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TOPICS

- DIGITAL STATUS OF TV TRANSLATOR/LPTV STATIONS
- FAQ
- APPLICATION PROCESSING ISSUES

DIGITAL COMPANION CHANNEL WINDOW APPLICATION STATUS

	RECEIVED	GRANTED
CLASS A	229	105
LP	725	351
TX	961	839
TOTAL	1915	1400

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- THE REMAINING WAITING FOR MEXICAN/CANADIAN COORDINATIONS
- TOTAL OF 157 APPLICATIONS IN 70 MX GROUPS
- WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR AUCTION.

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- HOW TO SEARCH FOR DIGITAL COMPANION CHANNEL RECORDS USING THE PUBLIC ACCESS SITE:
- FROM CDBS PUBLIC ACCESS SITE, CLICK ON APPLICATION SEARCH OPTION.
- ENTER THE ANALOG STATION CALL SIGN

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- CHECK THE BOX "INCLUDE SHORT FORMS" AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SCREEN
- THEN CLICK ON "SUBMIT APPLICATION SEARCH"
- http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/prod/cdbs/pubacc/prod/cdbs_pa.htm

DIGITAL FLASH CUT APPLICATIONS

- WE HAVE RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 935 FLASH CUT AND DIGITAL DISPLACEMENT PROPOSALS
- WE HAVE GRANTED CLOSE TO 800 OF THEM

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- DIGITAL FLASH CUT AND DIGIAL COMPANION PROPOSALS FOR LICENSED FACILITIES RECEIVE 36 MONTHS OF CONSTRUCTION PERIOD
- DIGITAL FLASH CUT OF CONSTRUCTION PERMITS RECEIVE THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE ANALOG CONSTRUCTION PERMITS
- DIGITAL COMPANION CHANNELS FOR ANALOG CONSTRUCTION PERMITS WILL RECEIVE 36 MONTHS.

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- IF THE ANALOG CONSTRUCTION PERMIT HAS NOT BEEN LICENSED THE DIGITAL COMPANION CHANNEL CONSTRUCTION PERMIT WILL EXPIRE THE SAME DATE AS ANALOG CONSTRUCTION PERMIT.
- RULES DO NOT ALLOW TO JUST BROADCAST ON DCC AND GIVE UP THE ANALOG FACILITIES.

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- A TOTAL OF 210 STATIONS HAVE FILED LICENSES TO BROADCAST DIGITALLY.

DIGITAL FACILITIES

	TX/LPTV	CLASS A	TOTAL
ANALOG	6679	525	7209
DIGITAL	2741	267	3008
PERCENTAGE	41	50	42

OPTIONS TO CONVERT TO DIGITAL

- FILING FLASH CUT APPLICATIONS, THESE APPLICATIONS CAN BE FILED ANYTIME.
- FILING DIGITAL DISPLACEMENT APPLICATIONS.
- WAIT UNTIL THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACCEPTING NEW DIGITAL APPLICATIONS.

MODIFICATION OF FLASH CUT AND DIGITAL COMP. CHANNEL CPS

- MINOR MODIFICATION OF FLASH CUT AND DIGITAL COMPANION CHANNELS CAN BE FILED, AS LONG AS THE MODIFICATION HAVE SOME OVERLAP WITH EXISTING ANALOG LICENSED FACILITIES OR WITH THE ORIGINAL ANALOG CONSTRUCTION PERMIT.

MEXICAN/CANADIAN REFERRALS OF DIGITAL PROPOSALS

- ANY DIGITAL PROPOSAL WITHIN 275 KILOMETERS OF MEXICAN BORDER WILL BE REFERRED TO MEXICO .
- IT DOES NOT DEPEND ON EFFECTIVE RADIATED POWER OR HAAT UNLIKE ANALOG PROPOSALS.

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- IN REGARDS TO CANADIAN COORDINATION ANY PROPOSAL WITHIN 320 KILOMETERS OF THE BORDER WILL BE REFERRED IF THE FOLLOWING CONTOURS BASED ON MAXIMUM ERP AND PROPOSED ANTENNA RADIATION PATTERN WILL CROSS THE BORDER.
- UHF: 19.5 dBu F(50,10)
- High VHF: 13.5 dBu F(50,10)
- Low VHF: 13.2 dBu F(50,10)

FAQ

- STATIONS OPERATING ON CHANNELS 52 THROUGH 69 (OUT OF CORE) CHANNELS WILL CONTINUE OPERATING ON THESE CHANNELS BEYOND THE DTV TRANSITION DATE ON SECONDARY BASIS.
- THEY CAN FILE DISPLACEMENT APPLICATIONS ANY TIME.

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- THE PLAN IS TO LIFT THE FREEZE FOR MINOR CHANGES TO CLASS A STATIONS BY MIDDLE OF AUGUST, A PN WILL BE ISSUED TO LIFT THE FREEZE.
- DCC PROPOSALS ONLY CAN BE FILED DURING A DESIGNATED WINDOW OPENNING. WE HAVE NO PLAN TO OPEN A WINDOW CURRENTLY

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- COMMISSION HAS NOT SET A TRANSITION DATE FOR TV TANSLATORS TO CONVERT TO DIGITAL.

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- TIME PERIOD TO PROCESS A FLASH CUT APPLICATION IS TWO WEEKS IF THERE IS NO PROBLEM WITH APPLICATION.
- IF IT NEEDS INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION IT WILL TAKE LONGER.

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- COMMISSION HAS SET UP A PAGE FOR COSUMERS IN REGARD TO DTV TRANSITION;
- <http://www.dtv.gov/>
- LIST OF ALL STATIONS WITH DETAILED SUMMARY OF THEIR DIGITAL STATUS IS POSTED ON THIS SITE AND IT WLL BE UPDATED MONTHLY.
- [2](http://www.dtv.gov/consumercorner.html#faq2)

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- PROVIDING PSIP IS VOLUNTRY FOR LPTV AND TV TRANSLATOR STATIONS.
- CLASS A STATIONS MUST COMPLY WITH PSIP STANDARDS THE SAME AS FULL SERVICE STATIONS
- TO INCLUDE PSIP IN YOUR OPERATION YOU NEED TRANSPORT SYSTEM IDENTIFIER (TSID)

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- TSID IS ASSIGNED BY COMMISSION
- NAI TAM ONE OF OUR STAFF ASSIGNS TSID FOR STATIONS THAT DECIDE TO PROVIDE PSIP OR CLASS A STATIONS THAT HAVE TO PROVIDE PSIP.
- TO RECEIVE YOUR TSID SEND AN EMAIL TO NAI.TAM@FCC.GOV, INCLUDE THE CALL SIGN AND FACILITY ID NUMBER IN YOUR EMAIL

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- BASED ON THE DIGITAL REPORT AND ORDER ONLY ONE DIGITAL OPERATION IS ALLOWED, EITHER FLASH CUT OR DCC IF DECIDING TO FLASH CUT AND HAVE A DCC CP OR PENDING APPLICATION THEN YOU HAVE TO HAVE THE DCC CP CANCEL OR APPLICATION DISMISS BEFORE FILING TO FLASH CUT.

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- WE HAVE COUPLE OF NEW STAFF THAT HAVE JOINED US DURING THE LAST YEAR
- MATTHEW URICK PROCESSES DISPLACEMENT APPLICATIONS
EMAIL:MATTHEW.URICK@FCC.GOV
- BILLIE TAYLOR PROCESSES ASSIGNMENT AND TRANSFER APPLICATIONS
EMAIL:BILLIE.TAYLOR@FCC.GOV

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- PLEASE EMAIL ME A COPY OF ANY CORRESPONDENCE THAT YOU SEND TO THE COMMISSION IN REGARD TO YOUR STATION EMAIL: HOSSEIN.HASHEMZADEH@FCC.GOV
- IF THE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR YOUR STATION IS STILL PENDING BEFORE US PLEASE SEND ME AN EMAIL AND INCLUDE THE CALL SIGN AND FACILITY ID NUMBER

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- WE DO NOT ACCEPT ANY CONTINGENT APPLICATIONS. FOR EXAMPLE WE WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY DISPLACEMENT APPLICATIONS WHICH REQUEST TO USE CHANNELS THAT WILL BE VACATED BY FULL SERVICE STATIONS AFTER THE DTV TRANSITION DATE.

A FEW PROCESSING ISSUES

- TOWER REGISTRATION
- WHENEVER AN APPLICATION IS FILED, WE CHECK TO MAKE SURE IF THE TOWER NEEDS TO BE REGISTERED EVEN THOUGH IT IS AN EXISTING TOWER.
- TO CHECK TO SEE IF REGISTRATION IS NEEDED, YOU CAN USE THE TOWER QUERY FROM THE WIRELESS BUREAU WEB SITE.

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- THE URL FOR TOWER QUERY:

<http://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsApp/AsrSearch/towairSearch.jsp>

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- IF TOWER QUERY PROGRAM INDICATES REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED YOU CAN CHECK THE REGISTRATION SEARCH FROM WIRELESS BUREAU WEB SITE TO SEE IF THE TOWER HAS BEEN REGISTERED. THE URL FOR REGISTRATION SEARCH SITE IS :
- <http://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsApp/AsrSearch/asrRegistrationSearch.jsp>

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- IF REGISTRATION HAS NOT BEEN DONE WITH US, THEN YOU HAVE TO FILE WITH FAA.
- AFTER THE APPROVAL FROM FAA THEN YOU HAVE TO REGISTER THE TOWER USING THE TOWER REGISTRATION SYSTEM ONLINE AND AMEND THE APPLICATION TO INCLUDE THE REGISTRATION NUMBER.

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QUESTIONS