

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)	
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Amendment of Section 73.622(b),)	MM Docket No. 00-98
Table of Allotments,)	RM-9811
Digital Television Broadcast Stations.)	
(Thomasville, Georgia))	

REPORT AND ORDER
(Proceeding Terminated)

Adopted: September 29, 2000

Released: October 2, 2000

By the Chief, Video Services:

1. At the request of WCTV Licensee Corporation ("WCTV"), licensee of station WCTV-TV, NTSC Channel 6, Thomasville, Georgia, the Commission has before it the Notice of Proposed Rule Making, 15 FCC Rcd 9450 (2000), proposing the substitution of DTV Channel 46 for DTV Channel 52 for Station WCTV-DT at Thomasville.¹ WCTV filed comments in support of the channel change. Channel 51, L.C., permittee for a new commercial full power television station WBIF(TV), NTSC Channel 51, Marianna, Florida, filed supporting comments.²

2. We believe the public interest would be served by substituting DTV Channel 46 for DTV Channel 52 since it permit Station WCTV-DT to operate on a core allotment in lieu of its current non-core allotment. DTV Channel 46 can be allotted to Thomasville, Georgia, as proposed, in compliance with the principle community coverage requirements of Section 73.625(a) at coordinates (30-40-13 N. and 83-56-26 W.). In addition, we find that this channel is acceptable under the 2 percent criterion for *de minimis* impact that is applied in evaluating requests for modification of initial DTV allotments under Section 73.623(c)(2) for Station WCTV-DT with the following specifications:

¹ As stated in the Notice, petitioner's request, although signed, failed to include an affidavit verifying the statements contained in his petition, as required by Section 1.52 of the Commission's Rules. Petitioner was requested to correct this deficiency in his responsive comments, and has complied accordingly by filing an affidavit. Petitioner is also now represented by counsel.

² Specifically, Channel 51 states that since WCTV-TV transmitter site (and Thomasville) are both less than 125 kilometers from Mariana, the first-adjacent DTV Channel 52 allotment for WCTV(TV) would greatly limit potential transmitter sites for WBIF(TV). Channel 51 states the adoption of WCTV's proposal would eliminate this potential transmitter site restriction on WBIF(TV).

<u>State & City</u>	<u>DTV Channel</u>	<u>DTV power (kW)</u>	<u>Antenna HAAT (m)</u>	<u>DTV Service Pop. (thous.)</u>
GA Thomasville	46	1000	619	832

3. Accordingly, pursuant to the authority contained in Sections 4(i), 5(c)(1), 303(g) and (r) and 307(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and Sections 0.61, 0.204(b) and 0.283 of the Commission's Rules, IT IS ORDERED, That effective November 16, 2000, the DTV Table of Allotments, Section 73.622(b) of the Commission's Rules, IS AMENDED, with respect to the community listed below, to read as follows:

<u>City</u>	<u>Channel No.</u>
Thomasville, Georgia	46

4. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That within 45 days of the effective date of this *Order*, WCTV Licensee Corporation shall submit to the Commission a minor change application for a construction permit (FCC Form 301) specifying DTV Channel 46 in lieu of DTV Channel 52 for Station WCTV-TV at Thomasville, Georgia.

5. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That this proceeding IS TERMINATED.

6. For further information concerning this proceeding, contact Pam Blumenthal, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-1600.

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