

MHz band. Notwithstanding references to voluntary negotiation periods elsewhere in this section, relocation of FMS licensees in the 2180–2200 MHz band by Mobile-Satellite Service (MSS) licensees (including MSS licensees providing Ancillary Terrestrial Component “ATC” service) will be subject to mandatory negotiations only. Mandatory negotiations will commence on January 7, 2004. Mandatory negotiations will be conducted with the goal of providing the fixed microwave licensee with comparable facilities, defined as facilities possessing the following characteristics:

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■ 12. Section 101.79 is amended by revising the section heading and paragraph (a) to read as follows:

§ 101.79 Sunset provisions for licensees in the 1850–1990 MHz, 2110–2150 MHz, and 2160–2200 MHz bands.

(a) FMS licensees will maintain primary status in the 1850–1990 MHz, 2110–2150 MHz, and 2160–2200 MHz bands unless and until an ET (including MSS/ATC) licensee requires use of the spectrum. ET licensees are not required to pay relocation costs after the relocation rules sunset (*i.e.* ten years after the voluntary period begins for the first ET licensees in the service; or, in the case of the 2180–2200 MHz band, ten years after the mandatory negotiation period begins for MSS/ATC licensees in the service). Once the relocation rules sunset, an ET licensee may require the incumbent to cease operations, provided that the ET licensee intends to turn on a system within interference range of the incumbent, as determined by TIA Bulletin 10-F (for terrestrial-to-terrestrial situations) or TIA Bulletin TSB–86 (for MSS satellite-to-terrestrial situations) or any standard successor. ET licensee notification to the affected FMS licensee must be in writing and must provide the incumbent with no less than six months to vacate the spectrum. After the six-month notice period has expired, the FMS licensee must turn its license back into the Commission, unless the parties have entered into an agreement which allows the FMS licensee to continue to operate on a mutually agreed upon basis.

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■ 13. Section 101.99 is redesignated as § 101.82.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[DA 03–3641, MM Docket No. 99–277, RM–9666]

Digital Television Broadcast Service; Corpus Christi, TX

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission, at the request of Channel 3 of Corpus Christi, Inc., substitutes DTV channel 8 for DTV channel 47 at Corpus Christi. *See* 64 FR 50055, September 15, 1999. DTV channel 8 can be allotted to Corpus Christi in compliance with the principle community coverage requirements of Section 73.625(a) at reference coordinates 27–39–30 N. and 97–36–04 W. with a power of 160, HAAT of 289 meters and with a DTV service population of 491 thousand. Since the community of Corpus Christi is located within 275 kilometers of the U.S.-Mexican border, concurrence by the Mexican government has been obtained for this allotment. With this action, this proceeding is terminated.

DATES: Effective January 5, 2004.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission’s Report and Order, MM Docket No. 99–277, adopted November 13, 2003, and released November 19, 2003. The full text of this document is available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY–A257, Washington, DC. This document may also be purchased from the Commission’s duplicating contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., CY–B402, Washington, DC, 20554, telephone 202–863–2893, facsimile 202–863–2898, or via e-mail qualexint@aol.com.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Digital television broadcasting, Television.

■ Part 73 of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 73—[AMENDED]

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

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 303, 334 and 336.

§ 73.622 [Amended]

■ 2. Section 73.622(b), the Table of Digital Television Allotments under Texas, is amended by removing DTV channel 47 and adding DTV channel 8 at Corpus Christi.

Federal Communications Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 402

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RIN 0648–AR05

Joint Counterpart Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation Regulations

AGENCIES: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior; Bureau of Land Management, Interior; National Park Service, Interior; Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior; Forest Service, Agriculture; National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule codifies joint counterpart regulations for consultation under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) (ESA), to streamline consultation on proposed projects that support the National Fire Plan (NFP), an interagency strategy approved in 2000 to reduce risks of catastrophic wildland fires and restore fire-adapted ecosystems. These counterpart regulations were developed, as part of the President’s Healthy Forests Initiative announced in August 2002, by the U.S. Department of the Interior’s Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the U.S. Department of Commerce’s National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) (singly or jointly, Service), in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Forest Service (FS) and the Department of