

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

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In the Matter of)	
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Amendment of Section 73.622(b),)	MM Docket No. 00-100
Table of Allotments,)	RM-9860
Digital Television Broadcast Stations.)	
(San Antonio, Texas))	
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING

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By the Chief, Video Services Division:

1. The Commission has before it a petition for rule making filed by Alamo Public Telecommunications Council (“Alamo”), licensee of noncommercial station KLRN-TV, NTSC Channel *9, San Antonio, Texas. Alamo requests the substitution of DTV Channel *8 for its assigned DTV Channel *20.

2. Alamo asserts that its proposed substitution will allow the station to avoid the substantial and unrecoverable capital expenditure required to construct a UHF digital facility, which under the current allotment plan will only be used temporarily until the end of the DTV transition period. Alamo argues that it is important for a noncommercial station such as KLRN-TV, which relies on public funding, to avoid costly construction. More importantly, it states that adoption of its proposal would maximize efficient use of the radiofrequency spectrum by allowing KLRN-TV to provide coverage to all of San Antonio with its F(50,90) dBu contour and would serve a terrain-limited interference-free population of 1,456,522 persons.

3. We believe petitioner's proposal warrants consideration. DTV Channel *8 can be substituted for DTV Channel *20 at San Antonio, as proposed, in compliance with the principle community coverage requirements of Section 73.625(a) at coordinates 29-19-38 N and 98-21-17 W. In addition, we find that this channel change 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). However, since the community of San Antonio is located within 275 kilometers of the U.S.-Mexican border, concurrence by the Mexican government must be obtained for this allotment. We propose to substitute DTV Channel *8 for DTV Channel *20 for station KLRN-TV at San Antonio with the following specifications:

