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Because of extreme shortages in material, equipment and skilled personnel, and in order to sustain the interest in television and high frequency (FM) broadcasting, the Federal Communications Commission adopted the following policies today:

### FM BROADCASTING STATIONS

The Commission will not dismiss or deny any FM applications which cannot qualify under the provisions of the Memorandum Opinion of April 27, 1942 (freeze order), for construction permits or for modification of construction permits requesting extension of the periods of construction. Instead, the Commission will take no action at this time upon such applications but will retain them in the pending file. Applicants for construction permits whose applications were surrendered or dismissed pursuant to the Memorandum Opinion of April 27, 1942, may request reinstatement of their applications.

The policy adopted today is in addition to the policy announced August 4, 1942, which provided for the issuance of licenses for high frequency (FM) broadcast stations during the war provided construction had reached a point where substantial service could be rendered.

### TELEVISION

Holders of construction permits for television stations, experimental and commercial, may obtain licenses during the war to operate existing facilities on either an experimental or commercial basis, provided construction has reached a point where the station is capable of rendering a substantial service. Licenses issued under this policy will be subject to the condition that construction will be completed in accordance with the Rules, Regulations and Standards of the Federal Communications Commission as soon as the necessary materials and engineering personnel become available.

The Commission also decided to continue its policy of not dismissing or denying television applications which cannot qualify under the provisions of the Memorandum Opinion of April 27, 1942. Instead, no action will be taken at this time upon such applications and they will be held in the pending file. Applicants for construction permits for television stations whose construction permits have been surrendered or dismissed pursuant to the freeze order may request reinstatement of their applications.