

E. Discussion of Significant Alternatives Considered That Minimize the Significant Economic Impact on Small Entities

The RFA directs agencies to provide a description of any significant alternatives to the proposed rules that would accomplish the stated objectives of applicable statutes, and minimize any significant economic impact on small entities. The discussion is required to include alternatives such as: “(1) the establishment of differing compliance or reporting requirements or timetables that take into account the resources available to small entities; (2) the clarification, consolidation, or simplification of compliance and reporting requirements under the rule for such small entities; (3) the use of performance rather than design standards; and (4) an exemption from coverage of the rule, or any part thereof, for such small entities.”

As an initial matter, several of the proposals in the *FNPRM* are expected to have a positive impact on small businesses—for example, reducing the filing requirements for a variety of older technology and services, such as “grandfathered services,” fixed broadband under 25/3 Mbps, 3G mobile broadband, and mobile voice. Commenters propose that service providers should not be required to submit availability data associated with grandfathered services, and we seek comment on this proposal or alternative ways in which the Commission should collect these data. We also consider and seek comment on relaxing certain technical rules pertaining to the maximum buffer sizes that fixed wireline providers must report and the antenna height for a standard installation that fixed wireless providers must use when modeling fixed broadband availability for the biannual submissions, and alternatives that may impact small and other providers. In addition, we consider and seek comment on the fixed and mobile challenge processes. Specifically, we seek comment on commenters’ proposals to lower certain evidentiary burdens required by the Commission when evaluating challenges and restoring coverage to locations.

To assist the Commission’s evaluation of the economic impact on small entities as a result of actions that may result from proposals and issues raised for consideration in the *FNPRM*, and to better explore options and alternatives, the Commission is seeking comment from the public on how best to ways to enhance the efficiency of the BDC while ensuring that the Commission continues

to receive accurate, granular data by eliminating certain requirements and streamlining the BDC. More specifically, the Commission seeks comment on how to simplify and reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens and better serve the public.

More generally, the proposals and questions set forth in the *FNPRM* were designed to enable the Commission to understand the benefits, impact, and potential burdens associated with the different approaches that the Commission can pursue to achieve its objective of enhancing the efficiency of the BDC while ensuring that the Commission continues to receive accurate, granular data by eliminating certain requirements and streamlining the BDC. Before reaching its final conclusions and taking action in this proceeding, the Commission expects to review the comments filed in response to the *FNPRM* and more fully consider the economic impact on small entities and how any impact can be minimized. Small entities are encouraged to bring to the Commission’s attention any specific concerns they may have with the proposals detailed in the *FNPRM* and outline any additional alternatives that would accomplish the objectives of this proceeding.

F. Federal Rules That May Duplicate, Overlap, or Conflict With the Proposed Rules

None.

Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MB Docket No. 26–151; RM–12022; DA 26–591; FR ID 351829]

Television Broadcasting Services Alamogordo, New Mexico

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document proposes to amend the Table of TV Allotments (table) of the Federal Communications Commission’s (Commission) rules by substituting channel *11 for *4 at Alamogordo, New Mexico in response to a Petition for Rulemaking filed by Vision Broadcasting Network, Inc. (Petitioner), the permittee of a new NCE

television station KAVD(TV) (KAVD or Station), channel *4, Alamogordo, New Mexico (Alamogordo). In support of its channel substitution request, the Petitioner asserts that allowing the Station to move to a high VHF channel would serve the public interest by improving signal reception for viewers. The Petitioner observes that the Commission has recognized that low-VHF channels have certain characteristics that have posed challenges for their use in providing digital television service. The staff engineering analysis finds that the proposal is in compliance with the Commission’s principal community coverage and technical requirements.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before July 24, 2026 and reply comments on or before August 10, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve counsel for the Petitioner as follows: James Oyster, Law Offices of James L. Oyster, 108 Oyster Lane, Castleton, VA 22716.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission’s *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, in MB Docket No. 26–151; RM–12022; DA 26–591, adopted on June 16, 2026, and released on June 16, 2026. The full text of this document is available online at <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-26-591A1.pdf>.

This document does not contain information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. In addition, therefore, it does not contain any proposed information collection burden “for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees,” pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, Public Law 107–198, *see* 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(4). Provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, 5 U.S.C. 601–612, do not apply to this proceeding.

Members of the public should note that all *ex parte* contacts are prohibited from the time a notice of proposed rulemaking is issued to the time the matter is no longer subject to Commission consideration or court review, *see* 47 CFR 1.1208. There are, however, exceptions to this prohibition, which can be found in § 1.1204(a) of the Commission’s rules, 47 CFR 1.1204(a).

See §§ 1.415 and 1.420 of the Commission’s rules for information regarding the proper filing procedures for comments, 47 CFR 1.415 and 1.420.

Providing Accountability Through Transparency Act: The Providing Accountability Through Transparency Act, Public Law 118–9, requires each agency, in providing notice of a rulemaking, to post online a brief plain-language summary of the proposed rule. The required summary of this notice of proposed rulemaking is available at <https://www.fcc.gov/proposed-rulemakings>.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Television.

Federal Communications Commission.

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Proposed Rule

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission proposes to amend 47 CFR part 73 as follows:

PART 73—RADIO BROADCAST SERVICES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 155, 301, 303, 307, 309, 310, 334, 336, 339.

■ 2. In § 73.622, in the table in paragraph (j), under New Mexico, revise the entry for “Alamogordo” to read as follows:

§ 73.622 Digital television table of allotments.
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(j) * * *

Community	Channel No.
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New Mexico	
Alamogordo	* 11
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