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INTERIM REPORT: FURTHER STUDIES ON THE AVAILABILITY OF SPECTRUM FOR ADVANCED TELEVISION

The Office of Engineering and Technology has issued a report (FCC/OET TM89-1) entitled "Interim Report: Further Studies on the Availability of Spectrum for Advanced Television."

OET is conducting a series of studies to develop information to aid the Commission and others in addressing ATV spectrum issues and related technical matters. Two previous reports on these studies were released with the Tentative Decision and Further Notice of Inquiry in the ATV Proceeding, MM Docket No. [redacted]. The previous reports provided information on the availability of additional spectrum for ATV use by existing stations and the possibility of eliminating current restrictions on the use of UHF channels (these restrictions are generally known as the "UHF taboos").

The report announced here summarizes the findings of further OET studies relating to the availability of spectrum for ATV and presents several observations regarding ATV spectrum policy based on the study findings. The topics addressed are: 1) repacking of existing stations; 2) an approach for co-channel minimum spacing requirements suggested by Zenith and several others developing ATV systems; 3) the impact of retaining the UHF image taboos; and 4) the effects of retaining the vacant noncommercial educational allotments.

Copies of the report may be purchased from International Transcription Services, Inc., 2100 M Street NW, Washington, DC 20037, telephone (202) 857-3800.

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