

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

In the Matter of

Amendment of Section 73.622(i),
Post-Transition Table of DTV Allotments,
Television Broadcast Stations
(Cordele, Georgia)

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MB Docket No. 16-123
RM-11766

REPORT AND ORDER

Adopted: June 28, 2016

Released: June 28, 2016

(Proceeding Terminated)

By the Chief, Video Division, Media Bureau:

1. The Commission has before it a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking¹ issued in response to a petition for rulemaking filed by Sunbelt-South Tele-Communications, Ltd. (Sunbelt), the licensee of WSST-TV, channel 51, Cordele, Georgia. Sunbelt requests the substitution of channel 22 for channel 51 at Cordele.

2. Sunbelt filed comments reaffirming its interest in the proposed channel substitution and stating that if the proposal is granted, it will promptly file an application for the facilities specified in the rulemaking petition and construct the station. Sunbelt asserts that adopting the proposal would serve the public interest because it would remove any potential interference with authorized wireless operations in the Lower 700 MHz A Block adjacent to channel 51 in Cordele.² In addition, Sunbelt agrees that WSST-TV will be protected in the incentive auction at its channel 51 operating parameters even after its move to channel 22, and recognizes that as a result of repacking during the incentive auction, it may be required to move from channel 22.³ No other comments were received.

3. We believe the public interest will be served by substituting channel 22 for channel 51 at Cordele. Channel 22 can be substituted for channel 51 at Cordele, Georgia as proposed, in compliance with the principal community coverage requirements of Section 73.625(a) of the Commission's rules,⁴ at coordinates 31-53-36 N. and 83-48-18 W. In addition, we find that this channel change meets the technical requirements set forth in Sections 73.616 and 73.623 of the Commission's rules⁵ with the following specifications:

| City and State | DTV Channel | DTV Power (kW) | Antenna HAAT (m) | Service Pop. (thous.) |
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¹ *Amendment of Section 73.622(i), Post-Transition Table of DTV Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations (Cordele, Georgia)*, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 31 FCC Rcd 3587 (Vid. Div. 2016).

² Sunbelt May 5, 2016 Comments at 1.

³ Sunbelt March 30, 2016 Supplement to Petition for Rulemaking at 1; Sunbelt April 13, 2016 Further Supplement to Petition for Rulemaking at 1.

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 73.625(a).

⁵ 47 C.F.R. §§ 73.616, 73.623.

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| Cordele, Georgia | 22 | 91 | 107 | 339 |
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4. 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 30 days after the date of publication of this Report and Order in the Federal Register, the Post-Transition Table of DTV Allotments, Section 73.622(i) of the Commission's rules, **IS AMENDED**, with respect to the community listed below, to read as follows:

| <u>City and State</u> | <u>Channel No.</u> |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Cordele, Georgia | 22 |

5. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, That within 30 days of the effective date of this Order, Sunbelt-South Tele-Communications Ltd. shall electronically submit to the Commission a minor change application for a construction permit specifying channel 22 in lieu of channel 51 on Form 2100, Schedule A, using the Commission's Licensing Management System (<https://enterprise.filing.fcc.gov/dataentry/login.html>).

6. The Commission will send a copy of this Report and Order in a report to be sent to Congress and the Government Accountability Office pursuant to the Congressional Review Act, *see* 5 U.S.C. § 801(a)(1)(A).

7. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, That this proceeding **IS TERMINATED**.

8. For further information concerning the proceeding listed above, contact Joyce Bernstein, Media Bureau, (202) 418-1647.

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