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DTV Channel Election Information and First Round Election Filing Deadline

The Media Bureau hereby announces that the updated Table of Station Assignment and Service Information, referred to in paragraph 36 of the *Second DTV Periodic Review Report and Order*, released September 7, 2004 (19 FCC Rcd 18,279) ("*Order*"), is now available. A copy of the Table is attached to this Public Notice. The Table can also be accessed on the FCC's Internet website at www.fcc.gov/mb/video/tv.html. As indicated in paragraph 36 of the *Order*, the Media Bureau is issuing the Table for use by TV station licensees and other interested parties so they may determine and evaluate the DTV service populations to be used by the Commission to process stations' channel elections and create the post-transition DTV Table of Allotments.

On October 7, 2004, the Commission issued a Table of Station Assignment and Service Information reflecting DTV and NTSC station locations and facilities authorized as of October 1, 2004. *See* Public Notice, DA 04-3203. The Table I attached hereto updates the October 7, 2004 Table to reflect service areas based on the certifications to build DTV replication, maximization, or otherwise authorized facilities for post-transition operation, as indicated on FCC Form 381, Pre-Election Certification Form. It also reflects other changes to station facilities based on authorizations and data base corrections that had not been reflected on the October 7 Table.

Also attached hereto is Table II, which is to be used as the basis for determining compliance with the 80 percent or 100 replication requirements discussed in paragraphs 78 through 87 of the *Order*. This Table II is based on the initial DTV table of allotments adopted in the *Second Memorandum Opinion and Order on Reconsideration of the Fifth and Sixth Report and Orders*, 14 FCC Rcd 1348 Appendix B (1998). Table II specifies populations consistent with Appendix B of the 1998 table, modified by performing the analysis with year 2000 census data. Finally, also attached hereto is Table II a which reflects information for stations that have been granted DTV channel changes through individual rule making proceedings or channel swap applications awarding them DTV channels different from those reflected in the initial DTV Table of Allotments.

The next form to be filed in the channel election process is FCC Form 382, Digital Channel Election Form First Round Election, to be used by TV licensees and permittees participating in the first round of the DTV channel election process. FCC Form 382 can be accessed from the FCC's website at <u>www.fcc.gov</u> and is now available for electronic filing. As announced in a separate *Order* being released concurrently with this Public Notice, FCC Form 382 must be filed with the FCC no later than January 27, 2005.

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