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CABLE SERVICES BUREAU ACTION

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PETITION FOR DECLARATORY RULING THAT DIGITAL TELEVISION STATIONS HAVE MUST CARRY RIGHTS CSR 5562-Z

Guenter Marksteiner, permittee of Station WHDT-DT ("WHDT"), Channel 59, Stuart, Florida requests a ruling that a new DTV-only television station which seeks carriage of only a single channel of video programming is entitled to mandatory carriage of such programming, subject to other applicable existing requirements of the Communications Act and Part 76 of the Commission's rules.

For purposes of the Commission's ex parte rules, this proceeding will be considered as non-restricted pursuant to Section 1.1206 ("permit-but-disclose proceeding").

Comments and oppositions to WHDT's petition must be filed by August 4, 2000. Replies are due August 18, 2000. All filings should reference the case identifier assigned to this proceeding, CSR 5562-Z.

The petition is available for public inspection in the Commission's Reference Information Center:

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Copies of the Petition and other pleadings are available for purchase from:

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