

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

In the Matter of	)	
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Amendment of Section 73.622(i),	)	MB Docket No. 14-141
Post-Transition Table of DTV Allotments,	)	RM-11734
Television Broadcast Stations.	)	
(Rome, Georgia)	)	

**REPORT AND ORDER  
(Proceeding Terminated)**

**Adopted: October 30, 2014**

**Released: October 31, 2014**

By the Chief, Video Division, Media Bureau:

1. The Commission has before it a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking<sup>1</sup> issued in response to a petition for rulemaking filed by ION Media Atlanta License, Inc. (“ION Media”), the licensee of WPXA-TV, channel 51, Rome, Georgia. ION Media requests the substitution of channel 31 for channel 51 at Rome.

2. ION Media filed comments reaffirming its interest in the proposed channel substitution and explaining that the channel substitution will allow it to serve all viewers currently receiving digital service while eliminating any potential interference with wireless operations in the Lower 700 MHz A Block located adjacent to channel 51 in Rome.<sup>2</sup> ION Media further states that upon adoption of the channel substitution, it will file an application for a construction permit for channel 31 and implement the change in accordance with the Commission’s rules.<sup>3</sup>

3. We believe the public interest will be served by substituting channel 31 for channel 51 at Rome for the reasons stated by ION Media. Channel 31 can be substituted for channel 51 at Rome, Georgia as proposed, in compliance with the principal community coverage requirements of Section 73.625(a) of the Commission’s rules, at coordinates 34-18-48 N. and 84-38-55 W. In addition, we find that this channel change meets the technical requirements set forth in Sections 73.616 and 73.623 of the Commission’s rules with the following specifications:

City and State	Channel	Power (kW)	Antenna HAAT (meters)	Service Pop. (thous.)
Rome, Georgia	31	691.8	622	5,310

<sup>1</sup>Rome, Georgia, DA 14-1275 (Vid. Div. rel. Sept. 4, 2014).

<sup>2</sup> ION Media Comments at 1.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 1-2.

4. We also conclude that good cause exists to make this channel change effective immediately upon publication in the Federal Register, pursuant to Section 553(d)(3) of the Administrative Procedures Act.<sup>4</sup> An expedited effective date is necessary in this case to ensure that station WPXA-TV can promptly vacate channel 51 to make way for new wireless service by Lower 700 MHz A Block licensees.

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 immediately after the date of publication of this Report and Order in the Federal Register, the Post-Transition Table of DTV Allotments, Section 73.622(i) of the Commission's rules, IS AMENDED, with respect to the community listed below, to read as follows:

<u>City and State</u>	<u>Channel Nos.</u>
Rome, Georgia	31

6. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That within 30 days of the effective date of this Order, ION Media Atlanta License, Inc. shall submit to the Commission a minor change application for a construction permit (FCC Form 301) specifying channel 31 in lieu of channel 51.

7. The Commission will send a copy of this Report and Order in a report to be sent to Congress and the Government Accountability Office pursuant to the Congressional Review Act, *see* 5 U.S.C. § 801(a)(1)(A).

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

9. For further information concerning the proceeding listed above, contact Joyce L. Bernstein, Media Bureau, (202) 418-1647.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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<sup>4</sup> 5 U.S.C. § 553(d)(3).