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Report No. 18204 ACTION IN-DOCKET CASE- December 31, 1984

FCC PLACES FREEZE ON ACCEPTANCE OF EDUCATIONAL FM APPLICATIONS AND GRANT OF TV CHANNEL 6 APPLICATIONS (DOCKET 20735)

Effective immediately, the Commission stayed pending action on petitions for reconsideration, its October 26 action adopting new rules to minimize the interference problems caused by some noncommercial, educational FM stations to the reception of TV stations operating on Channel 6 in the same vicinity.

Furthermore, during the stay the FCC will not accept for filing any applications for new FM-ED stations, applications that would affect the service areas of previously accepted applications or to change coverage areas of existing FM-ED stations using Channels 201-220; nor will it grant any application for a new television station on Channel 6 or applications for changes that would affect the service areas of existing Channel 6 stations. The FCC noted that the 1981 stay of processing certain FM applications would also remain in effect during the pendency period.

The Commission's action was in response to a joint request for stay filed by the Association of Maximum Service Telecasters, Inc., the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the National Association of Broadcasters, the National Federation of Community Broadcasters, National Public Radio, McGraw-Hill Broadcasting Company and Taft Broadcasting Company.

The FCC said it concurred in the petitioners' conclusions that the public interest would best be served by a temporary stay to allow a full opportunity for reconsideration of its decision.

However, it emphasized that grant of the stay does not imply any prejudice for or against the rule changes adopted, nor any bias with respect to any of the merits or any issues raised in the petitions for reconsideration.

Action by the Commission December 28, 1984, by Order (FCC 84-658). Commissioners Fowler (Chairman), Quello, Dawson and Patrick.

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