

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. 00-182
Table of Allotments,)	RM-9957
Digital Television Broadcast Stations.)	
(Sumter, South Carolina))	

REPORT AND ORDER
(Proceeding Terminated)

Adopted: February 14, 2001

Released: February 15, 2001

By the Chief, Video Services Division:

1. At the request of McLaughlin Broadcasting, Inc. ("McLaughlin"), licensee of station WQHB-TV, NTSC channel 63, Sumter, South Carolina, the Commission has before it the Notice of Proposed Rule Making, 15 FCC Rcd 19347 (2000), proposing the substitution of DTV channel 39 for station WQHB-TV's assigned DTV channel 38. McLaughlin filed comments supporting the DTV channel change at Sumter. No other comments were filed.

2. We believe the public interest would be served by substituting DTV channel 39 for DTV channel 38 since it could eliminate potential interference problems associated with the operation of DTV channel 38 at WQHB-TV's new tower site. DTV channel 39 can be allotted to Sumter, South Carolina, as proposed, in compliance with the principle community coverage requirements of Section 73.625(a) at coordinates (34-06-33 N. and 80-44-35 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 WQHB-TV with the following specifications:

<u>State & City</u>	<u>DTV Channel</u>	<u>DTV power (kW)</u>	<u>Antenna HAAT (m)</u>	<u>DTV Service Pop. (thous.)</u>
SC Sumter	39	500	269	860

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 April 2, 2001, 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>
Sumter, South Carolina	*28c, 39

4. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That within 45 days of the effective date of this *Order*, McLaughlin Broadcasting, Inc. shall submit to the Commission a minor change application for a construction permit (FCC Form 301) specifying DTV Channel 39 in lieu of DTV Channel 38 for station WQHB-TV.

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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