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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 reallocated the 598-746 MHz Spectrum Band from use by television broadcasters to new uses on a flexible basis.<sup>1</sup> The Commission also stated that it would consider requests by incumbent broadcasters on Channels 52-58, which are located within that Band, to voluntarily vacate their NTSC channels prior to the end of the DTV transition on a case-by-case basis.<sup>2</sup>

The Media Bureau has received a request from Paxson Albany License, Inc., licensee of analog television station WYPX(TV), NTSC Channel 55, and digital television station WYPX-DT, DTV Channel 50, Amsterdam, New York,<sup>3</sup> 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 WYPX-DT as a single channel, digital-only television station on DTV Channel 50. QUALCOMM Incorporated, which holds licenses for Channel 55 spectrum,<sup>4</sup> supports this request, stating that approval would allow QUALCOMM's wholly-owned subsidiary, MediaFLO USA, Inc., to expand its "mediacast" service coverage in the Albany area without having to protect WYPX(TV) on co-channel 55. This request is available for inspection at the Commission's Reference Center, 445 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](http://www.fcc.gov/mb/video/tv.html). For further information, contact Joyce Bernstein of the Media Bureau, Video Division at (202) 418-1647 or [joyce.bernstein@fcc.gov](mailto:joyce.bernstein@fcc.gov).

By: Chief, Media Bureau

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

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 1095-96.

<sup>3</sup> Facility ID No. 13933.

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