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#### List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Digital television broadcasting, Television.

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, 303, 334 and 336.

##### § 73.622 [Amended]

2. Section 73.622(b), the Table of Digital Television Allotments under Alabama is amended by removing DTV channel 58 and adding DTV channel 9 at Anniston.

Federal Communications Commission.

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#### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

##### 47 CFR Part 73

[DA 03-3534, MB Docket No. 03-230, RM-10816]

##### Digital Television Broadcast Service; Bloomington, IN

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Tribune Broadcast Holdings, Inc., licensee of station WTTV-TV, Bloomington, Indiana, proposing the substitution of DTV channel 48 for DTV channel 53 at Bloomington. DTV Channel 48 can be allotted to Bloomington at reference coordinates 39-24-27 N. and 86-08-52 W. with a power of 840, a height above average terrain HAAT of 357 meters. Since the community of Bloomington is located within 400 kilometers of the U.S.-Canadian border, concurrence from the Canadian must be obtained for this allotment.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed on or before December 29, 2003, and reply comments on or before January 13, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** The Commission permits the electronic filing of all pleadings and

comments in proceedings involving petitions for rule making (except in broadcast allotment proceedings). See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rule Making Proceedings*, GC Docket No. 97-113 (rel. April 6, 1998). Filings by paper can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. The Commission's contractor, Natek, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows: Thomas P. Van Wazer, Sidley, Austin, Brown & Wood LLP, 1501 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005 (Counsel for Tribune Broadcast Holdings, Inc.).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pam Blumenthal, Media Bureau, (202) 418-1600.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MB Docket No. 03-230, adopted November 4, 2003, and released November 7, 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 20554. This document may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone 202-863-2893, facsimile 202-863-2898, or via e-mail [qualexint@aol.com](mailto:qualexint@aol.com).

Provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to this proceeding.

Members of the public should note that from the time a Notice of Proposed Rule Making is issued until the matter

is no longer subject to Commission consideration or court review, all *ex parte* contacts are prohibited in Commission proceedings, such as this one, which involve channel allotments. See 47 CFR 1.1204(b) for rules governing permissible *ex parte* contacts.

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Federal Communications Commission.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

##### 50 CFR Parts 600 and 648

[Docket No. 031104274-3274-01; I.D. 101603A]

RIN 0648-AQ83

##### Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule, 2004 initial specifications; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS proposes initial specifications for the 2004 fishing year for Atlantic mackerel, squid, and butterfish (MSB). Regulations governing these fisheries require NMFS to publish proposed specifications for the upcoming fishing year and to provide an opportunity for public comment. The