

order. The action contained herein has been analyzed with respect to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and found to impose no new or modified reporting and/or record-keeping requirements or burdens on the public.

**Ordering Clauses**

46. Accordingly, pursuant to authority found in sections 1, 4(i) and 4(j), 201–205, 218, 225, and 251(e)(1) of the Communications Act as amended, 47 U.S.C. Sections 151, 154(i), 154(j), 201–205, 218, 225, and 251(e)(1) this Report and Order *Is Adopted*, and Part 64 of the Commission’s rules *Are Amended* as set forth in the rule changes.

47. Each common carrier providing telephone voice transmission services shall provide, not later than October 1, 2001, access via the 711 dialing code to all relay services as a toll free call.

48. The amendments to §§ 64.601 through 64.604 of the Commission’s rules as set forth in the rule changes are *Adopted*, effective October 11, 2000. The action contained herein has been analyzed with respect to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and found to impose no new or modified reporting and/or record-keeping requirements or burdens on the public.

49. The Commission’s Consumer Information Bureau, Reference Information Center, *Shall Send* a copy of this Report and Order, including the Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis, to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration.

50. Pursuant to sections 1, 4(i) and 4(j), 201–205, 218, 225, and 251(e)(1) of the Communications Act as amended, 47 U.S.C. sections 151, 154(i), 154(j), 201–205, 218, 225, and 251(e)(1) this Report and Order is adopted.

**List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 64**

Communications common carriers, Individuals with disabilities, Relay service, Telecommunications, Telephone.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Magalie Roman Salas,**  
*Secretary.*

**Rule Changes**

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, amend part 64 of title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

**PART 64—MISCELLANEOUS RULES RELATING TO COMMON CARRIERS**

1. The authority citation for part 64 is revised to read as follows:

**Authority:** 47 U.S.C. 154, 47 U.S.C. 225, 47 U.S.C. 251(e)(1).

2. In § 64.601, paragraphs (1) through (9) are redesignated as paragraphs (2) through (10), and a new paragraph (1) is added to read as follows:

**§ 64.601 Definitions.**

(1) *711.* The abbreviated dialing code for accessing all types of relay services anywhere in the United States.

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3. In § 64.603, the undesignated introductory text is revised to read as follows:

**§ 64.603 Provision of services.**

Each common carrier providing telephone voice transmission services shall provide, not later than July 26, 1993, in compliance with the regulations prescribed herein, throughout the area in which it offers services, telecommunications relay services, individually, through designees, through a competitively selected vendor, or in concert with other carriers. Speech-to-speech relay service and interstate Spanish language relay service shall be provided by March 1, 2001. In addition, each common carrier providing telephone voice transmission services shall provide, not later than October 1, 2001, access via the 711 dialing code to all relay services as a toll free call. A common carrier shall be considered to be in compliance with these regulations:

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4. In § 64.604, add the following sentence to the end of paragraph (c)(3) to read as follows:

**§ 64.604 Mandatory minimum standards.**

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(c) \* \* \*

(3) \* \* \* In addition, each common carrier providing telephone voice transmission services shall conduct, not later than October 1, 2001, ongoing education and outreach programs that publicize the availability of 711 access to TRS in a manner reasonably designed to reach the largest number of consumers possible.

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**47 CFR Part 73**

[DA 00–2029, MM Docket No. 00–68; RM–9792]

**Digital Television Broadcast Services; Norfolk, VA**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission, at the request of WTKR–TV, Inc., licensee of station WTKR–TV, NTSC Channel 3, Norfolk, Virginia, substitutes DTV Channel 40 for station WTKR–TV’s assigned DTV Channel 58 at Norfolk. *See* 65FR 24670, April 27, 2000. DTV Channel 40 can be allotted to Norfolk at coordinates (36–48–56 N. and 76–28–00 W.) with a power of 1000, HAAT of 313 meters and with a DTV service population of 1761 thousand. With this action, this proceeding is terminated.

**DATES:** Effective October 23, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pam Blumenthal, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418–1600.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a synopsis of the Commission’s Report and Order, MM Docket No. 00–68, adopted September 7, 2000, and released September 8, 2000. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission’s copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc., (202) 857–3800, 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

**List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73**

Television, Digital television broadcasting.

Part 73 of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

**PART 73—[AMENDED]**

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

**Authority:** 47 U.S.C. 154, 303, 334, 336.

**§ 73.622 [Amended]**

2. Section 73.622(b), the Table of Digital Television Allotments under Virginia, is amended by removing DTV Channel 58 and adding DTV Channel 40 at Norfolk.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Barbara A. Kreisman,**

*Chief, Video Services Division, Mass Media Bureau.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 73

[DA 00-2028, MM Docket No. 99-296; RM-9661]

### Digital Television Broadcast Services; Klamath Falls, OR

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission, at the request of California Oregon Broadcasting, Inc., licensee of Station KOTI-TV, Klamath Falls, Oregon, substitutes DTV Channel 13 for Station KOTI-TV's assigned DTV Channel 40 at Klamath Falls. See 64 FR 54269, October 6, 1999. DTV Channel 13 can be allotted to Klamath Falls at coordinates (42-05-48 N. and 121-37-57 W.) with a power of 45.3, HAAT of 671 meters and with a DTV service population of thousand.

With this action, this proceeding is terminated.

**DATES:** Effective October 23, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pam Blumenthal, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-1600.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a synopsis of the Commission's Report and Order, MM Docket No. 99-296, adopted September 6, 2000, and released September 7, 2000. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

### List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Television, Digital television broadcasting.

Part 73 of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

### PART 73—[AMENDED]

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

**Authority:** 47 U.S.C. 154, 303, 334, 336.

### § 73.622 [Amended]

2. Section 73.622(b), the Table of Digital Television Allotments under Oregon, is amended by removing DTV Channel 40 and adding DTV Channel 13 at Klamath Falls.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Barbara A. Kreisman,**

*Chief, Video Services Division, Mass Media Bureau.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 79

[MM Docket No. 99-339; FCC 00-258]

### Implementation of Video Description of Video Programming

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document adopt rules to require larger broadcast stations and multichannel programming distributors (MVPDs) to provide programming with video description. This document also adopts rules to require all broadcast stations and MVPDs to pass through any video description they receive from their programming suppliers if they have the technical capability necessary to do so. This document also adopts rules to enhance the accessibility of emergency information. The purpose of these actions is to enhance the accessibility of video programming to persons with visual disabilities.

**DATES:** Section 79.3 is effective April 1, 2002. Section 79.2 contains information collection requirements which have not been approved by the Office Of Management Budget ("OMB"). The Commission will publish a document in the **Federal Register** announcing the effective date of this section.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eric J. Bash, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2130 (voice), (202) 418-1169 (TTY), or [ebash@fcc.gov](mailto:ebash@fcc.gov), or Meryl S. Icove, Disabilities Rights Office, Consumer Information Bureau, (202) 418-2372 (voice), 418-0178 (TTY), or [micove@fcc.gov](mailto:micove@fcc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Commission's Report and Order ("R&O"), FCC 00-258, adopted July 21, 2000; released August 7, 2000. The full text of the Commission's R&O is available for

inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Dockets Branch (Room TW-A306), 445 12 St. S.W., Washington, D.C. The complete text of this R&O may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services (202) 857-3800, 1231 20th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

### Synopsis of Report and Order

#### I. Introduction

1. In this R&O, we adopt rules designed to bring the benefits of video description to the commercial video marketplace but not impose an undue burden on the video programming production and distribution industries. Video description is the description of key visual elements in programming, inserted into natural pauses in the audio of the programming. It is designed to make television programming more accessible to the many Americans who have visual disabilities.

2. As explained further, we conclude that we have the authority to adopt video description rules, and require the top broadcast stations and multichannel video programming distributors (MVPDs) to provide programming with video description on the top programming networks. This will ensure that the broadcast stations and MVPDs that reach the most people will provide video description for the most watched programming. We also adopt rules to enhance the accessibility of emergency information for people with visual disabilities. Specifically, we adopt rules as follows:

- We require affiliates of the top four commercial broadcast TV networks in the top 25 TV markets to provide 50 hours per calendar quarter of prime time and/or children's programming with video description.

- We also require MVPDs with 50,000 or more subscribers to provide 50 hours per calendar quarter of prime time and/or children's programming with video description on each of the top five national nonbroadcast networks they carry.

- In addition, we require any broadcast station, regardless of its market size, to "pass through" any video description it receives from a programming provider, if the broadcast station has the technical capability necessary to do so, and we require any MVPD, regardless of its number of subscribers, to "pass through" any video description it receives from a programming provider, if the MVPD has the technical capability necessary to do so on the channel on which it