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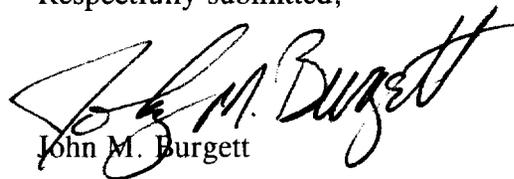
Re: WWL-DT, New Orleans, Louisiana  
Supplement to Petition for Rulemaking

Dear Ms. Salas:

On behalf of WWL-TV, Inc., the licensee of WWL-TV, New Orleans, Louisiana, enclosed for filing is a supplement to its Petition for Rulemaking filed on September 14, 1999 for the purpose of amending the digital television Table of Allotments to specify Channel 36 in lieu of Channel 30 at New Orleans.

Please contact this office if there are any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

  
John M. Burgett

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Before the  
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In the Matter of	)	
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Amendment of Section 73.622(b) of	)	MM Docket No. _____
the Commission's Rules, DTV	)	RM No. _____
Table of Allotments	)	
(New Orleans, Louisiana)	)	

To: Chief, Allocations Branch

**SUPPLEMENT TO  
PETITION FOR RULEMAKING**

1. WWL-TV, Inc. ("WWL"), by its attorneys and pursuant to Section 73.623 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §73.623, hereby supplements the Petition for Rulemaking filed on behalf of WWL on September 14, 1999 for the purpose of amending the Table of Allotments for the digital television ("DTV") service to change the initial DTV channel allotment for station WWL-DT, New Orleans, Louisiana, from channel 30 to channel 36.

2. WWL is the licensee of television station WWL-TV, New Orleans, Louisiana, which currently operates on NTSC channel 4. The station has been allotted DTV channel 30 for its digital operations. As the engineering statement submitted with WWL's Petition for Rulemaking indicates, WWL-DT's proposed digital service on channel 30 will cause significant interference to the adjacent channel DTV allotments of WVUE-DT and WLAE-DT in New Orleans (DTV channels 29 and 31, respectively) and to WGBC-TV, NTSC channel 30, in Meridian, Mississippi.

3. WWL thus requests that the Commission institute a rulemaking proceeding to amend the DTV Table of Allotments to substitute channel 36 in place of channel 30 at New Orleans, for the use of WWL-DT. With the exception of station KARD-DT, West Monroe, Louisiana, the proposed channel change will not result in any additional interference to any other authorized DTV broadcast station, DTV allotment or analog television station. See Section 73.623(c)(2) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §73.623(c)(2). The proposed operation of WWL-DT on channel 36 would result in predicted interference to an additional 0.05 percent of the population to be served by KARD-DT at its allotted site. It is WWL's understanding that, at KARD-DT's allotted site, the station is already subject to interference in excess of ten percent of its population. Accordingly, WWL has obtained the express agreement of KARD-DT's licensee, Quorum of Louisiana License, LLC ("Quorum"), to accept the additional interference to KARD-DT that will theoretically be caused by WWL-DT's operation on channel 36.<sup>1</sup> A copy of Quorum's consent to WWL-DT's proposed channel change is attached hereto as Attachment A.

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<sup>1</sup> WWL notes that with the DTV facilities proposed in Quorum's pending application for a digital television construction permit (which differ from the facilities specified in the DTV Table of Allotments), approximately 7 percent of KARD-DT's population would be subject to interference, and WWL-DT's operation on channel 36 would comply fully with the Commission's *de minimis* interference criteria. See FCC File No. BPCDT-19991101ADC.

4. In light of the foregoing, WWL-TV, Inc. respectfully requests that the Commission expeditiously commence a rulemaking proceeding to amend the DTV Table of Allotments to allot and assign DTV channel 36 (in lieu of channel 30) to New Orleans, Louisiana, for use by WWL-DT.

Respectfully submitted,

**WWL-TV, INC.**

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# **ATTACHMENT A**

## CONSENT

Quorum of Louisiana License, LLC, the licensee of KARD-TV, West Monroe, Louisiana (NTSC Channel 14 and DTV Channel 36), Facility No. 3658, hereby consents to the filing by WWL-TV, Inc., the licensee of WWL-TV, New Orleans, Louisiana (NTSC Channel 4 and DTV Channel 30), Facility No. 74192, of a petition for rulemaking to substitute Channel 36 for Channel 30 at New Orleans, and to WWL-TV, Inc.'s use of Channel 36 for WWL-DT's digital television operations. Quorum of Louisiana License, LLC recognizes that the operation of WWL-DT on DTV Channel 36, New Orleans, Louisiana, will result in additional predicted interference of 0.05 percent of the population served by KARD-DT. Quorum of Louisiana License, LLC hereby accepts such interference and supports the approval by the Federal Communications Commission of the proposed substitution of Channel 36 for Channel 30 for use in WWL-DT's digital operations.

### **QUORUM OF LOUISIANA LICENSE, LLC**

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