Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of:	)
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Editorial Modifications of Part 73 of the Commission's Rules	)
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ORDER

Adopted: December 11, 2003 **Released: December 12, 2003**

By the Managing Director:

1. In order to provide a more efficiently organized presentation of the various materials, *e.g.*, standards, specifications, and similar documents that are referenced in the regulations for broadcast radio services in Part 73 of the Commission's rules, certain administrative revisions are necessary to those rules.

2. Authority for adoption of the revisions is contained in 47 C.F.R. § 0.231(b).

3. The amendments adopted herein pertain to agency organization, procedure, and practice. Consequently, the notice and comment provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, contained in 5 U.S.C. § 553(b), are inapplicable.

4. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED that Part 73 of the Commission's rules, set forth in Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations, IS AMENDED, as set forth in the Appendix to this Order, TO BE EFFECTIVE upon publication in the Federal Register.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Andrew S. Fishel
Managing Director

APPENDIX

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

PART 73 – BROADCAST RADIO SERVICES

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

AUTHORITY: 47 U.S.C. 154, 303, 334, and 336.

2. Amend § 73.682 by revising paragraph (d) to read as follows:

§ 73.682 TV transmission standards.

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(d) Digital broadcast television transmission standard. Transmission of digital broadcast television (DTV) signals shall comply with the standards for such transmissions set forth in ATSC A/52: "ATSC Standard Digital Audio Compression (AC-3)" (incorporated by reference, see § 73.8000) and ATSC Doc. A/53B, Revision B with Amendment 1: "ATSC Digital Television Standard," except for Section 5.1.2 ("Compression format constraints") of Annex A ("Video Systems Characteristics") and the phrase "see Table 3" in Section 5.1.1. Table 2 and Section 5.1.2 Table 4 (incorporated by reference, see § 73.8000). Although not incorporated by reference, licensees may also consult ATSC Doc. A/54, Guide to Use of the ATSC Digital Television Standard, October 4, 1995, and ATSC Doc. A/65A, Program System and Information Protocol (PSIP) for Terrestrial Broadcast and Cable, December 23, 1997 for guidance. (Secs. 4, 5, 303, 48 Stat., as amended, 1066, 1068, 1082 (47 U.S.C. 154, 155, 303)).

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