



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MB Docket No. 21-126; RM-11893; DA 21-1190; FR ID 50305]

Television Broadcasting Services Monroe, Louisiana

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission has before it a petition for rulemaking filed by Gray Television Licensee, LLC (Petitioner), the licensee of KNOE (CBS), channel 8, Monroe, Louisiana. The Petitioner requests the substitution of channel 24 for channel 8 at in the DTV Table of Allotments.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]** and reply comments on or before **[INSERT DATE 45 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary, 45 L Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve counsel for the Petitioner as follows: Joan Stewart, Esq., Wiley Rein LLP, 1776 K Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joyce Bernstein, Media Bureau, at (202) 418-1647; or Joyce Bernstein, Media Bureau, at Joyce.Bernstein@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In support, the Petitioner states the proposed channel substitution serves the public interest because it will resolve significant over-the-air reception problems in KNOE's existing service area. The Petitioner further states that the Commission has recognized the deleterious effects manmade noise has on the reception of digital VHF signals, and that the propagation characteristics of these channels allow undesired signals and noise to be

receivable at relatively farther distances compared to UHF channels and nearby electrical devices can cause interference. Finally, the Petitioner states that the proposed channel 24 noise limited contour extends beyond the current channel 8 noise limited contour, and thus, no existing viewers will lose service and an additional 12,868 persons would gain service if the channel substitution is granted.

This is a synopsis of the Commission's *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, MB Docket No. 21-126; RM-11893; DA 21-1190, adopted September 21, 2021, and released September 22, 2021. The full text of this document is available for download at <https://www.fcc.gov/edocs>. To request materials in accessible formats (braille, large print, computer diskettes, or audio recordings), please send an email to FCC504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Government Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (VOICE), (202) 418-0432 (TTY).

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See §§ 1.415 and 1.420 of the Commission's rules for information regarding the proper filing procedures for comments, 47 CFR 1.415 and 1.420.

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Proposed Rule

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission proposes to amend 47 CFR part 73 as follows:

PART 73 — RADIO BROADCAST SERVICE

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

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 155, 301, 303, 307, 309, 310, 334, 336, 339.

§ 73.622 [Amended]

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

§ 73.622 Digital television table of allotments.

(i) ***

Community	Channel No.

LOUISIANA	

Monroe	*13, 24
