FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MB Docket No. 21-70; RM-11886; DA 21-582; FR ID 28089]

Television Broadcasting Services Albany, Georgia.

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: On March 4, 2021, the Media Bureau, Video Division (Bureau) issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in response to a petition for rulemaking filed by WFXL Licensee, LLC (Licensee), the licensee of WFXL, channel 12 (FOX), Albany, Georgia, requesting the substitution of channel 29 for channel 12 at Albany in the DTV Table of Allotments. For the reasons set forth in the Report and Order referenced below, the Bureau amends FCC regulations to substitute channel 29 for channel 12 at Albany.

DATES: Effective [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed rule was published at 86 FR 15885 on March 25, 2021. The Licensee filed comments in support of the petition reaffirming its commitment to apply for channel 29. A viewer of WFXL also filed comments in support of the channel substitution. In support, the Licensee states that the Commission has recognized that VHF channels have certain propagation characteristics which may cause reception issues for some viewers, that the reception of VHF signals requires larger antennas relative to UHF channels, and that WFXL has received numerous complaints from viewers unable to receive the Station’s over-the-air signal, despite being able to receive signals from other stations. In addition, the Licensee submitted an analysis, using the Commission’s TVStudy software analysis.
program, demonstrating that WFXL will continue to serve all of the population located within the licensed channel 12 contour.

This is a synopsis of the Commission’s Report and Order, MB Docket No. 21-70; RM-11886; DA 21-582, adopted May 17, 2021, and released May 17, 2021. The full text of this document is available for download at https://www.fcc.gov/edocs. To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (tty).


The Commission will send a copy of this Report and Order in a report to be sent to Congress and the Government Accountability Office pursuant to the Congressional Review Act, see 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Television.

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Final Rule

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission amends 47 CFR part 73 as follows:
PART 73 - RADIO BROADCAST SERVICE

1. The authority citation for part 73 continues to read as follows:


2. In § 73.622(i), amend the Post-Transition Table of DTV Allotments, under Georgia, by revising the entry for Albany to read as follows:

§ 73.622 Digital television table of allotments.

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