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

In the Matter of	)	
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Amendment of Section 73.622(j)	)	MB Docket No. 25-246
Television Broadcast Stations	)	RM-12007
(Fort Bragg and Cloverdale, California)	j	

# **REPORT AND ORDER** (Proceeding Terminated)

Adopted: December 11, 2025 Released: December 11, 2025

By the Chief, Video Division, Media Bureau:

#### I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Video Division, Media Bureau (Bureau) has before it a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking¹ issued in response to a Petition for Rulemaking filed by One Ministries, Inc. (Petitioner or OMI), licensee of KQSL(TV) (KQSL or Station), channel 8, Fort Bragg, California (Fort Bragg).² OMI requests an amendment of the Table of TV Allotments (Table) to delete channel 8 at Fort Bragg and substitute channel 8 at Cloverdale, California (Cloverdale), consistent with the technical parameters set forth in the Petition.³ The Petitioner further requests modification of its license to specify Cloverdale as its community of license. OMI filed comments in support of the Petition, as required by the Rules.⁴ One other commenter filed comments raising issues that are outside the scope of this proceeding, and we therefore decline to consider them herein.⁵ For the reasons set forth below, we conclude that the public interest would be served by reallotting channel 8 from Fort Bragg to Cloverdale in the Table consistent with the technical parameters set forth in the Petition.

#### II. BACKGROUND

2. Section 1.420(i) of the Rules provides that the Commission, during a rulemaking proceeding to amend the Table, may also modify a station's license or permit to specify a new community of license without affording other interested parties an opportunity to file competing expressions of interest.<sup>6</sup> The Commission has stated it will apply the modification procedure in section 1.420(i) of the Rules in the limited circumstances in which: (1) the new allotment will be mutually exclusive with a station's existing allotment; (2) the new allotment will result in a preferential arrangement of the

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<sup>4</sup> OMI Comments at 1-2; 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419; see also Buffalo, Iola, Normangee, and Madisonville, Texas, MB Docket No. 07-279, Report and Order, 24 FCC Rcd 8192, 8194, para. 9 (MB 2009).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Amendment of Section 73.622(j), Television Broadcast Stations (Fort Bragg and Cloverdale, California), MB Docket No. 25-246, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, DA 25-708 (MB Aug. 11, 2025) (NPRM).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> One Ministries, Inc., Petition for Rulemaking, LMS File No. 0000222311 (filed Oct. 10, 2023) (Petition). The Petition mistakenly refers to section 73.622(i) of the Commission's rules (Rules), which has been replaced by section 73.622(j) of the Rules. *See Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auction*, GN Docket No. 12-268, Order, 36 FCC Rcd 15891 (2021) (adopting new "Table of TV Allotments" to replace "Post-Transition Table of DTV Allotments").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 47 CFR § 73.622(i).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Julie Briggs Comments (expressing opposition to the Petition as a means to prevent "any more cell phone towers [in] Encinitas.").

<sup>6 47</sup> CFR § 1.420(i).

allotments according to the Commission's television allotment priorities; and (3) the new allotment will not deprive a community of its sole local transmission outlet.<sup>7</sup>

- 3. The Commission determines a preferential arrangement of allotments based on the following five priorities: (1) provide at least one television service to all parts of the United States; (2) provide each community with at least one television broadcast station; (3) provide a choice of at least two television services to all parts of the United States; (4) provide each community with at least two television broadcast stations; and (5) assign any remaining channels to communities based on population, geographic location, and the number of television services available to the community from stations located in other communities.<sup>8</sup>
- 4. The Technical Exhibit submitted with the Petition demonstrates that the proposed allotment of channel 8 at Cloverdale is mutually exclusive with the current allotment at Fort Bragg, and is otherwise in compliance with all of the Commission's technical rules. The Petitioner further asserts that its proposal represents a preferential arrangement of allotments under the Commission's second allotment priority because it will result in a first local television station for Cloverdale. Moreover, Fort Bragg will continue to be served by sister station KEDB. In addition, because KQSL is not proposing to modify its technical facilities, the community of license change will not adversely affect the service currently provided by the Station to Fort Bragg. 12
- 5. The Petitioner asserts that Cloverdale is a community deserving of an allotment.<sup>13</sup> Cloverdale is the "fastest growing city in Sonoma County," with an estimated population of 8,809 in 2022.<sup>14</sup> The population of Fort Bragg was 6,881 in 2022.<sup>15</sup> Cloverdale is governed by a mayor and four council members, and managed by a City Manager.<sup>16</sup> Cloverdale also has a police department and public school system that serves approximately 1,400 students across three schools.<sup>17</sup> In addition, the Petitioner

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Amendment of the Commission's Rules Regarding Modification of FM and TV Authorizations to Specify a New Community of License, MM Docket No. 88-526, Report and Order, 4 FCC Rcd 4870, 4873-74, paras. 22 and 28 (1989), recon. granted in part, 5 FCC Rcd 7094 (1990).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Amendment of Section 3.606 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, Sixth Report and Order, 41 F.C.C. 148, 167-173 (1952). Section 307(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the Act), requires the Commission to "provide a fair, efficient, and equitable distribution" of broadcast service among the States and communities of the United States. 47 U.S.C. § 307(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> See Petition at 2 and Engineering Statement, Exhibit B.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Petition at 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> See id.; Amendment of Section 73.622(j), Table of Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations (Fort Bragg, California), MB Docket No. 21-123, Report and Order, 37 FCC Rcd 113 (MB 2022).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Petition at 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> *Id*. at 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> *Id.*, citing Exhibit A. Cloverdale's population grew by 32 percent from 2000 to 2010 and is projected to grow by an additional 34 percent by 2035. *Id.* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> *Id.*, Exhibit A.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Id. at 4, citing Exhibit A. See City of Cloverdale, <a href="https://www.cloverdale.net/">https://www.cloverdale.net/</a> (last visited Dec. 2, 2025).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Petition at 4.

provides that Cloverdale has hundreds of businesses supported by the Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce, 18 its own ZIP Code, 19 and a public bus service. 20

### III. DISCUSSION

- We find that the Petitioner's proposed change in community of license from Fort Bragg 6. to Cloverdale on balance creates a more preferential arrangement of allotments pursuant to section 307(b) of the Act. In addition, the proposed allotment of channel 8 at Cloverdale is mutually exclusive with the current allotment at Fort Bragg, and, taken together, meets the modification procedure in section 1.420(i) of the Rules.<sup>21</sup> The Petitioner has demonstrated that Cloverdale is a community that qualifies for an allotment. As discussed above, Cloverdale has an elected local government, a public transit system, and hundreds of businesses supported by the Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce. The change in community of license from Fort Bragg to Cloverdale would add a first local service to Cloverdale, which meets the second criteria under the Commission's allotment priorities.<sup>22</sup> Cloverdale also has a larger population than Fort Bragg by nearly 2,000 residents and its population is expected to continue to increase in the coming years.<sup>23</sup> While Fort Bragg continues to qualify for an allotment and would lose its second allotted service under allotment priority three, sister station KEDB would continue to remain allotted to Fort Bragg.<sup>24</sup> Further, because OMI does not propose to modify KOSL's technical facilities, the community of license change will not adversely affect service to its existing over-the-air viewers in Fort Bragg. 25 For these reasons, we conclude that grant of the proposed reallotment is in the public interest.
- 7. We also conclude that the proposed allotment at Cloverdale is in compliance with all of our technical rules. As proposed, channel 8 can be allotted to Cloverdale, as proposed, in compliance with the principal community coverage requirements of section 73.618 of the Rules<sup>26</sup> at coordinates 39° 41' 38.0" N+ and 123° 34' 43.0" W.<sup>27</sup> Furthermore, we find that this proposed change in community of license meets the technical requirements set forth in section 73.622(a) of the Rules with the following specifications:<sup>28</sup>

City and State	<u>Channel</u>	Power (kW)	Antenna HAAT (m)	Service Pop.
Cloverdale, California	8	26	744	212,715

#### IV. ORDERING CLAUSES

8. Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that, pursuant to sections 4(i), 5(c)(1), 303(g) and (r), and 307(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,<sup>29</sup> and sections 0.61, 0.204(b), and 0.283 of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Id. at 5. See Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce, https://www.Cloverdalechamber.com/ (last visited Dec. 2, 2025).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Petition at 5, citing Exhibit A.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> *Id.* The public bus service serving Cloverdale is part of the transit system serving Sonoma County. Sonoma County Transit, <a href="https://sctransit.com/maps-schedules/route-68/">https://sctransit.com/maps-schedules/route-68/</a> (last visited Dec. 2, 2025).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> 47 CFR § 1.420(i).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> See supra para. 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Petition at 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> See Amendment of Section 73.622(j) Television Broadcast Stations (Silver City and Truth or Consequences, New Mexico), MB Docket No. 25-84, Report and Order, 40 FCC Rcd 2498, 2500, para. 6 (MB 2025).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Petition at 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> 47 CFR § 73.618.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> See Petition; NPRM at para. 5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> 47 CFR § 73.622(a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 155(c)(1), 303(g), (r), and 307(b).

the Commission's rules,<sup>30</sup> the Petition for Rulemaking filed by One Ministries, Inc. (LMS File No. 0000222311) **IS GRANTED. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, effective 30 days after the publication of this Report and Order in the Federal Register, the Table of TV Allotments, section 73.622(j) of the Commission's rules,<sup>31</sup> **IS AMENDED** to delete channel 8 from Fort Bragg, California, and allot channel 8 to Cloverdale, California, to read as follows:

<u>City and State</u>	<u>Channel</u>	
Fort Bragg, California	*4	
Cloverdale, California	8	

- 9. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that within 10 days following the effective date of this Report and Order, One Ministries, Inc. **SHALL FILE** an application on FCC Form 2100, Schedule B requesting a modification of its license, and upon grant of the aforementioned application, its community of license **SHALL BE MODIFIED** from Fort Bragg, California to Cloverdale, California.
- 10. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that pursuant to section 801(a)(1)(A) of the Congressional Review Act,<sup>32</sup> the Commission **SHALL SEND** a copy of this Report and Order to Congress and to the Government Accountability Office.
- 11. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that should no petitions for reconsideration or petitions for judicial review be timely filed, MB Docket No. 25-246 and RM-12007 **SHALL BE TERMINATED** and its docket closed.
- 12. *Additional Information*. For further information concerning the proceeding listed above, contact Emily Harrison, Video Division, Media Bureau at <a href="mailto:Emily.Harrison@fcc.gov">Emily.Harrison@fcc.gov</a> (legal) or Mark Colombo, Video Division, Media Bureau at <a href="Mark.Colombo@fcc.gov">Mark.Colombo@fcc.gov</a> (technical).

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<sup>32</sup> 5 U.S.C. § 801(a)(1)(A).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> 47 CFR §§ 0.61, 0.204(b), and 0.283.

<sup>31 47</sup> CFR § 73.622(j).