

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. 08-135
 Final DTV Table of Allotments,) RM-11467
 Television Broadcast Stations.)
 (Freeport, Illinois))

**REPORT AND ORDER
(Proceeding Terminated)**

Adopted: September 8, 2008

Released: September 10, 2008

By the Chief, Video Division, Media Bureau:

1. The Commission has before it a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking¹ issued in response to a petition for rulemaking filed by Gray Television Licensee, Inc. (“Gray”), the licensee of WIFR-DT, DTV channel 41, Freeport, Illinois. The station’s post-transition DTV channel is its analog channel, channel 23, and Gray asks that we substitute channel 41 for channel 23 at Freeport for post-transition use. Gray filed comments. No other comments were received.

2. We believe the public interest would be served by substituting DTV channel 41 for DTV channel 23. The proposed channel 41 post-transition allotment will result in an additional 333,000 persons receiving service from the station, and permit Gray to transition to its final digital operation at greatly reduced expense. In addition, present viewers of the station’s CBS network programming will not need to make any adjustments to their reception equipment to receive WIFR’s signal post-transition.

3. DTV channel 41 can be substituted for DTV channel 23 post-transition at Freeport, Illinois as proposed, in compliance with the principle community coverage requirements of Section 73.625(a) of the Commission’s rules, at coordinates 42-17-48 N. and 89-10-15 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:

State and City	DTV Channel	DTV Power (kW)	Antenna HAAT (meters)	DTV Service Pop. (thous.)
Freeport, Illinois	41	345	220	1296

4. 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 30 days after date of publication of this Report and Order in the Federal Register, the DTV Table of Allotments, Section 73.622(i) of the Commission’s rules,

¹ *Freeport, Illinois*, DA 08-1599 (released July 8, 2008).

IS AMENDED, with respect to the community listed below, to read as follows:

City and State _____ Channel No.

Freeport, Illinois 41

5. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That within 45 days of the effective date of this Order, Gray Television Licensee, Inc. shall submit to the Commission a minor change application for a construction permit (FCC Form 301) specifying DTV channel 41 in lieu of DTV channel 23 for post-transition use.

6. 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).

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

8. For further information concerning the proceeding listed above, contact Joyce L. Bernstein, Media Bureau, (202) 418-1600.

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