

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

MM Docket No. 89-441

In the Matter of

Amendment of Section 73.606(b), RM-6813
Table of Allotments,
TV Broadcast Stations.
(Calipatria, California)

REPORT AND ORDER
(Proceeding Terminated)

Adopted: January 10, 1992; Released: January 22, 1992

By the Chief, Allocations Branch:

1. The Commission considers herein the *Notice of Proposed Rule Making*, 4 FCC Rcd 7477 (1989), issued in response to a petition filed on behalf of Calipatria Television ("petitioner"), proposing the allotment of UHF television Channel 54 to Calipatria, California, as that community's first local television broadcast service. Petitioner filed supporting comments in response to the *Notice*. No other comments were received.

2. Calipatria (population 2,636),¹ in Imperial County (population 92,110), is located in southern California, approximately 275 kilometers (170 miles) southeast of Los Angeles.

3. We believe the public interest would be served by allotting Channel 54 to Calipatria, as that community's first local television broadcast service. As indicated in the *Notice*, Channel 54 can be allotted to Calipatria consistent with the minimum distance separation requirements of the Commission's Rules, provided the transmitter is located at least 17.9 kilometers (11.2 miles) east² of the community to avoid a short-spacing to the co-channel allotment at Avalon, California.³ Additionally, as Calipatria is located within 320 kilometers (199 miles) of the Mexico border, concurrence of the Mexican government to this proposal was obtained.

4. Although the Commission has imposed a freeze on television allotments or applications therefor in certain metropolitan areas pending the outcome of an inquiry into the uses of advanced television systems in broadcasting, Calipatria is not in one of the affected areas.⁴

5. 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 March 9, 1992, the TV Table of Allotments, Section 73.606(b) of the Commission's Rules, IS AMENDED to include the community listed below, as follows:

City	Channel No.
Calipatria, California	54

6. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That this proceeding IS TERMINATED.

7. For further information concerning the above, contact Nancy Joyner, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 634-6530. Questions related to the application filing process should be addressed to the Video Services Division, Television Branch, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 632-6357.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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¹ Population figures were taken from the 1980 U.S. Census.

² Coordinates used for Channel 54 at Calipatria are 33-04-37 and 115-19-46.

³ Coordinates for Channel 54+ at Avalon, California, are 33-20-30 and 118-19-30.

⁴ See *Notice of Inquiry*, 2 FCC Rcd 5125 (1987), and *Order*, 52

FR 28346, July 29, 1987. The closest market to Calipatria listed in the *Order, supra*, is Los Angeles, which is located 291.3 kilometers (181 miles) from the restricted site specified above for Channel 54. A transmitter must be located a minimum distance of 280.8 kilometers (174.5 miles) from Los Angeles to be outside of that community's freeze area.