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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MB Docket No. 26-266; RM-12027; DA 26-1018; FR ID 369623]

Television Broadcasting Services Savannah, Georgia

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document proposes to amend the Table of TV Allotments (Table) of the Federal Communications Commission's (Commission) rules in response to a petition for rulemaking filed by Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission (Georgia Public Broadcasting or Petitioner), the licensee of noncommercial educational television station WVAN-TV (WVAN-TV or Station), Savannah, Georgia (Savannah). The Petitioner requests the substitution of UHF channel *18 in place of its current VHF channel *8 at Savannah in the Table, with the technical parameters specified in the Petition. In support of its channel substitution request, the Petitioner asserts that allowing the Station to move to a UHF channel would serve the public interest by improving the community's access to WVAN-TV's locally produced programs. The Petitioner observes that the Commission has recognized that VHF channels have certain characteristics that have posed challenges for their use in providing digital television service, including propagation characteristics allowing undesired signals and noise to be receivable at relatively farther distances. Additionally, the Petitioner notes that the Commission has observed large variability in the performance of indoor antennas available to consumers, with most antennas receiving fairly well at UHF and the substantial majority not so well to very poor at high-VHF. An engineering statement provided by the Petitioner confirms that the proposed channel *18 contour would provide full principal community coverage to Savannah and that the proposed channel substitution contour would not cause impermissible

interference to any other licensed facilities. When taking into account the ability of viewers to obtain PBS programming from other nearby stations, the proposed channel substitution would not cause any loss of service.

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, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve counsel for the Petitioner as follows: Derek Teslik, Gray Miller Persh LLP, 2233 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 226, Washington, DC 20007.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, MB Docket No. 26-266; RM-12027; DA 26-1018, adopted September 22, 2026, and released September 22, 2026. The full text of this document is available online at https://www.fcc.gov/edocs.

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consideration or court review, *see* 47 CFR 1.1208. There are, however, exceptions to this prohibition, which can be found in § 1.1204(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 1.1204(a). *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.

Providing Accountability Through Transparency Act: The Providing Accountability Through Transparency Act, Public Law 118-9, requires each agency, in providing notice of a rulemaking, to post online a brief plain-language summary of the proposed rule. The required summary of this notice of proposed rulemaking is available at *https://www.fcc.gov/proposed-rulemakings.*

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Television.

Federal Communications Commission.

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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 SERVICES

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

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

2. In § 73.622, in the table in paragraph (j), under Georgia, revise the entry for "Savannah" to read as follows:

§ 73.622 Digital television table of allotments.

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Community	Channel No.
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Georgia	
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Savannah	16, *18, 22, 23
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