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NAEB FILES COMMENTS ON UHF PROCEEDING AND MPATTI EXPANSION

The NAEB filed with the Federal Communications Commission last Friday (April 3), its own proposed UHF television channel assignment plan. In its comment, NAEB strongly urged the Commission to adopt the NAEB plan because it presents the most efficient distribution of UHF assignments and provides the most information about over-all television channel allocations in the United States. The plan submitted by NAEB was developed in connection with its study of the use of computer methods to calculate television channel allocations. It proposes 609 more assignments than the FCC's plan, and recommends 909 UHF educational reservations. (See also Washington Reports on November 8 and December 16, 1963.)

Copies of the NAEB plan and copies of the comments filed with the Commission are available upon request from the Washington office.

NAEB also filed last Friday, comments concerning the proposed expansion and regularization of airborne television services offered by MPATTI. NAEB opposed the MPATTI proposal and indicated that it would seriously retard the development of a system of land-based television stations to meet a variety of educational needs, both in the schools and throughout the community.

At most, the NAEB believes that the Commission should do no more than to continue the two channel service now being offered to the mid-west area until such time as regular locally-based television stations or other interconnection systems are activated. "MPATTI services should, like translator services, be licensed only as a secondary service which is not permitted to cause interference to the direct reception of any television broadcast station...NAEB further believes that if the key problem is appropriate distribution of educational materials, that the FCC should explore other means of interconnection (for example: microwave links along the lines of the proposed Eastern Educational Network or the various statewide microwave proposals), to achieve the beneficial objectives which MPATTI proposes."

FARGO ETV RECEIVES HEW GRANT

Approval of a \$130,173 grant to help the North Central Educational Television Association, Inc., Fargo, establish North Dakota's first educational television station was announced April 1 by Anthony J. Celebrezze, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

The new station, KFME-TV, Channel 13, will offer instructional and general-interest programs to more than 160,000 persons within a 50-mile radius of Fargo and Moorhead, Minnesota. Estimated school population in the area is 50,354 students in 128 educational institutions.

Total cost of the project is estimated at \$205,270. Federal funds will be used to purchase a tower and transmission and studio equipment. The station will augment its educational service through a program agreement with KTCA, an existing educational television station in Minneapolis-St. Paul.

The approval brings to 16 the number of grants approved since funds for the five-year program first became available last May. The over-all approved grant total is \$3,023,445.

APPLICATIONS FOR ETV FUNDS ACCEPTED

Three new applications for a total of \$854,434 have been accepted for filing under the ETV Facilities Act. These applications are:

Clover Park School District 400, Lakewood Center, Washington, for \$99,831, to expand facilities of Station KPEC-TV, Channel 56, at Lakewood Center; total project cost \$133,108.

The Trustees of Indiana of Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, for \$285,644, to activate Channel 30 at Bloomington; total project cost \$495,842.

North Dakota State Board of Higher Education, for the University of North Dakota and North Dakota State University, for \$468,959, to activate Channel 2 at Grand Forks; total project cost \$919,874.

FCC TO INQUIRE INTO FREQUENCY SHARING BY TV AND LAND MOBILE

The Commission took the following actions concerning the allocations of frequencies to the various non-Government radio services in the radio spectrum between 25 and 890 Mc:

1. By Report and Order, denied various petitions for reallocation of TV and other channels to non-broadcast services and terminated its current inquiry into frequency allocations in that part of the spectrum (Docket 11997). NAEB filed comments opposing the various requests.

2. Instituted an inquiry into the optimum frequency spacing between assignable frequencies in the Land Mobile Service and the feasibility of frequency sharing by television and the Land Mobile Service, specifically inviting the Joint Technical Advisory Committee and the Electronics Industries Association to comment on channel spacing in the band 150.8-162 Mc and on the feasibility of land mobile sharing VHF television channels.

3. Established an Advisory Committee for the Land Mobile Service to study growth problems of land mobile use under the chairmanship of Commissioner Kenneth A. Cox, with James E. Barr, Chief of the Safety and Special Radio Services Bureau, as vice chairman.

4. Proposed rule making for a limited trial program of primary/secondary inter-service usage of existing unused or lightly used land mobile frequencies in the 150.8-162 and 450-470 Mc bands in the state of California only and limited to the first 500 qualified applicants.

FCC ACTIONS: VHF EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION CHANNEL ASSIGNMENTS

By Reports and Orders, the Commission amended its TV allocations table to (1) assign and reserve for noncommercial educational use, TV Channel *2 in Columbia, North Carolina (Docket 15227) and (2) reserve Channel 8 in Waycross, Georgia, to enable Georgia State Board of Education, which operates station WXGA-TV on that presently unreserved channel to apply for Federal Aid from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (Docket 15144).

The Commission invited comments to Notice of Proposed Rule Making looking toward amending its TV table of assignments to add VHF Channel *9 to Grandview, West Virginia, for noncommercial educational use. The Board of Governors of the University of West Virginia petitioned for the assignment and stated that it hopes to serve 11 counties in the southeastern sector of the state.

WETA MOVES OFFICES TO NEW LOCATION

The offices of the Greater Washington Educational Television Association (WETA-TV), are now located in the Jefferson Building, 1225 Nineteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. They moved to their new location April 1.

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