried by the unaffiliated station; or any material broadcast after 7 p.m. (6 p.m. in the Central time zone) which is a continuation of sports programs beginning earlier and carried by the unaffiliated station.

(iv) Any program presented in the same week by the unaffiliated station.

(3) Carriage of programs of a network which has an affiliate. No affiliated station in a market covered by this paragraph shall broadcast, from another network which has an affiliated station in the market, any evening programming or Saturday, Sunday or holiday sports programming, unless such programming has been offered to the unaffiliated station in the market and the latter has indicated that it does not wish to carry it.

(4) Offer and acceptance. (i) The "offer" by a network referred to in this paragraph means an offer to the unaffiliated station of the programs for broadcast. Programs so offered cannot be withdrawn by the network until the following April 1 or October 1, unless the station does not in fact broadcast the program as accepted, in which case the provisions of paragraph (1) (4) (ii) shall apply, or unless the program is cancelled on the network, in which case the replacement or substitute program shall be offered to the station as a new program under paragraph (1) (2) or (1) (3). If a program accepted by the unaffiliated station is shifted in time, the station may exercise its right of "first call" either with respect to the program at its new time, or the previous time segment, at its option.

(ii) The acceptance referred to in paragraphs (1) (2) and (1) (3) means that the unaffiliated station agrees to broadcast the program accepted, at its live network time or a delayed time acceptable to the network, unless in its judgment the program is not in the public interest or it wishes to substitute a local, or other live, program for it. The provisions of §73.658(a), prohibiting agreements which hinder the presentation of the programs of other networks, shall not apply to material covered by this paragraph. If a program is not presented in a particular week or at a delayed time acceptable to the network, the network may place this particular broadcast of the program on another station; and if this occurs more than 4 times in any 13-week period the network may withdraw the program from the station without obligation to offer it any additional programming. The unaffiliated station is free to seek and obtain other terms of acceptance from the network; but the offer of programming by the network on the foregoing terms satisfies its obligations under this paragraph.

(iii) The offer by the network shall, to the extent possible, be on or before July 15 with respect to programs beginning in the fall season, and by January 15 with respect to programs presented after April 1, or otherwise as soon as possible. The unaffiliated station's acceptance or indication of non-acceptance shall be within two weeks after the date of the offer; where any negotiations between the network and the station concerning particular programs are involved, programs not accepted within 30 days of the date of the offer shall be deemed not accepted.

NOTE 1: If there are in a particular market two affiliated stations and two (or more) operational unaffiliated stations with reasonably comparable facilities, the provisions of paragraph (1) shall require an offer of programming to each; but the 15-hour-per-week "first call" provision applies to the total programming taken by all such stations.

NOTE 2: The provisions of paragraph (1) do not apply to a market in which there are two VHF affiliated U.S. stations, and a foreign VHF station to which a national U.S. television network transmits programs pursuant to authority granted under Section 325 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and which serves as that network's primary affiliate in the market.

(m) Territorial exclusivity in non-network arrangements. No television station shall enter into any contract, arrangement or understanding, expressed or implied, with a non-network program producer, distributor, or supplier, or other person which prevents or hinders another television station located in a community over 35 miles away, as determined by the reference points contained in §76.53 of this chapter, (if reference points for a community are not listed in §76.53, the location of the main post office will be used) from broadcasting any program purchased by the former station from such non-network program producer, distributor, supplier, or

other person, except that a television station may secure exclusivity against a television station licensed to another designated community in a hyphenated market specified in the market listing as contained in §76.51 of this chapter for those 100 markets listed, and for markets not listed in §76.51 of this chapter, the listing as contained in the ARB Television Market Analysis for the most recent year at the time that the exclusivity contract, arrangement or understanding is complete under practices of the industry. As used in this subsection, the term "community" is defined as the community specified in the instrument of authorization as the location of the station.

NOTE 1: Contracts, arrangements, or understandings that are complete under the practices of the industry prior to August 7, 1973, will not be disturbed. Extensions or renewals of such agreements are not permitted because they would in effect be new agreements without competitive bidding. However, such agreements that were based on the broadcaster's advancing "seed money" for the production of a specific program or series that specify two time periods—a tryout period and a period thereafter for general exhibition—may be extended or renewed as contemplated in the basic agreement.

NOTE 2: For a two-year period beginning May 10, 1974, television stations licensed to Cleveland, Ohio, and Stockton, California, may not enter into any contract, arrangement or understanding, express or implied, with a non-network program producer, distributor, or supplier, or other person which prevents Station WAKR-TV, Akron, Ohio, and Station KLOC-TV, Modesto, California, respectively, from broadcasting programs purchased by those Cleveland, Ohio, and Stockton, California stations.

NOTE 3: It is intended that the top 100 major television markets listed in §76.51 of this chapter shall be used for the purposes of this rule and that the listing of the top 100 television markets appearing in the ARB Television Market Analysis shall not be used. The reference in this rule to the listing of markets in the ARB Television Market Analysis refers to hyphenated markets below the top-100 markets contained in the ARB Television Market Analysis. If a community is listed in a hyphenated market in §76.51 and is also listed in one of the markets in the ARB listing, the listing in §76.51 shall govern.

NOTE 4: The provisions of this paragraph apply only to U.S. commercial television broadcast stations in the 50 states, and not to stations in Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands, foreign stations or noncommercial educational television or "public" television stations (either by way of restrictions on their exclusivity or on exclusivity against them).

NOTE 5: New stations authorized in any community of a hyphenated market listed in §76.51 of this chapter or in any community of a hyphenated market listed in the ARB Television Market Analysis (for markets below the top-100 markets) are subject to the same rules as previously existing stations therein. New stations authorized in other communities are considered stations in separate markets unless and until §76.51 is amended by Commission action, or the ARB listing is changed.

### COMMON ANTENNA SITE

§73.635. Use of common antenna site. No television license or renewal of a television license will be granted to any person who owns, leases, or controls a particular site which is peculiarly suitable for television broadcasting in a particular area and (a) which is not available for use by other television licensees; and (b) no other comparable site is available in the area; and (c) where the exclusive use of such site by the applicant or licensee would unduly limit the number of television stations that can be authorized in a particular area or would unduly restrict competition among television stations.

### REPORTS TO BE FILED

#### All broadcast stations . . .

§1.611 Financial report.—Each licensee or permittee of a commercially operated standard, FM, television, or international broadcast station (as defined in Part 73 of this chapter) shall file with the Commission on or before April 1 of each year, on FCC Form 324, an annual financial report.

§1.612 Annual employment report.—Each licensee or permittee of a commercially or non-commercially operated standard, FM, television, or international broadcast station (as defined in Part 73 of this chapter) with five or more fulltime employees shall file with the Commission on or before May 31 of each year, of FCC Form 395, an annual employment report.

§1.613 Filing of contracts.—Each licensee or permittee of a standard, FM, television, or international broadcast station (as defined in Part 73 of this chapter), whether operating or intending to operate on a commercial or non-commercial basis, shall file with the Commission copies of the following contracts, instruments, and documents together with amendments, supplements, and cancellations, within 30 days of execution thereof. The substance of oral contracts shall be reported in writing.

(a) Contracts relating to network service: All network affiliation contracts, agreements or understandings

between a station and a national, regional or other network shall be reduced to writing and filed. Each such filing in or after May 1, 1969 initially shall consist of a written instrument containing all the terms and conditions of such contract, agreement, or understanding without reference to any other paper or document by incorporation or otherwise. Subsequent filings may simply set forth renewal, extension, amendment, or change, as the case may be, of particular contract previously filed in accordance herewith. Transcription agreements or contracts for the supplying of film for the television stations which specify option time must be filed. This section does not require the filing of transcription agreements or contracts for the supplying of film for television stations which do not specify option time, nor contracts granting the right to broadcast music such as ASCAP, BMI, or SESAC agreements.

(b) Contracts relating to ownership or control. Contracts, instruments, or documents relating to the present or future ownership or control of the licensee or permittee or of the licensee's or permittee's stock, rights, or interests therein, or relating to changes in such ownership or control. This paragraph shall include but is not limited to the following:

(1) Articles of partnership, association, and incorporation, and changes in such instruments;

(2) Bylaws, and any instruments effecting changes in such bylaws;

(3) Any agreement, document or instrument (i) providing for the assignment of a licensee or permit or (ii) affecting, directly or indirectly, the ownership or voting rights of the licensee's or permittee's stock (common or preferred, voting or non-voting), such as: (a) agreements for transfer of stock; (b) instruments for the issuance of new stock; or (c) agreements for the acquisition of licensee's or permittee's stock by the issuing licensee or permittee corporation. Pledges, trust agreements, options to purchase stock and other executory agreements are required to be filed: provided, however, that trust agreements or abstracts thereof are not required to be filed, unless requested specifically by the Commission. Should the Commission request an abstract of the trust agreement in lieu of the trust agreement, the licensee or permittee will submit the following information concerning the trust: (1) name of trust; (2) duration of trust; (3) number of shares of stock owned; (4) name of beneficial owner of stock; (5) name of record owner of stock; (6) name of the party or parties who have the power to vote or control the vote of the shares; and (7) any conditions on the powers of voting the stock or any unusual characteristics of the trust.

(4) Proxies with respect to the licensee's or permittee's stock running for a period in excess of one year; and all proxies, whether or not running for a period of one year, given without full and detailed instructions binding the nominee to act in a specified manner. With respect to proxies given without full and detailed instructions, a statement showing the number of such proxies, by whom given and received, and the percentage of outstanding stock represented by each proxy shall be submitted by the licensee or permittee within 30 days after the stockholders' meeting in which the stock covered by such proxies has been voted: Provided, however, that when the licensee or permittee is a corporation having more than 50 stockholders, such complete information need be filed only with respect to proxies given by stockholders who are officers or directors, of who have 1% or more of the corporation's voting stock; in cases where the licensee or permittee is a corporation having more than 50 stockholders and the stockholders giving the proxies are neither officers or directors nor hold 1% or more of the corporation's stock, the only information required to be filed is the name of any person voting 1% or more of the stock by proxy, the number of shares voted by proxy by such person, and the total number of shares voted at the particular stockholders' meeting in which the shares were voted by proxy;

(5) Mortgage or loan agreements containing provisions restricting the licensee's or permittee's freedom of operation, such as those affecting voting rights, specifying or limiting the amount of dividends payable, the purchase of new equipment, the maintenance of current assets, etc.; or

(6) Any agreement reflecting a change in the officers, directors, or stockholders of a corporation, other than the licensee or permittee, having an interest, direct or indirect, in the licensee or permittee as specified by §1.615.

(c) Contracts relating to personnel:

(1) The following contracts, agreements, or understandings shall be filed: management consultant agreements with independent contractors; contracts relating to the utilization in a management capacity of any person other than an officer, director, or regular employee of the licensee or permittee station; management contracts with any persons, whether or not officers, directors, or regular employees, which provide for both a percentage of profits and a sharing in losses; or any similar agreements.

(2) The following contracts, agreements, or understandings need not be filed: agreements with persons regularly employed as general or station managers or salesmen; contracts with program managers or program personnel; contracts with chief engineers or other

engineering personnel except those contracts required to be filed under the provisions of §§73.93(c), 73.265(c), and 73.565(c) of this chapter; contracts with attorneys, accountants or consulting radio engineers; contracts with performers; contracts with station representatives; contracts with labor unions; or any similar agreements.

(d) The following contracts, agreements, or understandings need not be filed, but shall be kept at the station and made available for inspection upon request: contracts relating to the sale of broadcast time to "time brokers" for resale; subchannel leasing agreements for Subsidiary Communications Authorization operation; time sales contracts with the same sponsor for more than 4 or more hours per day, except where the length of the events (such as athletic contests, musical programs, and special events) broadcast pursuant to the contract is not under control of the station.

**§1.615 Ownership reports.**—(a) Each licensee of a TV, FM or standard broadcast station (as defined in Part 73 of this chapter), other than noncommercial educational stations, shall file an Ownership Report (FCC Form 323) at the time the application for renewal of station license is required to be filed: Provided, however, the licensee owning more than one TV, FM, or standard broadcast station need file only one Ownership Report at 3-year intervals. Ownership Reports shall give the following information as of a date not more than 30 days prior to the filing of the Ownership Report:

(1) In the case of an individual, the name of such individual;

(2) In the case of a partnership, the names of the partners and the interest of each partner:

NOTE: Any change in partners or in their rights will require prior consent of the Commission upon an application for consent to assignment of license or permit. If such change involves less than a controlling interest, the application for Commission consent to such change may be made upon FCC Form 316 (Short Form).

(3) In the case of a corporation, association, trust, estate, or receivership, the data applicable to each:

(i) The name, residence, citizenship and stock-holdings of officers, directors, stockholders, trustees, executors, administrators, receivers, and members of any association;

(ii) Full information as to family relationship of business association between two or more officials, and/or stockholders, trustees, executors, administrators, receivers, and members of any association;

(iii) Capitalization with a description of the classes and voting power of stock authorized by the corporate charter or other appropriate legal instrument and the number of shares of each class issued and outstanding; and

(iv) Full information on FCC Form 323 with respect to the interest, and identity of any person having any direct, indirect, fiduciary, or beneficiary interest in the licensee or any of its stock:

For example:

(a) Where A is the beneficial owner or votes stock held by B, the same information should be furnished for A as is required for B.

(b) Where X corporation controls the licensee, or holds 25% or more of the number of issued and outstanding shares of either voting or non-voting stock of the licensee, the same information should be furnished with respect to X corporation (its capitalization, officers, directors, and stockholders and the amount of stock [by class] in X held by each) as is required in the case of the licensee, together with full information as to the identity and citizenship of the person authorized to vote licensee's stock, in case of voting stock.

(c) The same information should be furnished as to Y corporation if it controls X corporation or holds 25% or more of the number of issued and outstanding shares of either voting or non-voting stock of X, and as to Z corporation if it controls Y corporation or holds 25% or more of the number of issued and outstanding shares of either voting or non-voting stock of Y and so on back to natural persons.

(4) In the case of licensees:

(i) A list of all contracts still in effect required to be filed with the Commission by §1.342 showing the date of execution and expiration of each contract; and

(ii) Any interest which the licensee may have in any other broadcast station.

(b) A permittee shall file an Ownership Report (FCC Form 323) within 30 days of the date of grant by the Commission of an application for original construction permit. The Ownership Report of the permittee shall give the information required by the applicable portions of paragraph (a) of this section.

(c) A supplemental Ownership Report (FCC Form 323) shall be filed by each licensee or permittee within 30 days after any change occurs in the information required by the Ownership Report from that previously reported. Such report shall include without limitation:

(1) Any change in capitalization or organization;

(2) Any change in officers and directors;

(3) Any transaction affecting the ownership, direct or indirect, or voting rights of licensee's or permittee's stock, such as:

(i) A transfer of stock;

(ii) Issuance of new stock or disposition of treasury stock; or

(iii) Acquisition of licensee's or permittee's stock by the issuing corporation; or

(4) Any change in the officers, directors, or stockholders of a corporation other than the licensee or permittee such as X, Y, or Z corporation described in the example in paragraph (a) (3) of this section.

NOTE: Before any change is made in the organization, capitalization, officers, directors, or stockholders of a corporation other than licensee or permittee, which results in a change in the control of the licensee or permittee, prior Commission consent must be received under Section 310(b) of the Communications Act and §1.329. A transfer of control takes place when an individual, or group in privity, gains or loses affirmation or negative (50%) control. See instruction of FCC Form 323, "Ownership Report."

(d) Exception: Where information is required under paragraphs (a), (b), or (c) of this section with respect to a corporation or association having more than 50 stockholders or members, such information need be filed only with respect to stockholders or members who are officers or directors of the corporation or association, or other stockholders or members who have 1 percent or more of either the voting or nonvoting stock of the corporation or voting rights in the association regardless of whether the stockholder or member is an investment company as defined in NOTE 4 to §§73.35, 73.240, and 73.636 of this chapter: Provided, however, that such information with respect to stock held by stockbrokers need be filed only if the stock is held by the stockbroker in its name (either for itself or for customers) for a period exceeding 30 days.

(e) The provisions of this paragraph apply to all licensees and permittees of noncommercial educational TV, FM, or standard broadcast stations.

(1) Each licensee covered by this paragraph shall file an Ownership Report (FCC Form 323E): Provided, however, that licensees owning more than one noncommercial educational TV, FM, or standard broadcast station need file only one Ownership Report at 3-year intervals. Ownership Reports shall give the following information as of a date not more than 30 days prior to the filing of the Ownership Report:

(i) The following information as to all officers, members of governing board, and holders of 1 percent or more ownership interest (if any): Name, residence, office held, citizenship, principal profession or occupation, and by whom appointed or elected.

(ii) Full information on FCC form 323E with respect to the interest and identity of any individual, organization, corporation, association, or any other entity which has direct or indirect control over the licensee or permittee.

(iii) A list of all contracts still in effect required by §1.342 to be filed with the Commission, showing the date of execution and expiration of each contract.

(iv) Any interest which the licensee or permittee or any of its officers, members of the governing board, and holders of 1 percent or more ownership interest (if any) hold in any other broadcast station.

(2) A permittee shall file an Ownership Report (FCC Form 323E) within 30 days of the date of grant by the Commission of an application for original construction permit. The Ownership Report of the permittee shall give the information required by the applicable portions of this paragraph.

(3) A supplemental Ownership Report (FCC Form 323E) shall be filed by each licensee or permittee within 30 days after any change occurs in the information required by Ownership Report from that previously reported. Such report should include, without limitation:

(i) Any change in organization;

(ii) Any change in officers or directors;

(iii) Any transaction affecting the ownership (direct or indirect) or voting rights with respect to the licensee or permittee (or with respect to any stock interest therein).

(f) A copy of all ownership and supplemental ownership reports and related material filed pursuant to this section shall be maintained and made available for public inspection locally as required by §1.526.

**§1.526 Records to be maintained locally for public inspection by applicants, permittees, and licensees.**

(a) Records to be maintained. Every applicant for a construction permit for a new station in the broadcast services shall maintain for public inspection a file for such station containing the material in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph, every permittee or licensee of a station in the broadcast services shall maintain for public inspection a file for such station containing the material in subparagraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) and (7) of this paragraph, and every permittee or licensee of a commercial television station shall maintain for public inspection a file for such station containing the material in subparagraphs (8) and (9) of this paragraph: Provided, however, that the foregoing requirements shall not apply to applicants for or permittees or licensees of television broadcast translator stations, FM broadcast translator



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stations, or FM broadcast booster stations. The material to be contained in the file is as follows:

(1) A copy of every application tendered for filing by the applicant for such station after May 13, 1965, pursuant to the provisions of this part, with respect to which local public notice is required to be given under the provisions of §§1.580 or 1.594; and all exhibits, letters and other documents tendered for filing as part thereof, all amendments thereto, copies of all documents incorporated therein by reference, all correspondence between the Commission and the applicant pertaining to the application after it has been tendered for filing, and copies of Initial Decisions and Final Decisions in hearing cases pertaining thereto, which according to the provisions of §0.417 of this chapter are open for public inspection at the offices of the Commission. Information incorporated by reference which is already in the local file need not be duplicated if the entry making the reference sufficiently identifies the information so that it may be found in the file, and if there has been no change in the document since the date of filing and the applicant, after making the reference, so states. If petitions to deny are filed against the application, and have been duly served on the applicant, a statement that such a petition has been filed shall appear in the local file together with the name and address of the party filing the petition.

NOTE: Applications tendered for filing on or before May 13, 1965, which are subsequently designated for hearing after May 13, 1965, with local notice being given pursuant to the provisions of §1.594, and material related to such applications, need not be placed in the file required to be kept by this section. Applications tendered for filing after May 13, 1965, which contain major amendments to applications tendered for filing on or before May 13, 1965, with local notice of the amending application being given pursuant to the provisions of §1.580, need not be placed in the file required to be kept by this section.

(2) A copy of every application tendered for filing by the licensee or permittee for such station after May 13, 1965, pursuant to the provisions of this part, which is not included in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph and which involves changes in program service, which requests an extension of time in which to complete construction of a new station, or which requests consent to involuntary assignment or transfer, or to voluntary assignment or transfer not resulting in a substantial change in ownership or control and which may be applied for on FCC Form 316; and copies of all exhibits, letters, and other documents filed as part thereof, all amendments thereto, all correspondence between the Commission and the applicant pertaining to the application after it has been tendered for filing, and copies of all documents incorporated therein by reference, which according to the provisions of §0.417 of this chapter are open for public inspection at the offices of the Commission. Information incorporated by reference which is already in the local file need not be duplicated if the entry making the reference sufficiently identifies the information so that it may be found in the file, and there has been no change in the document since the date of filing and the licensee, after making the reference, so states. If petitions to deny are filed against the application, and have been duly served on the applicant, a statement that such a petition has been filed shall appear in the local file together with the name and address of the party filing the petition.

(3) A copy of every ownership report or supplemental ownership report filed by the licensee or permittee for such station after May 13, 1965, pursuant to the provisions of this part; and copies of all exhibits, letters, and other documents filed as part thereof, all amendments thereto, all correspondence between the permittee or licensee and the Commission pertaining to the reports after they have been filed, and all documents incorporated therein by reference, including contracts listed in such reports in accordance with the provisions of §1.615(a) (4) (i) and which according to the provisions of §0.417 of this chapter are open for public inspection at the offices of the Commission. Information incorporated by reference which is already in the local file need not be duplicated if the entry making the reference sufficiently identifies the information so that it may be found in the file, and if there has been no change in the document since the date of filing and the licensee or permittee, after making the reference, so states.

(4) Such records as are required to be kept by §§73.120(d), 73.290(d), 73.590(d), and 73.657(d) of this chapter, concerning broadcasts by candidates for public office.

(5) A copy of every annual employment report filed by the licensee or permittee for such station pursuant to the provisions of this part; and copies of all exhibits, letters and other documents filed as part thereof, all amendments thereto, all correspondence between the permittee or licensee and the Commission pertaining to the reports after they have been filed and all documents incorporated therein by reference and which according to the provisions of §§0.451-0.461 of this chapter are open for public

inspection at the offices of the Commission.

(6) The Public and Broadcasting Procedure Manual (see FCC 74-942, 39 FR 32288, September 5, 1974).

(7) Letters received from members of the public as are required to be retained by §73.1202.

(8) A copy of the Annual Programming Report (Form 303-A) containing programming information for a composite week selected by the Commission and the licensee's or permittee's program logs for that composite week.

(9) A copy of the current annual listing of what the licensee or permittee believes to have been significant problems and needs of the area served by the station during the preceding twelve months. No more than ten problems and needs are to be included in the listing. Opposite each problem or need listed, licensees or permittees shall indicate and briefly describe typical and illustrative programs or program segments, excluding news inserts (the daily or ordinary news coverage of breaking newsworthy events), broadcast during the preceding twelve months designed to help meet that problem or need. Such description shall include source and time of broadcast. Licensees or permittees are to place these listings in the public file each year on the anniversary date on which renewal applications are due; provided, however, that upon filing a renewal application, the listings for the current license period, including the most recent listing which shall be simultaneously placed in the local file, shall be forwarded to the Commission as a part of the renewal application. The listings are not to exceed five pages but may be supplemented at any time by additional material placed in the public inspection file, identified as a continuation of the information submitted to the Commission and subject to Commission inspection.

(10) Although not part of the regular file for public inspection, program logs for television stations will be available for public inspection under the circumstances set forth in §73.674 and discussed in the Public and Broadcasting Procedure Manual.

NOTE: The engineering section of applications mentioned in subparagraphs (1) and (2) of this paragraph, and material related to the engineering section, need not be kept in the file required to be maintained by this paragraph. If such engineering section contains service contour maps submitted with that section, copies of such maps, and information (state, county, city, street address, or other identifying information) showing main studio and transmitter location shall be kept in the file.

(b) Responsibility in case of assignment or transfer.

(1) In cases involving applications for consent to assignment of broadcast station construction permits or licenses, with respect to which public notice is required to be given under the provisions of §§1.580 or 1.594, the file mentioned in paragraph (a) of this section shall be maintained by the assignor. If the assignment is consented to by the Commission and consummated, the assignee shall maintain the file commencing with the date on which notice of the consummation of the assignment is filed with the Commission. The file maintained by the assignee shall cover the period both before and after the time when the notice of consummation of assignment was filed. The assignee is responsible for obtaining copies of the necessary documents from the assignor or from the Commission files.

(2) In cases involving applications for consent to transfer of control of a permittee or licensee of a broadcast station, the file mentioned in paragraph (a) of this section shall be maintained by the permittee or licensee.

(c) Station to which records pertain. The file need contain only applications, ownership reports, and related material that concern the station for which the file is kept. Applicants, permittees, and licensees need not keep in the file copies of such applications, reports, and material which pertain to other stations with regard to which they may be applicants, permittees, or licensees, except to the extent that such information is reflected in the materials required to be kept under the provisions of this section.

(d) Location of records. The file shall be maintained at the main studio of the station or at any accessible place (such as a public registry for documents or an attorney's office) in the community to which the station is or is proposed to be licensed, and shall be available for public inspection at any time during regular business hours.

(e) Period of retention. The records specified in paragraph (a) (4) of this section shall be retained for the periods specified in §§73.120(d), 73.290(d), 73.590(d) and 73.657(d) of this chapter (2 years). The manual specified in paragraph (a) (7) of this section shall be retained for the period specified in §73.1202 (3 years). The records specified in paragraph (a) (1), (2), (3), (5), (8) and (9) of this section shall be retained as follows:

(1) The applicant for a construction permit for a new station shall maintain such a file so long as the application is pending before the Commission or any proceeding involving that application is pending before the courts. (If the application is granted, subparagraph (2) of this paragraph shall apply.)

(2) The permittee or licensee shall maintain such a file so long as an authorization to operate the station is outstanding, and shall permit public inspection of the

material as long as it is retained by the licensee even though the request for inspection is made after the conclusion of the required retention period specified in this subparagraph. However, material which is voluntarily retained after the required retention time may be kept in a form and place convenient to the licensee, and shall be made available to the inquiring party, in good faith after written request, at a time and place convenient to both the party and the licensee. Applications and other material placed in the file should be retained for a period of seven years from the date the material is tendered for filing with the Commission, with two exceptions: First, engineering material pertaining to a former mode of operation need not be retained longer than 3 years after a station commences operation under a mode; and second, all of the material shall be retained for whatever longer period is necessary to comply with the following requirements: (1) material shall be retained until final Commission action on the second renewal application following the application or other material in question; and (2) material having a substantial bearing on a matter which is the subject of a claim against the licensee, or relating to a commission action of which the licensee has been advised, shall be retained until the licensee is notified in writing that the material may be discarded, or, if the matter is a private one, the claim has been satisfied or is barred by statutes of limitations. Where an application or related material incorporates by reference material in earlier applications and material concerning programming and related matters (Section IV and related material), the material so referred to shall be retained as long as the application referring to it.

(f) Copies of any material in the public file of any television station shall be available for machine reproduction upon request made in person, provided the requesting party shall pay the reasonable cost of reproduction. Requests for machine copies shall be fulfilled at a location specified by the licensee, within a reasonable period of time, which in no event shall be longer than seven days. The licensee is not required to honor requests made by mail but may do so if it chooses.

### LICENSE RENEWALS

#### General . . .

§1.539 Application for renewal of license.—(a) Unless otherwise directed by the Commission, an application for renewal of license shall be filed not later than the first day of the fourth full calendar month prior to the expiration date of the license sought to be renewed, except that applications for renewal of license of an experimental or developmental broadcast station shall be filed not later than the first day of the second full calendar month prior to the expiration date of the license sought to be renewed. If any deadline prescribed in this paragraph falls on a non-business day, the cut-off shall be the close of business of the first full business day thereafter.

(b) No application for renewal of license of any broadcast station will be considered unless there is on file with the Commission, the information, if any, currently required by §§1.622-1.615, inclusive, for the particular class of station. The renewal application shall include a reference by date and file number to such information on file.

(c) Whenever the Commission regards an application for a renewal of license as essential to the proper conduct of a hearing or investigation, and specifically directs that it be filed by a certain date, such application shall be filed within the time thus specified. If the licensee fails to file such application within the prescribed time, the hearing or investigation shall proceed as if such renewal application has been received.

(d) The following application forms shall be used:  
[EDITOR'S NOTE: There follows a list of forms to be used in filing for license renewals.]

#### In AM rules . . .

§73.34 Normal license period.—(a) Initial licenses for standard broadcast stations will ordinarily be issued for a period running until the dates specified in this section for the state or territory in which the station is located or, if issued after such date, to the next triennial renewal date determined in accordance with this section; and, when renewed, will normally be renewed for three years; provided, however, that if the Commission finds that the public interest, convenience or necessity will be served thereby, it may issue either an initial license or a renewal thereof for a lesser term. The time of expiration of normally issued initial and renewal licenses will be 3 a.m., local time, on the following dates, and at three year intervals thereafter:

[EDITOR'S NOTE: For list of expiration dates for licenses see TV rules below.]

#### In FM rules . . .

§73.218 Normal license period.—(a) Initial licenses for FM broadcast stations will ordinarily be issued for a period running until the date specified in this section for the state or territory in which the station is located or, if issued after such date, to the next triennial renewal date determined in accordance with this section; and, when renewed, will normally be renewed for three years; provided, however, that, if the Commission finds that the public interest, convenience, or necessity will be served

thereby, it may issue either an initial license or a renewal thereof for a lesser term. The time of expiration of normally issued initial and renewed licenses will be 3 a.m., local time, on the following dates, and at three-year intervals thereafter:

[EDITORS' NOTE: For list of expiration dates for licenses see TV rules below.]

**In TV rules . . .**

**§76.630 Normal license period.**—(a) Initial licenses for television broadcast stations will ordinarily be issued for a period running until the date specified in this section for the state or territory in which the state is located or, if issued after such date, to the next triennial renewal date determined in accordance with this section; and, when renewed, will normally be renewed for three years; provided, however, that, if the Commission finds that the public interest, convenience or necessity will be served thereby, it may issue either an initial license or a renewal thereof for a lesser term. The time of expiration of normally issued initial and renewed licenses will be 3 a.m., local time, on the following dates, and at three-year intervals thereafter:

- (1) For stations located in Iowa and Missouri, Feb. 1, 1968.
- (2) For stations located in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, and Colorado, April 1, 1968.
- (3) For stations located in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Nebraska, June 1, 1968.
- (4) For stations located in Texas, Aug. 1, 1968.
- (5) For stations located in Wyoming, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, New Mexico, and Idaho, October 1, 1968.
- (6) For stations located in California, December 1, 1968.
- (7) For stations located in Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Guam, and Hawaii, Feb. 1, 1969.
- (8) For stations located in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont, April 1, 1969.
- (9) For stations located in New Jersey and New York, June 1, 1969.
- (10) For stations located in Delaware and Pennsylvania, Aug. 1, 1969.
- (11) For stations located in Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, and West Virginia, Oct. 1, 1969.
- (12) For stations located in North Carolina, and South Carolina, Dec. 1, 1969.
- (13) For stations located in Florida, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands, Feb. 1, 1970.
- (14) For stations located in Alabama and Georgia, April 1, 1970.
- (15) For stations located in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi, June 1, 1970.
- (16) For stations located in Tennessee, Kentucky, and Indiana, August 1, 1970.
- (17) For stations located in Ohio and Michigan, Oct. 1, 1970.
- (18) For stations located in Illinois and Wisconsin, Dec. 1, 1970.

NOTE: For the cutoff date for the filing of applications mutually exclusive with, and petitions to deny, renewal applications, see §1.516(e).

**STATION IDENTIFICATION**

**All broadcast stations . . .**

**§73.1201 Station identification.**—(a) When regularly required. Broadcast station identification announcements shall be made: (1) at the beginning and ending of each time of operation, and (2) hourly, as close to the hour as feasible, at a natural break in program offerings. Television broadcast stations may make these announcements visually or aurally.

(b) Content. (1) Official station identification shall consist of the station's call letters immediately followed by the name of the community or communities specified in its license as the station's location.

(2) When given specific written authorization to do so, a station may include in its official station identification the name of an additional community or communities, but the community to which the station is licensed must be named first.

(3) A licensee shall not in any identification announcements, promotional announcements or any other broadcast matter either lead or attempt to lead the station's audience to believe that the station has been authorized to identify officially with cities other than those permitted to be included in official station identifications under subparagraphs (1) and (2) of this paragraph.

NOTE: Commission interpretations of this paragraph may be found in a separate Public Notice issued October 30, 1967, entitled "Examples of Application of Rule Regarding Broadcast of Statements Regarding a Station's Licensed Location". (FCC 67-1132; 10 FCC 2d 407.)

(c) Channel. (1) Generally. Except as provided in this paragraph, in making the identification announcement the call letters shall be given only on the channel of the station identified thereby.

(2) Simultaneous AM-FM broadcasts. If the same licensee operates an FM broadcast station and a standard broadcast station and simultaneously broadcasts

the same programs over the facilities of both such stations, station identification announcements may be made jointly for both stations for periods of such simultaneous operation. If the call letters of the FM station do not clearly reveal that it is an FM station, the joint announcement shall so identify it.

(3) Satellite operation. When programming of a broadcast station is rebroadcast simultaneously over the facilities of a satellite station, the originating station may make identification announcements for the satellite station for periods of such simultaneous operation.

(i) In the case of a television broadcast station, such announcements, in addition to the information required by paragraph (b) (1) of this section, shall include the number of the channel on which each station is operating.

(ii) In the case of aural broadcast stations, such announcements, in addition to the information required by paragraph (b) (1) of this section, shall include the frequency on which each station is operating.

**SPONSORED PROGRAMS**

**(Announcement of In AM rules . . .**

**§73.119 Sponsored programs, announcement of.**—(a) When a standard broadcast station transmits any matter for which money, services, or other valuable consideration is either directly or indirectly paid or promised to, or charged or received by, such station, the station shall broadcast an announcement that such matter is sponsored, paid for, or furnished, either in whole or in part, and by whom or on whose behalf such consideration was supplied: Provided, however, that "service or other valuable consideration" shall not include any service or property furnished without charge or at a nominal charge for use on, or in connection with, a broadcast unless it is so furnished in consideration for an identification in a broadcast of any person, product, service, trademark, or brand name, beyond an identification which is reasonably related to the use of such service or property on the broadcast.

(b) The licensee of each standard broadcast station shall exercise reasonable diligence to obtain from its employees, and from other persons with whom it deals directly in connection with any program matter for broadcast, information to enable such licensee to make the announcement required by this section.

(c) In any case where a report (concerning the providing or accepting of valuable consideration by any person for inclusion of any matter in a program intended for broadcasting) has been made to a standard broadcast station, as required by Section 508 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, of circumstances which would have required an announcement under this section had the consideration been received by such standard broadcast station, an appropriate announcement shall be made by such station.

(d) In the case of any political program or any program involving the discussion of public controversial issues for which any records, transcriptions, talent, scripts, or other material or services of any kind are furnished, either directly or indirectly, to a station as an inducement to the broadcasting of such program, an announcement shall be made both at the beginning and conclusion of such program on which such material or services are used that such records, transcriptions, talent, scripts, or other material or services have been furnished to such station in connection with the broadcasting of such program: Provided, however, that only one such announcement need be made in the case of any such program of 5 minutes' duration or less, which announcement may be made either at the beginning or conclusion of the program.

(e) The announcement required by this section shall fully and fairly disclose the true identity of the person or persons by whom or in whose behalf such payment is made or promised, or from whom or in whose behalf such services or other valuable consideration is received, or by whom the material or services referred to in paragraph (d) of this section are furnished. Where an agent or other person contracts or otherwise makes arrangements with a station on behalf of another, and such fact is known to the station, the announcement shall disclose the identity of the person or persons in whose behalf such agent is acting instead of the name of such agent.

(f) In the case of any program, other than a program advertising commercial products or services, which is sponsored, paid for, or furnished, either in whole or in part, or for which material or services referred to in paragraph (d) of this section are furnished, by a corporation, committee, association, or other unincorporated group, the announcement required by this section shall disclose the name of such corporation, committee, association, or other unincorporated group. In each such case the station shall require that a list of the chief executive officers or members of the executive committee or of the board of directors of the corporation, committee, association or other unincorporated group shall be made available for public inspection at the studios or general offices of one of the standard broadcast stations carrying the program in each community in which the program is broadcast. Such lists shall be kept and made available for a period of 2 years.

(g) In the case of broadcast matter advertising commercial products or services, an announcement stating the sponsor's corporate or trade name, or the name of the sponsor's product, when it is clear that the mention of the name of the product constitutes a sponsorship identification, shall be deemed sufficient for the purposes of this section and only one such announcement need be made at any time during the course of the program.

(h) The announcements required by Section 317(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, are waived with respect to the broadcast of "want ad" or classified advertisements sponsored by individuals. The waiver granted in this paragraph shall not extend to classified advertisements or want ads sponsored by any form of business enterprise, corporate or otherwise. Whenever sponsorship announcements are omitted pursuant to this paragraph the following conditions shall be observed:

(1) The licensee shall maintain a list showing the name, address and (where available) the telephone number of each advertiser and shall attach this list to the program log for each day's operation; and

(2) shall make this list available to members of the public who have a legitimate interest in obtaining the information contained in the list.

(i) Commission interpretations in connection with the foregoing rules may be found in the Commission's Public Notice entitled "Applicability of Sponsorship Identification Rules" and such supplements thereto as are issued from time to time.

**In FM rules . . .**

**§73.289** [EDITOR'S NOTE: Identical with §73.119 above.]

**In TV rules . . .**

**§73.654** [EDITOR'S NOTE: Identical with §73.119 above.]

[EDITOR'S NOTE: In a statement issued in 1950, the FCC warned that the sponsor or his product must be identified by a distinctive name and not by one merely descriptive of the type of business or product. The following are acceptable, the Commission said: "Henry Smith offers you . . ." or "Smith Stove Co. offers you . . ." or "Ajax Pens brings you . . ." The following are not acceptable: "Write to the Comb Man . . ." or "Send your money to Nylons, Box — . . ." or "This program is sponsored by your Sink man . . ."]

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**In AM, FM and TV . . .**

**§73.1202 Public notice of licensee obligations.**—(a) Each licensee of a commercial AM, FM or television station except international or television translator stations, shall make an announcement informing the public of the licensee's obligation to the public and of the appropriate method for individuals to express their opinions of the station's operation. Such announcements shall be aired on the first and sixteenth day of each calendar month throughout the license period except during the period beginning on the first day of the sixth full calendar month prior to expiration and ending on the last day of the next to last full calendar month prior to expiration, during which time the renewal application notices in §1.580(d) of this chapter shall be broadcast. Such announcements shall be aired during the following time periods:

(1) For commercial television stations, the announcement broadcast on the first day of each calendar month shall be broadcast between 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. (5 p.m. and 10 p.m. Central and Mountain Time). The announcement broadcast on the sixteenth day of each calendar month shall be broadcast during the following four-hour time periods in rotating order, beginning with 6 a.m. to 10 a.m.: 6 a.m. to 10 a.m., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

(2) For commercial radio stations, the announcement broadcast on the first day of each calendar month shall be broadcast either between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. or between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. The announcement broadcast on the sixteenth day of each calendar month shall be broadcast during the following time periods in rotating order, beginning with 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. For stations which neither operate between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. nor between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., the announcement broadcast on the first day of each calendar month shall be broadcast during the first two hours of broadcast operation and the announcement broadcast on the sixteenth day of each month shall be broadcast during every other four-hour time period during the broadcast day in rotating order, beginning with the third to sixth hours of broadcast operation.

(b) If an emergency arises which prevents the airing of the announcement at the scheduled time, the announcement shall be aired on the day following the ending of such emergency at the identical time or during

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the time period which the rotating order specified above requires.

(c) In the case of commercial television broadcast stations, a sign-board with the licensee's address for receiving comments shall be shown when the announcer is giving that address.

(d) The notice shall contain the following information (stations broadcasting primarily in a foreign language should broadcast the announcements in that language):

- (1) For commercial radio stations.
  - (i) The station's call letters.
  - (ii) A statement that on (give date of last renewal grant) the station was granted a license by the Federal Communications Commission to serve the public interest as a public trustee until (give date of license expiration).
  - (iii) A statement that the broadcaster is obligated to make a continuing, diligent effort to determine the significant problems and needs of the service area and to provide programming to help meet those problems and needs.
  - (iv) A statement that the station invites any specific suggestions or comments listeners may have regarding station operation and the licensee's programming efforts.
  - (v) The appropriate name and address to which comments should be mailed.
  - (vi) A statement that unless otherwise requested, all letters received will be made available for public inspection during regular business hours.

(2) For commercial television stations.

- (i) The station's call letters.
- (ii) A statement that on (give date of last renewal grant) the station was granted a license by the Federal Communications Commission to serve the public interest as a public trustee until (give date of license expiration).

(iii) A statement that (give the anniversary date of the deadline for filing of the renewal application) the station places in its public inspection file a list of what the licensee considered to have been some of the significant problems and needs of the service area during the preceding twelve months and some of the programs the station aired to help meet those problems and needs.

(iv) A statement that the station invites any specific suggestions or comments viewers may have regarding station operation and the licensee's programming efforts.

(v) The appropriate name and address to which comments should be mailed.

(vi) A statement that unless otherwise requested, all letters received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours.

(e) During the period beginning the first day of the last full calendar month prior to expiration of the license and until the date of license renewal, stations shall broadcast the appropriate announcement herein, except that in lieu of (d) (1) (ii) or (d) (2) (ii) stations shall broadcast a statement that the station is licensed by the Federal Communications Commission to serve the public interest as a public trustee and shall not mention the date of the last renewal grant or the length of the license period. Following the date of renewal and commencing on the first or sixteenth day of the month (whichever comes first) the regular announcement shall be resumed and shall be broadcast in accordance with the schedule provided in paragraph (a) of this section.

(f) All written comments and suggestions received from members of the public concerning operation of the station shall be maintained in a local file available for inspection by the public, except when the person making the comment or suggestion has specifically requested that his communication not be made public or where the licensee feels that it should be excluded from availability for public inspection because of the special nature of its content, such as a defamatory or obscene letter. Letters shall be retained in the local file for three years from the date on which they are received by the licensee. Letters received by television licensees shall be placed in one of the following separated subject categories: Programming and non-programming. If comments in one letter relate to more than one subject category, the correspondence shall be filed under the category which, in the licensee's judgment, receives the most attention in the letter.

(1) Sample announcement for radio.

On (date of last renewal grant) (Station's call letters) was granted a license by the Federal Communications Commission to serve the public interest as a public trustee until (date of license expiration). We are obligated to make a continuing, diligent effort to determine the significant problems and needs of our service area and to provide programming to help meet those problems and needs.

We invite listeners to send specific suggestions or comments concerning our station operation and programming efforts to (name and mailing address). Unless otherwise requested, all letters received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours.

(2) Sample announcement for television.

On (date of last renewal grant) (Station's call letters) was

granted a license by the Federal Communications Commission to serve the public interest as a public trustee until (date of license expiration). Each (anniversary date of deadline for filing renewal application) we place in our public inspection file a list of what we consider to have been some of the significant problems and needs of our service area during the preceding twelve months and some of our programming to help meet those problems and needs.

We invite viewers to send specific suggestions or comments concerning our station operation and programming efforts to (name and mailing address). Unless otherwise requested, all letters received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours.

### FRAUDULENT BILLING

**§73.1205 Fraudulent billing practices.**—No licensee of a standard, FM or television broadcast station shall knowingly issue to any local, regional or national advertiser, advertising agency, station representative, manufacturer, distributor, jobber or any other party, any bill, invoice, affidavit or other document which contains false information concerning the amount actually charged by the licensee for the broadcast advertising for which such bill, invoice, affidavit or other document is issued, or which misrepresents the nature or content of such advertising, or which misrepresents the quantity of advertising actually broadcast (number or length of advertising messages) or the time of day or date at which it was broadcast. Licensees shall exercise reasonable diligence to see that their agents and employees do not issue any documents which would violate this section if issued by the licensee.

NOTE: Commission interpretations in connection with this Rule may be found in a separate Public Notice issued May 18, 1970, entitled "Applicability of Fraudulent Billing Rule". (FCC 70-513), 35 FR 7906.

**§73.1206 Broadcast of telephone conversations.**—Before recording a telephone conversation for broadcast, or broadcasting such a conversation simultaneously with its occurrence, a licensee shall inform any party to the call of the licensee's intention to broadcast the conversation, except where such party is aware, or may be presumed to be aware from the circumstances of the conversation, that it is being or likely will be broadcast. Such awareness is presumed to exist only when the other party to the call is associated with the station (such as an employee or part-time reporter), or where the other party originates the call and it is obvious that it is in connection with a program in which the station customarily broadcasts telephone conversations.

### REBROADCASTS

**§73.1207 Rebroadcast.**—(a) The term "rebroadcast" means reception by radio of the programs of a radio station, and the simultaneous or subsequent retransmission of such programs by a broadcast station.

NOTE 1: As used in §73.1207 "program" includes any complete program or part thereof.

NOTE 2: The transmission of a program from its point of origin to a broadcast station entirely by common carrier facilities, whether by wire line or radio, is not considered a rebroadcast.

(b) No broadcasting station shall rebroadcast the program, or any part thereof of another U.S. broadcasting station without the express authority of the originating station. A copy of the written consent of the licensee originating the program shall be kept by the licensee of the station rebroadcasting such program and shall be made available to the Commission upon request. Stations originating emergency communications under a Detailed State EBS Operational Plan, shall be deemed to have conferred rebroadcast authority on other participating stations. The rebroadcasting of a program relayed by a remote pickup broadcast station (§74.401 of this chapter) is not considered a rebroadcast.

(c) The rebroadcast of time signals originated by the Naval Observatory and the National Bureau of Standards is permitted without further Commission authorization under the conditions set forth in Note 1 to this paragraph. The rebroadcast of National Weather Service (NWS) transmissions is permitted without further Commission authorization under the conditions set forth in Note 2 to this paragraph. Programs originated by the Voice of America (VOA) and the American Forces Radio and Television Service (AFRTS) cannot, in general, be cleared for domestic rebroadcast, and may therefore be rebroadcast only by special arrangement among the parties concerned. Except as otherwise provided by international agreement, programs originated by foreign broadcasting stations may be rebroadcast without the consent of the originating station. In the case of retransmissions of subcarrier background music and other FM multiplex subscription services, permission must first be obtained from the originating station. The retransmission of point-to-point messages originated by government and privately owned non-broadcast stations must be authorized by the Commission prior to retransmission; such authority may be requested informally by telephone, to be followed within one week with a written confirmation accompanied by the written consent of the originating station.

NOTE 1: (a) Naval Observatory Time Signals.

(1) The time signal rebroadcast must be obtained by direct radio reception from a Naval radio station.

(2) Announcement of the time signal must be made without reference to any commercial activity.

(3) Identification of the Naval Observatory as the source of the time signal must be made by an announcement, substantially as follows: "With the signal, the time will be \_\_\_\_\_, courtesy of the United States Naval Observatory."

Schedules of time signal broadcasts may be obtained upon request from the Superintendent, United States Naval Observatory, Washington, D.C. 20390.

(b) National Bureau of Standards Time Signals.

(1) Time signals for rebroadcast must be obtained by direct radio reception from an NBS station.

(2) Use of receiving and rebroadcasting equipment must not delay the signals by more than 0.05 seconds.

(3) Signals must be rebroadcast live, not from tape or other recording.

(4) Voice or code announcements of the call letters of NBS stations are not to be rebroadcast.

(5) Identification of the origin of the service and the source of the signals must be made by an announcement substantially as follows: "At the tone, 11 hours 25 minutes Greenwich Mean Time. This is a rebroadcast of a continuous service furnished by the National Bureau of Standards, Time and Frequency Division, Boulder, Colorado." No commercial sponsorship of this announcement is permitted and none may be implied.

(6) Notice of use of NBS time signals for rebroadcast should be forwarded semi-annually to Frequency-Time Broadcast Services, Time and Frequency Division National Bureau of Standards, Boulder, Colorado, 80302.

(7) In the rebroadcasting of NBS time signals, announcements will not state that they are standard frequency transmissions. Voice announcements of GMT are given in voice every minute. Each minute, except the first of the hour, begins with a 0.8 second long tone of 1000 Hz at WWV and 1200 Hz tone at WWVH. The first minute of every hour begins with an 0.8 second long tone of 1500 Hz at both stations. This tone is followed by a 3-second pause, then the announcement, "National Bureau of Standards Time." This is followed by another 3-second pause before station identification. This arrangement allows broadcast stations sufficient time to retransmit the hour time tone and the words "National Bureau of Standards Time" either by manual or automatic switching.

(8) Time signals or scales made up from integration of standard frequency signals broadcast from NBS stations may not be designated as National standard scales of time or attributed to the NBS as originator. For example, if a broadcasting station transmits time signals obtained from a studio clock which periodically calibrated against the NBS time signals from WWV or WWVH, such signals may not be announced as NBS standard time or as having been originated by the NBS.

Schedules of time signal broadcasts may be obtained upon request from Frequency-Time Broadcast Services Section, Time and Frequency Division, National Bureau of Standards, Boulder, Colorado 80302.

NOTE 2: (a) Messages must be rebroadcast within one hour of receipt from the National Weather Service (Weather Bureau).

(b) If advertisements are given in connection with a weather rebroadcast, these advertisements shall not directly convey an endorsement by the government of the products or services so advertised.

(c) Credit must be given to indicate that the rebroadcast messages originate with the National Weather Service (Weather Bureau).

### RECORDINGS, TAPES AND FILMS

**§73.1208 Broadcast of taped, filmed, or recorded material.**—(a) Any taped, filmed or recorded program material in which time is of special significance, or by which an affirmative attempt is made to create the impression that it is occurring simultaneously with the broadcast, shall be announced at the beginning as taped, filmed or recorded. The language of the announcement shall be clear and in terms commonly understood by the public. For television stations, the announcement may be made visually or aurally.

(b) Taped, filmed or recorded announcements which are of a commercial, promotional or public service nature need not be identified as taped, filmed or recorded.

### TIME For AM, FM and TV . . .

**§73.1209 References to time.**—Unless specifically designated as "standard (non-advanced)" or "advanced," all references to time contained in this part, and in license documents and other authorizations issued thereunder shall be understood to mean local time; i.e., the time legally observed in the community.

### POLITICAL BROADCASTS For AM, FM and TV . . .

**§73.120 Definitions.**—(a) A "legally qualified candidate" means any person who has publicly announced that



he is a candidate for nomination by a convention of a political party or for nomination or election in a primary, special, or general election, municipal, county, state or national, and who meets the qualifications prescribed by the applicable laws to hold the office for which he is a candidate, so that he may be voted for by the electorate directly or by means of delegates or electors, and who

(1) has qualified for a place on the ballot or  
 (2) is eligible under the applicable law to be voted by sticker, by writing in his name on the ballot, or other method, and (1) has been duly nominated by a political party which is commonly known and regarded as such, or (2) make a substantial showing that he is a bona fide candidate for nomination or office, as the case may be.

(b) General requirements. No station licensee is required to permit the use of its facilities by any legally qualified candidate for public office, but if any licensee shall permit any such candidate to use its facilities, it shall afford equal opportunities to all other such candidates for that office to use such facilities: provided, that such licensee shall have no power of censorship over the material broadcast by any such candidate.

(c) Rates and practices.—(1) The rates, if any, charged all such candidates for the same office shall be uniform and shall not be rebated by any means direct or indirect. A candidate shall, in each case, be charged no more than the rate the station would charge if the candidate were a commercial advertiser whose advertising was directed to promoting its business within the same area as that encompassed by the particular office for which such person is a candidate. All discount privileges otherwise offered by a station to commercial advertisers shall be available upon equal terms to all candidates for public office.

(2) In making time available to candidates for public office no licensee shall make any discrimination between candidates in charges, practices, regulations, facilities, or services for or in connection with the service rendered pursuant to this part, or make or give any preference to any candidate for public office or subject any such candidate to any prejudice or disadvantage; nor shall any licensee make any contract or other agreement which shall have the effect of permitting any legally qualified candidate for any public office to broadcast to the exclusion of other legally qualified candidates for the same public office.

(d) Records: inspections.—Every licensee shall keep and permit public inspection of a complete record of all requests for broadcast time made by or on behalf of candidates for public office, together with an appropriate notation showing the disposition made by the licensee of such request, and the charges made, if any, if request is granted. Such records shall be retained for a period of two years.

NOTE: See §1.526 of this chapter.

(e) Time of request. A request for equal opportunity must be submitted to the licensee within one week of the day on which the first prior use, giving rise to the right to equal opportunities, occurred; provided however, that where a person was not a candidate at the time of such first prior use, he shall submit his request within one week of the first subsequent use after he has become a legally qualified candidate for the office in question.

(f) A candidate requesting such equal opportunities of the licensee, or complaining of noncompliance to the Commission, shall have the burden of proving that he and his opponent are legally qualified candidates for the same public office.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: In FM this is §73.290; in TV, §73.657.]

**REVOCATIONS, MODIFICATIONS, SUSPENSIONS**

(All Classes of Station Licenses)

**§1.87 Modification of license or construction permit on motion of the Commission.**—(a) Whenever it appears that a station license or construction permit should be modified, the Commission will notify the licensee or permittee in writing of the proposed action and the grounds and reasons therefor and direct him to show cause why an order modifying the license or construction permit in the manner proposed by the Commission should not be issued.

(b) Any order to show cause issued in accordance with paragraph (a) of this section will notify the licensee or permittee that he may request within a period of time to be stated in the order to show cause, that a hearing be held on the proposed modification. In case of timely request, a hearing will be held on the proposed modification, in no event less than 30 days after the receipt of the order to show cause, unless the Commission finds that safety of life or property require the fixing of a shorter period.

(c) In order to avail himself of the right to request a hearing and of the opportunity to appear and give evidence upon the matters specified in the order to show cause, the licensee or permittee, in person or by his attorney shall, within the period of time as may be specified in the order to show cause, file with the Commission a written statement stating that he request a hearing and will appear at the hearing and present evidence on the matter specified in the order to show cause. Such written statement must contain a detailed response to the matter

specified in the order to show cause and the permittee or licensee shall be limited in the hearing to matters fairly encompassed within the issues raised by the response.

(d) The right to request a hearing shall, unless a good cause is shown in a petition to be filed not later than 5 days before the lapse of the time specified in paragraph (c) of this section, be deemed waived:

(1) In case of failure to timely file a written statement as required by paragraph (c) of this section.

(2) In case of filing the written statement provided for in paragraph (c) of this section but failure to appear at the hearing, either in person or by counsel.

(e) Where the right to request a hearing is waived and no written statement has been filed within the period of time specified in the order to show cause, the licensee or permittee will be deemed to consent to the modification as proposed in the order to show cause and a final decision will be issued by the Commission accordingly.

(f) Where the right to request a hearing has been waived, a written statement may be filed within the period of time to be specified in the order to show cause, showing with particularity why the license or construction permit should not be modified or not so modified as proposed in the order to show cause. In this case, the Commission may, depending upon the facts alleged and proof offered, either call upon the submitting party to furnish additional information under oath, designate the proceeding for hearing, or issue without further proceedings, an order modifying the construction permit or license as proposed in the order to show cause or in said written statement. The order to show cause will advise the person against whom it is directed of procedure set forth in this paragraph.

(g) Any order of modification issued pursuant to this section shall include a statement of the findings and the grounds and reasons therefore, shall specify the effective date of the order and shall be served on the licensee or permittee.

**§1.89 Notice of violations.**—(a) Any licensee who appears to have violated any provision of the Communications Act or any provision of this chapter shall be served with a written notice calling the facts to his attention and requesting a statement concerning the matter. FCC Form 793 may be used for this purpose.

(b) Within 10 days from receipt of notice or such other period as may be specified, the licensee shall send a written answer, in duplicate, direct to the office of the Commission originating the official notice. If an answer cannot be sent nor an acknowledgement made within such 10-day period by reason of illness or other unavoidable circumstances, acknowledgement and answer shall be made at the earliest practicable date with a satisfactory explanation of the delay.

(c) The answer to each notice shall be complete in itself and shall not be abbreviated by reference to other communications or answers to other notices. In every instance the answer shall contain a statement of action taken to correct the condition or omission complained of and to preclude its recurrence. In addition:

(1) If the notice relates to violations that may be due to the physical or electrical characteristics of transmitting apparatus and any new apparatus is to be installed, the answer shall state the date such apparatus was ordered, the name of the manufacturer, and the promised date of delivery. If the installation of such apparatus requires a construction permit, the file number of the application shall be given, or if a file number has not been assigned by the Commission, such identification shall be given as will permit ready identification of the application.

(2) If the notice of violation relates to lack of attention to or improper operation of the transmitter, the name and license number of the operator in charge shall be given.

**§1.91 Revocation and/or cease and desist proceedings: hearings.**—(a) If it appears that a station license or construction permit should be revoked and/or that a cease and desist order should be issued, the Commission will issue an order directing the person to show cause why an order of revocation and/or a cease and desist order, as the facts may warrant, should not be issued.

(b) An order to show cause why an order of revocation and/or a cease and desist order should not be issued will contain a statement of the matters with respect to which the Commission is inquiring and will call upon the person to whom it is directed (the respondent) to appear before the Commission at a hearing, at a time and place stated in the order, but not less than thirty days after the receipt of such order, and give evidence upon the matters specified in the order to show cause. However, if safety of life or property is involved, the order to show cause may specify a hearing date less than thirty days from the receipt of such order.

(c) To avail himself of such opportunity for hearing, the respondent, personally or by his attorney, shall file with the Commission, within thirty days of the service of the order or such shorter period as may be specified therein, a written appearance stating that he will appear at the hearing and present evidence on the matters specified in the order. The Commission in its discretion may accept a late appearance. However, an appearance

tendered after the specified time has expired will not be accepted unless accompanied by a petition stating with particularity the facts and reasons relied on to justify such late filing. Such petition for acceptance of late appearance will be granted only if the Commission determines that the facts and reasons stated therein constitute good cause for failure to file on time.

(d) Hearings on the matters specified in such orders to show cause shall accord with the practice and procedure prescribed in this subpart and Subpart B of this part, with the following exception: (1) In all such revocation and/or cease and desist hearings, the burden of proceeding with the introduction of evidence and the burden of proof shall be upon the Commission; and (2) the Commission may specify in a show cause order, when the circumstances of the proceeding require expedition, a time less than that prescribed in §§1.276 and 1.277 within which the initial decision in the proceeding shall become effective, exceptions to such initial decision must be filed, parties must file request for oral argument, and parties must file notice of intention to participate in oral argument.

(e) Correction or promise to correct the conditions or matters complained of in a show cause order shall not preclude the issuance of a cease and desist order. Corrections or promises to correct the conditions or matters complained of, and the past record of the licensee, may, however, be considered in determining whether a revocation and/or cease and desist order should be issued.

(f) Any order of revocation and/or cease and desist order issued after hearing pursuant to this section shall include a statement of findings and the grounds therefor, shall specify the effective date of the order, and shall be served on the person to whom such order is directed.

**§1.92 Revocation and/or cease and desist proceedings: after waiver of hearing.**—(a) After the issuance of an order to show cause, pursuant to §1.91, calling upon a person to appear at a hearing before the Commission, the occurrence of any one of the following events or circumstances will constitute a waiver of such hearing and the proceeding thereafter will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(1) The respondent fails to file a timely written appearance as prescribed in §1.91(c) indicating that he will appear at a hearing and present evidence on the matters specified in the order.

(2) The respondent, having filed a timely written appearance as prescribed in §1.91(c), fails in fact to appear in person or by his attorney at the time and place of the duly scheduled hearing.

(3) The respondent files with the Commission, within the time specified for a written appearance in §1.91(c), a written statement expressly waiving his rights to a hearing.

(b) When a hearing is waived under the provisions of paragraph (a) (1) or (3) of this section, a written statement signed by the respondent denying or seeking to mitigate or justify the circumstances or conduct complained of in the order to show cause may be submitted within the time specified in §1.91(c). The Commission in its discretion may accept a late statement. However, a statement tendered after the specified time has expired will not be accepted unless accompanied by a petition stating with particularity the facts and reasons relied on to justify such late filing. Such petitions for acceptance of a late statement will be granted only if the Commission determines that the facts and reasons stated therein constitute good cause for failure to file on time.

(c) Whenever a hearing is waived by the occurrence of any of the events or circumstances listed in paragraph (a) of this section, the Chief Hearing Examiner (or the presiding officer if one has been designated) shall, at the earliest practicable date, issue an order reciting the events or circumstances constituting a waiver of hearing, terminating the hearing proceeding, and certifying the case to the Commission. Such order shall be served upon the respondent.

(d) After a hearing proceeding has been terminated pursuant to paragraph (c) of this section, the Commission will act upon the matters specified in the order to show cause in the regular course of business. The Commission will determine on the basis of all the information available to it from any source, including such further proceedings as may be warranted, if a revocation order and/or a cease and desist order should issue, and if so, will issue such order. Otherwise, the Commission will issue an order dismissing the proceeding. All orders specified in this paragraph will include a statement of the findings of the Commission and the grounds and reasons therefore, will specify the effective date thereof, and will be served upon the respondent.

(e) Corrections or promise to correct the conditions or matters complained of in a show cause order shall not preclude the issuance of a cease and desist order. Corrections or promises to correct the conditions or matters complained of, and the past record of the licensee, may, however, be considered in determining whether a revocation and/or cease and desist order should be issued.

# FCC Broadcast Rules, Fees

## (Of Operator Licenses)

**§1.85 Suspension of operator licenses.**—Whenever grounds exist for suspension of an operator license, as provided in Section 303(m) of the Communications Act, the Chief of the Safety and Special Radio Services Bureau, with respect to amateur operator licenses, or the Chief of the Field Engineering and Monitoring Bureau, with respect to commercial operator licenses, may issue an order suspending the operator license. No order of suspension in any operators' license shall take effect until 15 days' notice in writing of the cause for the proposed suspension has been given to the operator licensee, who may make written application to the Commission at any time within said 15 days for a hearing upon such order. The notice to the operator licensee shall not be effective until actually received by him, and from that time he shall have 15 days in which to mail the said application. In the event that physical conditions prevent mailing of the application before the expiration of the 15-day period, the application shall then be mailed as soon as possible thereafter, accompanied by a satisfactory explanation of the delay. Upon receipt by the Commission of such application for hearing, said order of suspension shall be designated for hearing by the Chief, Safety and Special Radio Services Bureau or the Chief, Field Engineering Bureau, as the case may be, and said order of suspension shall be held in abeyance until the conclusion of the hearing. Upon the conclusion of said hearing, the Commission may affirm, modify or revoke said order of suspension. If the license is ordered suspended, the operator shall send his operator license to the office of the Commission in Washington, D.C., on or before the effective date of the order, or, if the effective date has passed at the time notice is received, the license shall be sent to the Commission forthwith.

## LOGS AND RECORDS

**§1.6 Availability of station logs and records for Commission inspection.**—(a) Station records and logs shall be made available for inspection or duplication at the request of the Commission or its representative. Such logs or records may be removed from the licensee's possession by a Commission representative or, upon request, shall be mailed by the licensee to the Commission by either registered mail, return receipt requested, or certified mail, return receipt requested. The return receipt shall be retained by the licensee as part of the station records until such records or logs are returned to the licensee. A receipt shall be furnished when the logs or records are removed from the licensee's possession by a Commission representative and this receipt shall be retained by the licensee as part of the station records until such records or logs are returned to the licensee. When the Commission has no further need for such records or logs, they shall be returned to the licensee. The provisions of this rule shall apply solely to those station logs and records which are required to be maintained by the provisions of this chapter.

(b) Where records or logs are maintained as the official records of a recognized law enforcement agency and the removal of the records from the possession of the law enforcement agency will hinder its law enforcement activities, such records will not be removed pursuant to this section if the Chief of the law enforcement agency shall promptly certify in writing to the Federal Communications Commission that the removal of the logs or records will hinder law enforcement activities of the agency, and stating insofar as feasible the basis for his decision and the date when it can reasonably be expected that such records may be released to the Federal Communications Commission.

## LOTTERIES

**§73.122 Lotteries.**—(a) An application for construction permit, license, renewal of license, or any other authorization for the operation of a broadcast station, will

not be granted where the applicant proposes to follow or continue to follow a policy or practice of broadcasting or permitting "the broadcasting of any advertisement or information concerning any lottery, gift enterprise, or similar scheme, offering prizes dependent in whole or in part upon lot or chance or any list of the prizes drawn or awarded by means of any such lottery, gift enterprise, or scheme, whether said list contains any part or all such prizes." (See 18 U.S.C. §1304.)

(b) The determination whether a particular program comes within the provisions of paragraph (a) of this section depends on the facts of each case. However, the Commission will in any event consider that a program comes within the provisions of paragraph (a) of this section if in connection with such program a prize consisting of money or thing of value is awarded, to any person whose selection is dependent in whole or in part upon lot or chance, if as a condition of winning or competing for such prize, such winner or winners, are required to furnish any money, or thing of value or are required to have in their possession any product sold, manufactured, furnished or distributed by a sponsor of a program broadcast on the station in question.

**§1304 (of U.S. Criminal Code) Broadcasting Lottery Information.**—Whoever broadcasts by means of any radio station for which a license is required by any law of the U.S. or whoever, operating any such station, knowingly permits the broadcasting of any advertisement or information concerning any lottery, gift enterprise, or similar scheme, offering prizes dependent in whole or in part upon lot or chance, or any list of the prizes drawn or awarded by means of any such lottery, gift enterprise, or scheme, whether said list contains any part or all of such prizes, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

Each day's broadcasting shall constitute a separate offense.

## CENSORSHIP

**§326 (of Communications Act)**—Nothing in this Act shall be understood to give the Commission the power of

## FCC Fee Schedule

The FCC, in response to a decision of the U.S. Supreme Court, has adopted a revised schedule of fees it charges those it regulates. The schedule is based on the principle that the "value-to-recipient" factor be "reasonably related to a portion of the commission's costs." Fees are effective March 1, 1975.

	Filing fee	Grant fee
<b>Construction permits:</b>		
VHF—top-50 markets	\$10,000	\$67,500
UHF—top-50 markets	2,500	22,500
VHF—next 50 markets	4,000	27,000
UHF—next 50 markets	1,000	9,000
VHF—balance	2,000	13,500
UHF—balance	500	4,500
FM—class A	200	1,350
FM—class B and C	400	2,700
AM—day—50 kw	1,000	6,750
AM—day—25 kw	800	5,400
AM—day—10 kw	600	4,050
AM—day—5 kw	400	2,700
AM—day—1 kw	200	1,350
AM—day—500 w	100	675
AM—day—250 w	50	340
AM—unlimited 50 kw	2,000	13,500
AM—unlimited 25 kw	1,600	10,800
AM—unlimited 10 kw	1,200	8,100
AM—unlimited 5 kw	800	5,400
AM—unlimited 1 kw	400	2,700
AM—unlimited 500 w	200	1,350
AM—unlimited 250 w	100	675
AM—class IV	200	1,350

	AM	FM	TV	Auxiliary
<b>Other applications:</b>				
Application for construction permit to replace expired permit (Form 321)	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$ 50
Application for modification other than major change (Form 301):				
(A) Application to change antenna/transmitter site; or to increase antenna height; or to change antenna pattern	*	*	*	*
(B) All other Form 301 applications	100	100	100	—
Application for change of call sign for broadcast station	200	200	200	—
Application for authorization in auxiliary broadcast services (Form 313):				
(A) Application for modification of construction permit or license in auxiliary broadcast services	—	—	—	50
(B) Application for construction permit for remote pick-up mobile station	—	—	—	100
(C) Application for construction permit for intercity relay or for studio transmitter link or for remote pick-up base station	—	—	—	250
(D) All other Form 313 applications	—	—	—	100
Application for construction permit or license				

of auxiliary or alternate main transmitter	50	50	50	50
All other applications in the broadcast services	100	100	100	100

\* One-half the filing fee for an application for construction permit for new station or major change in existing station but not less than \$100.

## Subscription television authorizations:

Application filing fee ..... \$700

## Assignments and transfers:

Application for assignment of license or transfer of control—Form 314, Form 315 and Form 316 applications. (Where more than one broadcast station license is involved, the total amount of fees prescribed for each license so involved will be paid in the manner set forth below.):

## Sales or Exchanges:

Application filing fee (Forms 314 & 315)	\$200
Application filing fee (Form 316)	\$50
Grant fee (to be paid immediately following consummation of the assignment or transfer):	
For AM stations, and joint assignment or transfer of AM-FM stations, with gross revenue of \$400,000 or less	0.9% of gross revenue
For AM stations, and joint assignment or transfer of AM-FM stations, with gross revenue greater than \$400,000	\$3,600 plus 1.4% of gross revenue in excess of \$400,000
For all FM stations	0.9% of gross revenue
For television stations with gross revenue of \$800,000 or less	1% of gross revenue
For television stations with gross revenue greater than \$800,000	\$8,000 plus 1.6% of gross revenue in excess of \$800,000
In all other cases and/or when gross revenue is indeterminable (See Note 2)	0.4% of consideration for assignment or transfer

## Gifts:

Application filing fees and grant fees for assignments or transfers resulting from gifts are the same as those for sales or exchanges above, with the exception that no grant fee will be assessed for an assignment or transfer by gift from a person to a spouse and/or lineal descendant.

**Note 1:** Gross revenue will be determined by taking the average of the annual gross revenue figures reported on line 19 of FCC Form 324 for the respective station(s) for the three years immediately preceding the date of the consummation of the transfer or assignment.

**Note 2:** In certain situations gross revenue figures are not available for assessment of a fee on that basis—for example, assignment or transfer of an AM or FM station individually from what had been a joint AM-FM operation; assignment or transfer of a broadcast station license in which gross revenue has been either nonexistent or so intermittent as to be an improper basis upon which to establish a grant fee; assignment or transfer of religious or other stations that do not report gross revenue. In those types of cases, the grant fee will be assessed on the basis of consideration as indicated above.

censorship over the radio communications or signals transmitted by any radio station, and no regulation or condition shall be promulgated or fixed by the Commission which shall interfere with the right of free speech by means of radio communications.

## Station Application Procedure

Any qualified citizen, firm, or group may apply to the Federal Communications Commission for authority to construct a standard (AM), frequency modulation (FM), or television (TV) broadcast station.

Licensing of these facilities is prescribed by the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, which sets up certain basic requirements. In general, applicants must satisfy the commission that they are legally, technically and financially qualified, and that operation of the proposed station would be in the public interest.

The licensing procedure is detailed in Part 1 of the commission's rules, "Practice and Procedure." Station operation is covered by Part 73 (formerly Part 3), "Radio Broadcast Services."

Most applicants employ engineering and legal services in preparing their applications. The commission does not make technical or other special studies for prospective applicants nor does it recommend individual lawyers or engineers. Names of firms and individuals practicing before the commission are listed in various trade publications.

### Selecting a Facility

An AM applicant must make his own search for a frequency on which he can operate without causing or receiving interference from existing stations and stations proposed in pending applications. AM broadcast stations operate on "local," "regional," or "clear" channels. Sta-

tions of 250 watts power nighttime and up to 1 kilowatt daytime serve small communities; stations of 500 watts to 5 kilowatts power cover centers of population and surrounding areas; stations of 10 to 50 kilowatts power are for large area coverage, particularly at night.

An FM station applicant must request an FM channel assigned to the community in which he proposes to operate, or a place within a 10-mile radius (for Class A FM stations) or a 15-mile radius (for Class B or Class C FM stations), which has no FM channel assignment. Power, antenna height and station separation are governed by the zone in which the station is located. There are three classes of commercial FM stations. Class A stations use power of from 100 watts to 3 kilowatts to cover a radius of about 15 miles; Class B stations, 5 kilowatts to 50 kilowatts for 40-mile service and Class C, 25 kilowatts to 100 kilowatts for 65-mile range. Noncommercial educational FM stations are in a separate category and may operate with power as low as 10 watts. Commercial and educational FM stations may apply for a "Subsidiary Communications Authorization" (Form 318) to furnish certain supplemental services. FM stations may engage in stereophonic broadcasting for which no special application is required.

An applicant for a TV station must request a VHF (very high frequency) or a UHF (ultra high frequency) channel assigned to the community in which he proposes to operate, or a place having no channel assignment within 15 miles of that community. Power depends upon the kind of channel used (VHF or UHF) and station separation is determined by three zones. TV "translator" stations serve remote communities by picking up and rebroadcasting the programs of outside stations, with the latter's permission. They operate on any VHF channel or on any unassigned UHF channel between 55 and 69 or on any unassigned channel. Certain channels are assigned for noncommercial educational TV operation. There is a "Community Antenna Relay Service" for noncommon-carrier microwave facilities to relay TV signals to cable TV systems.

*Note 3:* In the case of transfer of control, the transfer grant fee will be based on the percentage of interest acquired which resulted in the transfer of control (except for those situations described in note 4 below in which additional acquisitions of interest may be subject to the grant fee). (Example: "A" acquires a 60% interest in an AM station with gross revenue of \$100,000. Assuming "A" holds no other interest in this station that was acquired in the preceding two years, the grant fee is \$540—\$100,000 x 0.9% x 60%.)

*Note 4:* In the case of transfer of control in which the transferee holds previously acquired interest in the subject broadcast station license, the grant fee will be based on the acquisition which resulted in transfer of control and on interests acquired during the two-year period immediately preceding the date of the contract for the transfer of control. In addition, a grant fee will also be assessed against any additional interest in the station acquired within two years following the date of the contract for transfer of control. Such grant fee for additional acquisitions within two years subsequent to transfer of control will be computed on the basis of the same gross revenue figures used in connection with the transfer of control application and such additional fee shall be submitted at the time the supplemental Ownership Report (FCC Form 323) is filed with the commission. (Example: "A" acquires the following interests in an AM station with \$100,000 gross revenue: 1-1-71—10%, 1-1-72—10%, 1-1-73—20%, 2-1-74 (contract date)—30%. The transfer grant fee is \$450—\$100,000 x 0.9% x 50%, with the 50% figure representing the interest that resulted in transfer of control plus interest acquired in the two years immediately preceding the date of contract for the transaction which resulted in transfer of control. If "A" were to acquire any additional interest in this station prior to 2-1-76, an additional grant fee would be incurred equivalent to the additional interest acquired times \$100,000 times 0.9%.

### Annual license fee:

Each broadcast station shall pay an annual license fee to the commission based on the station's rate card as of June 1 of each year.

#### For AM & FM stations:

The annual license fee will be a payment equal to 8.5 times the station's highest single one-minute spot announcement rate, but in no event shall the annual license fee for each AM and each FM station be less than \$25.

#### For television stations:

The annual license fee will be a payment equal to 4.25 times the station's highest 30-second spot announcement rate, but in no event shall the annual license fee be less than \$100.

### Fees are not required in the following instances:

- (1) Applications filed by tax exempt organizations for operation of stations providing noncommercial educational broadcast services, whether or not such stations operate on frequencies allocated for noncommercial, educational use.
- (2) Applications in the standard broadcast service requesting authority to determine power of nondirectional standard broadcast stations by direct measurement.
- (3) Applications for all FM or television translators and all FM or television translator relay stations.
- (4) Applications by local government entities in connection with the licensing or operation of a noncommercial broadcast station.
- (5) Applications for licenses to cover construction permits in the auxiliary broadcast services.

### Applying for a Construction Permit

After a prospective broadcaster has decided upon the type of station he desires, and the place where it would be located, he should ascertain and plan to meet the community problems and programming needs of the locality he intends to serve. The next step is to apply for a construction permit. This is done on FCC Form 301, "Application for Authority to Construct a New Broadcast Station or Make Changes in an Existing Broadcast Station," which covers AM, FM, or TV broadcasts, except educational applicants who use FCC Form 340, FM and TV translators (Form 346), and FM booster stations (Form 349P). These forms require information about the citizenship and character of the applicant, as well as his financial, technical and other qualifications, plus details about the transmitting apparatus to be used, antenna and studio locations, and the service proposed. Commercial broadcast applicants are required to show their financial ability to operate for one year after construction of the station. Triplicate copies are required. Nonprofit educational institutions apply for new or changed instructional TV fixed stations on Form 330P.

### Applicants Must Give Local Notice

Applicants for new broadcast stations, license renewals, station sales or major changes in existing stations must give local public notice of their plans and also of any subsequent designation of their applications for hearing. This is done over the applicant's local station (if any) and by advertising in the local newspaper. It affords interested persons an opportunity to comment on these applications to the commission. Applicants and stations must also maintain public reference files in their respective localities.

### Hearing Procedure

Where it appears that an application does not conform to the commission's rules and regulations, that serious interference would be caused, if there is protest of merit, or if other serious questions of a technical, legal or financial character develop, a hearing is usually required. The commission must accord a hearing to competing applications filed within specified time limits.

In designating an application for hearing, the commission gives public notice of the issues for the information of the applicant and others concerned. The hearing notice generally allows the applicant 60 days or more in which to prepare. Even after the hearing has been set, an applicant may amend his application to resolve engineering or other problems. (Commission approval is required for all mergers or situations in which a competing applicant withdraws on payment of expenses.)

Hearings on competing applications are normally held at the commission's Washington offices. Hearings on license revocations and renewals are held in the communities affected.

Hearings are customarily conducted by an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). He has the authority to administer oaths, examine witnesses and rule upon the admission of evidence. A prehearing conference is held to reach agreement on procedural matters.

Within 20 days after the close of a record by the ALJ, each party and the chief of the Broadcast Bureau of the commission can file proposed findings of fact and conclusions to support their contentions. After review of the evidence and statements, the hearing examiner issues an initial decision.

If he wishes to contest the initial decision, the applicant or any other party in interest has 30 days from the date on which the initial decision was issued to file exceptions. In all cases heard by an ALJ, the commission or its review board may hear oral argument on timely request of any party. After oral argument, the commission or the review board, as the case may be, may adopt, modify or reverse the hearing examiner's initial decision. In cases where the review board has acted on the exceptions, an appeal from its decision may be taken to the commission within 30 days. The commission may, however, deny the appeal for review without stating reasons for such action.

Court appeals can be taken within 30 days following release of the final decision, in which case the commission's action is stayed pending court determination.

### Construction Permit

When an application is granted, a construction permit is issued. The new permittee may then request call letters which, if available and conforming to the rules, are issued. A period of 60 days from date of the construction permit is provided in which construction shall begin, and a maximum of six months thereafter as the time for completion of construction (or eight months in all). Application to make changes in an existing station is made on the same form used in seeking initial construction authorization (Form 301). Application to modify a broadcast construction authorization or to modify a license is made on form 301-A, "Request for Modification of Broadcast Station Authorization." If the permittee is unable to build his station within the time



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specified, he must apply for extension of time on Form 701 ("Application for Additional Time to Construct a Radio Station"), giving reasons. Upon completion of construction the permittee conducts equipment (not program) tests.

### License

The final step is to apply for the actual license on Form 302 ("Application for New Broadcast Station License"), or Form 341 (for noncommercial educational FM stations), Form 347 (for TV and FM translators), or Form 349L (for FM boosters). Applicants must show compliance with all terms, conditions and obligations set forth in the original application and the construction permit. Not until he applies for a license can the holder of

a construction permit request authority to conduct program tests. The license application form provides a space for program test requests, or it can be made separately. A station license and program test authority are issued if no new cause or circumstance has come to the attention of the commission that would make operation of the station contrary to public interest.

Applicants for renewal of station licenses must show that they have operated according to the terms of their authorizations and the promises they made in obtaining them. Most renewal applications are made on Form 303 ("Application for Renewal of Broadcast Station License"). Noncommercial educational licensees use Form 342; TV and FM translators Form 348 and FM boosters Form 349R. Pending the disposition of any commission hearing or other proceeding involving license renewal or revocation considerations, the station continues to operate even though its license term may have expired.

## Group Ownership

Listed here are individuals and companies with multiple station holdings. Included are all those controlling three or more radio stations and/or two or more television stations. FCC rules limit multiple ownership to seven AM stations, seven FM stations and seven television stations, of which not more than five TV stations may be VHF. Ownership of CATV systems, as reported by these stations, is also listed. Unless otherwise noted, the first station listed is group headquarters.

**ABC Owned Stns**—WABC(AM), WPLJ(FM), and WABC-TV New York; WLS(AM), WDAI(FM) and WLS-TV Chicago; KGO(AM), KSF(AM) and KGO-TV San Francisco; KABC(AM), KLOS(FM) and KABC-TV Los Angeles; WXYZ(AM), WRIF(FM) and WXYZ-TV Detroit; KXYZ(AM) and KAUM(FM) Houston. For listing of ABC divisions and executives, see Index, Section A.

**The A.S. Abell Co.**—WMAR-FM-TV Baltimore and WBOC-AM-FM-TV Salisbury, all Maryland. Ownership: A.S. Abell Co.; D.P. Campbell, VP and gen mgr. Hqs: The A.S. Abell Co., WMAR-TV, 6400 York Rd., Baltimore 21212.

**Abilene Radio & TV Stns**—KRBC-TV Abilene, and KACB-TV San Angelo, both Texas. Ownership: Dale Ackers, 29.17%; Sybil Ackers, 12.5%; Jack Andrews, 29.17%; Christine Ackers Cagle, 20%; Carol Cagle Trust, 9.17%.

**Able Communications Inc.**—KJOI(FM) Los Angeles and KOAX(FM) Dallas; minority interest in WAVO(AM) Decatur and WPCH(FM) Atlanta, both Georgia. Also has bought KEZX(FM) Seattle, subject to FCC approval. Executives: Ed Blake, pres; Robert E. Richer, exec VP. Ownership: Owned by Noel Fund Inc. Louis Marx and Dan W. Lufkin own 50% each of Noel Fund.

**Allegheny Mountain Network Stns**—WBLF(AM) Bellefonte, WIYQ(FM) Ebensburg, WTRN(AM) and WGMR-FM Tyrone, all Pennsylvania; 70% of WFRM(AM) Coudersport, WNB(AM) and WGCR-FM Wellsboro, both Pennsylvania; 50% of WKBI(AM) St. Marys and WKBI-FM Ridgway, both Pennsylvania. Ownership: Cary H. Simpson. Hqs: Washington Ave. & First St., Tyrone, Pa. 16686. (814) 684-3200.

**Amaturo Group Inc.**—KQTV(TV) St. Joseph and KKSS(FM) St. Louis, both Missouri; and KLYX(FM) Clear Lake City, Tex. Ownership: Owned by Joseph C. Amaturo and members of the Loeb family. Hqs: Box 533, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. 33310.

**American Colonial Bcstg. Corp.**—WKBM-TV Caguas, WSUR-TV Ponce, and WKVM(AM) and WCAD-FM San Juan, all Puerto Rico. Owned by Ralph Perez Perry. Hqs: Box 4189, San Juan, P.R. 00905.

**Anderson Stns**—KRKS and KLIR-FM Denver; KCLO-AM-FM Leavenworth, KJRG-AM-FM Newton and KFLA-AM-FM Scott City, all Kansas; KJSK-AM-FM Columbus, Neb. (68%), George Basil Anderson and family. Hqs: 6535 West Jewell, Denver 80226.

**Armington-France-Gehring-Ocepek Stns**—WFKY(AM) and WKYW(FM) Frankfort, Ky.;

WHOK-AM-FM Lancaster and WPVL(AM) Painesville, both Ohio. Principal owners: Anthony S. Ocepek, William M. France, Richard H. Gehring, Raymond Q. Armington. Hqs: c/o WPVL Radio, 1 Radio Place, Painesville, Ohio 44077.

**ASI Communications Inc.**—WRYT Boston; KJTV(TV) Bakersfield, KROY Sacramento and KFAC-AM-FM Los Angeles, all California; WERE Cleveland. Ownership: Ralph Guild, 46.5%. ASI also is owner of McGavren-Guild-PGW, station representatives. Hqs: 400 Park Ave., New York 10022.

**Avco Broadcasting Corp.**—WLW(AM) and WLWT(TV) Cincinnati, WLWC(TV) Columbus, WLWD(TV) Dayton, all Ohio; WLWI(TV) Indianapolis; WOAI-AM-TV San Antonio, Tex.; WWDC-AM-FM Washington; KYA-AM-FM San Francisco; WRTH Wood River, Ill. (Note: Avco has sold both WOAI-AM-TV and WWDC-AM-FM, subject to FCC approval.) Execs: John T. Murphy, pres; Walter E. Bartlett, senior VP-TV; Robert L. Goosman, senior VP-treas; Donald G. Middendorf, VP-administration; George J. Gray, VP-Washington affairs; Clyde G. Haehnle, VP-tech asst to the pres; Donald L. Dahlman, VP-TV sls; Howard Lepple, VP-engr. Following are VPs and gen mgrs of these Avco-owned stations: WLW—Charles K. Murdock; WLWT(TV)—William E. Wuerch; WLWC(TV)—Ben McKeel; WLWD(TV)—Ray Colie; WLWI(TV)—Eugene V. McPherson; WOAI—Clifford Hunter; WOAI-TV—Edward V. Cheviot; WWDC-AM-FM—Larry Kirby; KYA-AM-FM—Clifford M. Hunter; WRTH—Joseph P. Costantino. Avco Bcstg. is a subsidiary of Avco Corp. which owns companies manufacturing electronic products, airplane engines, farm implements and other heavy machinery, and is engaged in electronic and chemical research, insurance and financial services. It also owns Avco Embassy Pictures and Carte Blanche. Avco Bcstg. owns Avco Program Sales, producers and distributors of syndicated programs; and Avco Film Productions, producers of 16mm non-theatrical films. Hqs: 1600 Provident Tower, Cincinnati 45202. (513) 241-1822.

**(Cy N.) Bahakel Bcstg**—WCCB-TV Charlotte, N.C.; WKAB-TV Montgomery, Ala.; WOLO-TV Columbia, S.C.; WABG-AM-TV Greenwood, Miss.; WKIN(AM) Kingsport, WBBJ-TV Jackson and WOD-AM-FM Chattanooga, all Tennessee; WWOD-AM-FM Lynchburg, Va.; WLBJ-AM-FM Bowling Green, Ky., and KXEL-AM-FM Waterloo, Iowa. Hqs: Box 2449, Charlotte, N.C. 28234.

**Vernon H. Baker Stns**—WNNN(FM) Canton and WJIC(AM) Salem, both New Jersey; WGIC(AM) and WBZI(FM) Xenia, Ohio; WEOO(AM) Smithfield and WESR-AM-FM Tasley, both Virginia. Principal owner: Vernon H. Baker. Hqs: Box 889, Blacksburg, Va. 24060.

**Balaban Stns**—Owns 50% each of WICS(TV) Springfield, WICD(TV) Champaign, both Illinois; WHNB-TV New Britain-Hartford, Conn.; owns 47% of WTVO(TV) Rockford, Ill. Ownership: Harry and Elmer Balaban, who also own chain of motion picture theaters in Midwest, CATV. Hqs: H. & E. Balaban Corp., 190 N. State St., Chicago 60601.

**Baltimore Sunpapers Stns**—See The A.S. Abell Co.

**Bartell Broadcasters Inc.**—WDRQ(FM) Detroit; WMYQ(FM) Miami; WOKY(AM) Milwaukee; WADO(AM) New York; KSLQ(FM) St. Louis; KCBQ(AM) San Diego. Hqs: 205 E. 42d St., New York 10017.

**Bass Bcstg Stns**—KFDW-TV Clovis, N.M.; KFDO-TV Sayre, Okla.; KFDA-TV Amarillo and KDNT-AM-FM Denton, both Texas; WSLC(AM) and WSLQ(FM) Roanoke, Va. Hqs: 8330 Engineer Rd., San Diego 92111.

**Beasley Broadcast Group**—WMOO(AM) and WBLX(FM) Mobile, Ala. (53.5%); WGAC(AM) Augusta, Ga. (60%); WFAI(AM) Fayetteville (60%), WFMC(AM) and WOKN(FM) Goldsboro (60%), WHNC(AM) and WXNC(FM) Henderson (50%), and WKGX(AM) Lenoir, (35%), all North Carolina; WASC(AM) Spartanburg, S.C. (50%). Principal owner: George G. Beasley, pres. Hqs: Box 1355, Goldsboro, N.C. 27530.

**Beck-Ross Communications Inc.**—WHCN(FM) Hartford, Conn.; WKMF(AM) and WGMZ(FM) Flint, Mich.; WGLI(AM) Babylon and WBLI(FM) Patchogue, both New York. Executive: Martin F. Beck, pres. Hqs: c/o WGLI Inc., 1290 Peconic Ave., Babylon, N.Y. 11704.

**Beef Empire Stns**—KCOL-AM-FM Fort Collins, Colo.; WJAG-AM-FM Norfolk, Neb. Ownership: Jerry Huse, pres; Bob Thomas, VP & gen mgr; James Prchal, treas. Hqs: c/o WJAG Inc., Box 789, Norfolk, Neb. 68701.

**Charles E. Bell Stns**—WTRS-AM-FM Dunnellon, Fla. (49%); WDOG(AM) Allendale (100%) and WSIB(AM) Beaufort (100%), both South Carolina. Hqs: WSIB, Drawer W, Beaufort, S.C. 29902.

**Belo Broadcasting Corp.**—KFDM-TV Beaumont and WFAA-AM-TV, KZEW(FM) Dallas, both Texas. Executives: James M. Moroney Jr., chmn & chief exec off; Mike Shapiro, pres & chief operating off; Ward L. Huey Jr., VP & gen mgr; Jim W. Cooper, VP & sec; Aubrey Jenkins, VP & treas; Jeanette Greer, asst sec. Ownership: A. H. Belo Corp. Hqs: Communications Center, Dallas 75202.

**BFR Stns**—See Midcontinent Broadcasting Co.

**Big Bend Bcstg Corp.**—WCNH-AM-FM Quincy, Fla.; WBSC(AM) Bennettsville, S.C. W. S. Dodson, pres; Dorothy Dodson, sec-treas; A. Ken Harmon, VP. Hqs: Drawer 629, Bennettsville, S.C. 29512.

**Black Hawk Broadcasting Stns**—KLWW(AM) Cedar Rapids, KTIV(TV) Sioux City, KWLL-AM-TV and KFMW(FM) Waterloo, all Iowa; KAAL(TV) Austin, Minn. Robert Buckmaster, pres. Hqs: E. Fourth & Franklin Sts., Waterloo, Iowa 50703.

**Bluegrass Broadcasting Co.**—WFFG(AM) Marathon and WHOO-AM-FM Orlando, both Florida; WVLK-AM-FM Lexington and WINN(AM) Louisville, both Kentucky. Principal owner: Garvice D. Kincaid. Hqs: 610 Central Bank Bldg., Lexington, Ky. 40505.

**Bonneville International Corp.**—KBRT(AM) Avalon and KBIG(FM) Los Angeles, both California; WCLR(FM) Skokie, Ill. (Chicago); KMBZ(AM) and KMBR(FM) Kansas City, Mo.; WRFM(FM) New York; KSL-AM-FM-TV Salt Lake City; KIRO-AM-FM-TV Seattle. Ownership: Bonneville International Corp., 100% owned by the Corp. of the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Arch L. Madsen, pres. CATV. Hqs: 136 East South Temple, Suite 2000, Salt Lake City 84111.

**Booth American Co.**—WIOU(AM), WKMO(FM) Kokomo and WJVA(AM), WRBR(FM) South Bend, both Indiana; WJLB(AM) and WMZK(FM) Detroit, WIBM(AM) and WHFI(FM) Jackson, WSGW(AM) and WSBM(FM) Saginaw, all Michigan; WABQ(AM), WXEN(FM) Cleveland and WTOD(AM), WKLR(FM) Toledo, both Ohio. Principal owners: John L. Booth, Mrs. John L. Booth, John L. Booth II, Ralph H. Booth II. CATV. Hqs: 2300 Buhl Bldg., Detroit 48226. (313) 965-3360.

**Booth Newspapers Inc.**—WTWO(TV) Terre Haute, Ind. (100%). Ownership: John L. Booth, pres & bd chmn of Booth American Co. (see listing), per-