FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MB Docket No. 21-157; RM-11902; DA 21-920; FR ID 41250]

Television Broadcasting Services Eagle River, Wisconsin.

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: On April 16, 2021, the Media Bureau, Video Division (Bureau) issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in response to a petition for rulemaking filed by Gray Television Licensee, LLC (Petitioner), requesting the allotment of channel 26 to Eagle River, Wisconsin in the DTV Table of Allotments as the community’s second local service. For the reasons set forth in the Report and Order referenced below, the Bureau amends FCC regulations to allot channel 26 at Eagle River. The newly allotted channel will be authorized pursuant to the Commission’s competitive bidding rules.

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

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed rule was published at 86 FR 22842 on April 29, 2021. The Petitioner filed comments in support of the petition, as required by the Commission’s rules, reaffirming its commitment to apply for channel 26 and if authorized, to build a station promptly. No other comments were filed. We believe the public interest would be served by allotting channel 26 at Eagle River, Wisconsin. Eagle River (population 1,398) clearly qualifies for community of license status for allotment purposes. In addition, the proposal would result in a second local service to Eagle River under the Commission’s third allotment priority. Moreover, the allotment is consistent with the minimum geographic spacing requirements for new DTV allotments in the Commission’s rules, and the allotment point
complies with the rules as the entire community of Eagle River is encompassed by the 48 dBμ contour. The Commission obtained Canadian concurrence for the allotment.

This is a synopsis of the Commission’s Report and Order, MB Docket No. 21-157; RM-11902; DA 21-920, adopted July 27, 2021, and released July 28, 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:
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1. The authority citation for part 73 continues to read as follows:


2. In § 73.622, in paragraph (i), amend the Post-Transition Table of DTV Allotments, under Wisconsin, by revising the entry for “Eagle River” to read as follows:

§ 73.622 Digital television table of allotments.

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