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TOPICS

- REPLACEMENT DIGITAL TELEVISION TRANSLATOR REPORT AND ORDER
- NEW INTERFERENCE ANALYSIS PROGRAM
- STATUS OF OUT-OF-CORE CHANNELS AFTER THE DTV TRANSITION DATE
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REPLACEMENT DIGITAL TV TRANSLATOR SERVICE

- AFTER THE TRANSITION SOME FULL-SERVICE STATIONS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COVER A PORTION OF THEIR PRE-TRANSITION ANALOG SERVICE AREAS.
- TO ASSIST THESE STATIONS, WE HAVE ADOPTED RULES WHICH WILL PERMIT QUALIFYING FULL-SERVICE STATIONS TO APPLY FOR NEW REPLACEMENT TRANSLATORS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN EXISTING SERVICE.

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- APPLICATIONS FOR REPLACEMENT TRANSLATORS WILL HAVE PRIORITY OVER ALL OTHER LPTV AND TV TRANSLATOR APPLICATIONS EXCEPT FOR DISPLACEMENT APPLICATIONS (WITH WHICH THEY WILL HAVE CO-EQUAL PRIORITY).
- REPLACEMENT TRANSLATORS ARE LICENSED ONLY ON DTV CHANNELS 2 -51.
- ALMOST ALL OTHER RULES THAT RELATING TO TV TRANSLATORS APPLY TO REPLACEMENT TRANSLATORS.

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- TO BE ELIGIBLE TO FILE FOR REPLACEMENT TRANSLATORS, FULL-SERVICE STATIONS MUST DEMONSTRATE THAT:
 - A PORTION OF THEIR ANALOG SERVICE AREAS WILL NOT BE SERVED BY THEIR FULL, POST-TRANSITION DIGITAL FACILITIES -AND -
 - THE PROPOSED REPLACEMENT DIGITAL TV TRANSLATOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
- THE PURPOSE OF REPLACEMENT TRANSLATORS IS TO PROVIDE SERVICE TO ANALOG LOSS AREAS, NOT TO EXPAND FULL-SERVICE POST-TRANSITION STATIONS' SERVICE AREAS.

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- THE LICENSE FOR REPLACEMENT DIGITAL TV TRANSLATORS:
 - WILL BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE FULL-SERVICE STATION'S MAIN LICENSE,
 - CAN NOT BE SEPARATELY ASSIGNED OR TRANSFERRED,
 - WILL BE RENEWED OR ASSIGNED ALONG WITH THE FULL-SERVICE STATION'S MAIN LICENSE,

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- WILL RECEIVE THE SAME CALL SIGN AS THE PARENT STATION,
 - WILL RECEIVE A THREE YEARS CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, AND
 - DOES NOT HAVE FILING FEES; THEY ARE TREATED AS MINOR CHANGES.
- THE FCC HAS RECEIVED 25 APPLICATIONS FROM 18 STATIONS.

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- COMMISSION HAS ALSO ADOPTED RULES TO STABLISH DIGITAL TELEVISION DISTRIBUTED TRANSMISSION SYSTEM
- THESE ARE ON CHANNEL DIGITAL BOOSTER STATIONS USED BY FULL SERVICE STATIONS TO FILL THEIR LOSS AREA
- SO FAR WE HAVE RECEIVED 4 APPLICATIONS.

NEW INTERFERENCE ANALYSIS PROGRAM

- USES THE 2000 U.S. CENSUS POPULATION COUNT.
- FROM NOW UNTIL THE DTV TRANSITION DATE, ALL APPLICATIONS ARE ANALYZED USING BOTH PRE- AND POST-TRANSITION ANALYSES.
- THE RECORDS OF THE FULL-SERVICE STATIONS AS THEY TERMINATE ANALOG BROADCASTING ARE ARCHIVED IN THE FCC ENGINEERING DATA BASE.

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- TO DETERMINE WHEN FULL-SERVICE STATIONS TERMINATE ANALOG SERVICE, USE THE FOLLOWING LINK:

www.dtv.gov/FULL_POWER_STATIONS_LIST.xls

- THUS FAR 41 PERCENT OF FULL-SERVICE STATIONS HAVE TRANSITIONED TO DIGITAL.
- ANY LPTV/TV TRANSLATOR APPLICATION THAT IS FILED AND IS IN CONFLICT WITH A FULL-SERVICE ANALOG STATION WILL RECEIVE A DEFICIENCY LETTER.
 - IF THE APPLICATION IS NOT AMENDED, IT WILL BE DISMISSED.

CHANNELS 52 THROUGH 69

- ANALOG AND DIGITAL STATIONS ON OUT-OF-CORE CHANNELS DO NOT HAVE TO CEASE OPERATIONS ON THE TRANSITION DATE, THEY WILL BE OPERATING ON THESE CHANNELS ON A SECONDARY BASIS.
 - HOWEVER, THEY ARE ENCOURAGED TO FILE FOR IN-CORE CHANNELS.
- NO TRANSITION DATE HAS BEEN SET FOR LPTV/TV TRANSLATOR STATIONS.

DIGITAL STATUS OF LPTV STATIONS

	<u>Applications Filed</u>	<u>Applications Granted</u>	<u>Licensed Digital Translators</u>	<u>Licensed Digital LPTV</u>
<u>Flash Cut (Including Displacement Relief)</u>	1294	1117	172	74
<u>Digital Companion Channels</u>	1915	1430	196	50
<u>Total</u>	3209	2547	368	124

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- TOTAL NUMBER OF STATIONS: 7027
- TOTAL NUMBER OF DIGITAL PROPOSALS: 3209
- APPROXIMATELY 46 PERCENT OF STATIONS EITHER HAVE FILED DIGITAL FLASH CUT , DIGITAL DISPLACEMENT OR DIGITAL COMPANION CHANNEL APPLICATIONS.

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- DIGITAL FLASH CUT APPLICATIONS ARE GRANTED WITH A 36 MONTH CONSTRUCTION PERIOD.
- EXTENSION REQUESTS CAN BE FILED ELECTRONICALLY USING FORM 337.
- SEE SECTION 73.624 OF THE RULES.

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- THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WE WILL CONSIDER TO TOLL THE EXPIRATION DATE OF A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT:
 - UNFORESEEABLE/ UNCONTROLLABLE SITUATIONS –OR–
 - FINANCIAL HARDSHIP.

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- STATIONS WITH A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT, LICENSE, OR PENDING APPLICATION FOR A DIGITAL COMPANION CHANNEL CANNOT FILE FOR A DIGITAL FLASH CUT APPLICATION.
- OUR PROCESSING TIME FOR FLASH CUT APPLICATIONS IS LESS THAN TWO WEEKS, IF THERE ARE NO OTHER PROBLEMS.
- IF YOU NEED EXPEDITED PROCESSING, SEND ME AN EMAIL (Hossein.Hashemzadeh@fcc.gov) AFTER THE APPLICATION IS FILED.

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- IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO FILE FOR A STA.
- ANOTHER OPTION TO CONVERT TO DIGITAL IS TO FILE A DISPLACEMENT APPLICATION PROPOSING DIGITAL BROADCASTING.
- SINCE DISPLACEMENT APPLICATIONS MUST APPEAR ON A PROPOSED GRANT LIST FOR 30 DAYS,
 - OUR PROCESSING TIME FOR DISPLACEMENT APPLICATIONS IS MORE THAN 60 DAYS.

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- IF YOU MUST SWITCH CHANNELS IMMEDIATELY, FILE A STA REQUEST.

OWNERSHIP REPORTS

*REPORT AND ORDER AND FOURTH
FURTHER NOTICE OF PROPOSED
RULEMAKING IN THE MATTER OF;
PROMOTING DIVERSIFICATION OF
OWNERSHIP IN THE BROADCASTING,
FCC 09-33, ADOPTED APRIL 8, 2009,
RELEASED MAY 5, 2009.*

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- THE COMMISSION NOW REQUIRES INFORMATION REGARDING MINORITY AND FEMALE BROADCASTING OWNERSHIP IN THE UNITED STATES.
- LPTV STATIONS AND CLASS A STATIONS ARE REQUIRED TO FILE FORM 323 BIENNIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTS,
 - BUT TV TRANSLATOR STATIONS ARE NOT.
- THE FIRST SUCH REPORTS MUST BE FILED BY **NOVEMBER 1st, 2009.**
- THE NEW FORM WILL BE READY BY OCTOBER 1st.

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- TO CONVERT FROM LPTV STATUS TO TV TRANSLATOR STATUS A NOTIFICATION IS REQUIRED, MAKE SURE TO EMAIL ME A COPY OF SUCH LETTER

Q & A