Federal Communications Commission

Subpart J—Class A Television Broadcast Stations

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§ 73.6000 Definitions.

Locally produced programming. For the purpose of this subpart, locally produced programming is programming:

- (1) Produced within the predicted Grade B contour of the station broadcasting the program or within the contiguous predicted Grade B contours of any of the stations in a commonly owned group; or
- (2) Produced within the predicted DTV noise-limited contour (see §73.622(e) of this part) of a digital Class A station broadcasting the program or within the contiguous predicted DTV noise-limited contours of any of the digital Class A stations in a commonly owned group: or
- (3) Programming produced at the station's main studio.

NOTE TO §73.6000: See Report and Order, In the Matter of Establishment of a Class A Television Service, MM Docket No. 00–10, released April 4, 2000; Memorandum Opinion and Order on Reconsideration, In the Matter of Establishment of a Class A Television Service, MM Docket No. 00–10, released April 13, 2001.

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§73.6001 Eligibility and service requirements.

- (a) Qualified low power television licensees which, during the 90-day period ending November 28, 1999, operated their stations in a manner consistent with the programming and operational standards set forth in the Community Broadcasters Protection Act of 1999, may be accorded primary status as Class A television licensees.
- (b) Class A television broadcast stations are required to:
- (1) Broadcast a minimum of 18 hours per day; and
- (2) Broadcast an average of at least three hours per week of locally produced programming each quarter.
- (c) Licensed Class A television broadcast stations shall be accorded primary status as a television broadcaster as long as the station continues to meet

the minimum operating requirements for Class A status.

(d) Licensees unable to continue to meet the minimum operating requirements for Class A television stations, or which elect to revert to low power television status, shall promptly notify the Commission, in writing, and request a change in status.

§73.6002 Licensing requirements.

- (a) A Class A television broadcast license will only be issued to a qualified low power television licensee that:
- (1) Filed a Statement of Eligibility for Class A Low Power Television Station Status on or before January 28, 2000, which was granted by the Commission; and
- (2) Files an acceptable application for a Class A Television license (FCC Form 302–CA).

§§ 73.6003-73.6005 [Reserved]

§ 73.6006 Channel assignments.

Class A TV stations will not be authorized on UHF TV channels 52 through 69, or on channels unavailable for TV broadcast station use pursuant to §73.603 of this part.

§ 73.6007 Power limitations.

An application to change the facilities of an existing Class A TV station will not be accepted if it requests an effective radiated power that exceeds the power limitation specified in §74.735 of this chapter.

$\S 73.6008$ Distance computations.

The distance between two reference points must be calculated in accordance with §73.208(c) of this part.

§ 73.6010 Class A TV station protected contour.

- (a) A Class A TV station will be protected from interference within the following predicted signal contours:
- (1) 62 dBu for stations on Channels 2 through 6:
- (2) 68 dBu for stations on Channels 7 through 13: and
- (3) 74 dBu for stations on Channels 14 through 51.
- (b) The Class A TV station protected contour is calculated from the effective radiated power and antenna height