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MEDIA BUREAU RECEIVES REQUEST BY ANALOG TELEVISION STATION IN
THE LOWER 700 MHZ BAND TO CEASE ANALOG BROADCASTING, SURRENDER
NTSC LICENSE, AND OPERATE AS A SINGLE CHANNEL, DIGITAL-ONLY
TELEVISION STATION

In its Report and Order in GN Docket No. 01-74, the Commission adopted the reallocation of the 598-746 MHz Spectrum Band (television channels 52-59) from use by television broadcasters to new uses on a flexible basis.¹ The Commission also stated that it would consider requests by incumbent broadcasters on channels 52-58 to voluntarily vacate their NTSC channels prior to the end of the DTV transition on a case-by-case basis.²

The Media Bureau has received a request from WLNY-TV, Inc., the licensee of analog television station WLNY-TV, NTSC Channel 55, and permittee of digital television station WLNY-DT, DTV Channel 57, Riverhead, New York,³ for Commission authority to: (i) cease analog broadcasting on NTSC Channel 55 and surrender its license for the channel prior to the end of the DTV transition; and (ii) thereafter operate WLNY-DT as a single channel, digital-only television station on DTV Channel 57. QUALCOMM Incorporated, which holds licenses for Channel 55 spectrum,⁴ supports this request, stating that approval would allow QUALCOMM's wholly-owned subsidiary, MediaFLO USA, Inc., to operate on Channel 55 in the market without having to protect WLNY-TV on Channel 55.

This request is available for inspection at the Commission's Reference Center, 455 Twelfth Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554, and may also be accessed on the FCC's website at www.fcc.gov/mb/video/tv.html.

¹ See *Reallocation and Service Rules for the 698-746 MHz Spectrum Band (Television Channels 52-59)*, GN Docket No. 01-74, 17 FCC Rcd 1022 (2002).

² *Id.* at 1095-96.

³ Facility ID 73206.

⁴ See *Public Notice, Lower 700 MHz Band Auction Closes*, DA 03-1978 (released June 18, 2003).

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