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FCC MOVES ON UHF ALLOCATIONS

By a Third Report and Order in Docket 14229, the Commission adopted UHF channel assignments for ten markets. Seven of the ten involve educational reservations. In Boston, Channel 44* has been reserved; Channel 59* transferred from Kannapolis, North Carolina, to Concord and reserved; Channel 25* substituted for Channel 16 at Ft. Myers, Florida, and reserved; Huntsville, Alabama, shifted educational reservation from Channel 44 to Channel 25*; Linville, North Carolina, assigned Channel 18* as an educational reservation; Tampa-St. Petersburg, Florida, Channel 16* assigned and reserved for educational use; Omak-Okanogan, Washington, Channel 32* to replace Channel 35 as an educational reservation. This last modification requires replacement of Channels 49 and 65* in Ellensburg with Channels 51 and 63*.

As part of the same decision, the Commissioners authorized a further study of the overall UHF allocation plan to be made by the Commission staff with the use of computer calculations. The new deadline for completion of a plan is the end of the year.

In a letter to the NAEB calling attention to this action, FCC Chairman Henry wrote, "The substance of your views was presented to the Commission and was carefully weighed in arriving at our decision. The Commission also recognized that this was a last opportunity to assure itself that it was establishing a sound allocation framework for the development of educational and commercial UHF in the next decade, and that viewed in this light, spending several more months on several analyses was fully warranted...I appreciate having the benefit of your views and I know I shall want to discuss these matters with you again when we are further along with our analyses."

OTHER FCC ACTIONS (RADIO AND TELEVISION)

Granted CP for a new noncommercial educational FM broadcast station to be operated on 90.5 mcs., Channel 213, TPO 10w, to Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri.

Granted CP for a new noncommercial educational FM broadcast station to be operated on 91.7 mcs, Channel 219, TPO 10 w, to Wisconsin State College in Whitewater.

Granted CP for a new noncommercial educational FM broadcast station to be operated on 91.3 mcs, Channel 217, TPO 10w, to School District No. 1 in Buffalo, Missouri.

Granted CP for a new noncommercial educational FM broadcast station to be operated on 88.1 mcs, Channel 201, TPO 10w, to Montana State University in Missoula.

Granted CP for a new noncommercial educational FM broadcast station to be operated on 88.5 mcs, Channel 203, TPO 10w, to the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College in Burlington, Vermont.

Granted CP for a new noncommercial educational FM broadcast station to be operated on 89.1 mcs, Channel 206, TPO .01 kw. with amendment to change frequency to 88.5 mcs, Channel 203, for Community High School District #233, Flossmoor, Illinois.

Granted CP for a new noncommercial educational television station on Channel 39. ERP: Vis. 465 KW and Aur. 91.9 KW, unlimited hours, AH 969 Feet, to Lehigh Valley Educational Television Corporation, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

INSTRUCTIONAL TV "FIXED SERVICE" APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR FILING BY FCC

Three new ITV fixed service applications were recently accepted for filing by the FCC. These are:

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn in Brooklyn, a CP for a new station on Channels F-1, F-2, F-3, F-4, 10 watts;

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn in Jamaica, a CP for a new station on Channels C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, 10 watts;

Union Free School District #10 at Mineola, New York, a CP for a new station on Channels G-1, G-2, 10 watts.

FIVE MORE ETV GRANTS APPROVED

Approval of a \$200,000 grant to help activate educational television facilities in Hershey, Pennsylvania, was recently announced. The grant is made to South Central Educational Broadcasting in Hershey to activate reserved Channel 65. Total cost of the project will be approximately \$419,552. Coverage will include Harrisburg, and Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry and York Counties in Pennsylvania, serving a population of over 1.1 million.

The Board of Education in Ogden City, Utah received a grant for \$56,297 to acquire two television tape recorders for station KOET, Channel 9. The recorders will improve service to some 400,000 persons, including an estimated 130,000 students enrolled at 180 educational institutions. Total cost of the project will be \$75,067.

A grant for amplifiers to improve transmissions of station KETC-TV, has been awarded to the St. Louis Educational Television Commission, for \$100,092. KETC serves an area that includes $2\frac{1}{2}$ million persons, including 608,000 students in 1,092 schools. Total cost of improvements will be \$133,457.

A grant for \$307,407 to the University of Washington at Seattle was made to acquire a transmitter, tower, antenna, and other equipment for station KCTS-TV. The improvements will enable KCTS-TV to provide new service to 150,000 rural residents and better transmission to 60 per cent of 841 schools within the area. The additional power will extend service to 138 more schools and to a total of half million students over 11,944 square miles. Total cost of these improvements is \$418,401.

A grant for \$71,606 to the Board of Public Instruction in Dade County, Florida, applies to station WSEC, Channel 17, and WTHS, Channel 2 in Miami. The grant will provide new equipment to improve service to nearly $1\frac{1}{2}$ million persons, including 342,800 students at 332 institutions in Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and Collier Counties. WTHS was the first educational television station in Florida and one of the first in the country. Total project cost will be \$95,475.

This brings to thirty-four the total number of grants approved since funds first became available in May, 1963. Thirty-five additional grants requesting a total of \$7,689,051 have been accepted for filing and are awaiting further action.

NEW APPLICATION ACCEPTED FOR FILING

An application from the Board of Regents of the Universities and State College of Arizona for \$148,860 has been accepted for filing under the Educational Television Facilities Act. Funds will be used to expand facilities of Channel 8 at Tempe, Arizona. Total cost of the project is \$198,480.

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