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NAEB FILES REPLY COMMENTS ON UHF AND MPATI PROCEEDINGS

On April 3, the NAEB filed comments with the FCC supporting its original comment calling for adoption of the NAEB UHF Assignment Plan. The comments pointed out that the NAEB plan was not only the most efficient plan that is available to the Commission, but it also provides considerable flexibility for meeting special needs that have arisen in various areas.

In a separate filing, the NAEB reiterated its opposition to the MPATI proposal for regularization and expansion of the Airborne operation. However, the comments indicated that if a study shows that ground-based educational stations recommended in the NAEB plan and an expanded airborne operation are compatible for a short period of time, the FCC might consider an extension of MPATI's experimental grant. Copies of both filings are available at the Washington office.

ACE PUBLISHES SPECIAL REPORT ON FCC ASSIGNMENT OF UHF CHANNELS

In a special report issued last month, the American Council on Education published a thorough and intelligent comparison of the FCC and NAEB UHF Television Assignment Plans. Copies are available from the Washington office of the NAEB.

RECENT HEW GRANTS TO ETV STATIONS

University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, for the expansion of station KUED, operating on Channel 7, Salt Lake City, Utah. Amount of Federal grant approved: \$239,322.

Milwaukee Board of Vocational and Adult Education, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for the expansion of station WMVT, operating on Channel 36, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Amount of Federal grant approved: \$167,475.

Office of Education, a Department of the County of Santa Clara, California, San Jose, California, for the establishment of a new educational television station on Channel 54, San Jose, California. Amount of Federal grant approved: \$68,064.

Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio, for the establishment of a new educational television station on Channel 70, Bowling Green, Ohio. Amount of Federal grant approved: \$95,137.

Metropolitan Pittsburgh Educational Television, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for the expansion of station WQED, operating on Channel 13, Pittsburgh. Amount of Federal grant approved: \$166,968.

University of South Dakota, Vermillion, South Dakota, for the expansion of station KUSD, operating on Channel 2, Vermillion, South Dakota. Amount of Federal grant: \$14,351.

Alabama Educational Television Commission, Mobile, Alabama, for the establishment of a new educational television station on Channel 42, Mobile, Alabama. Amount of Federal grant approved: \$242,658.

Des Moines Independent Community School District, Des Moines, Iowa, for the expansion of station KDPS, operating on Channel 11, Des Moines, Iowa. Amount of Federal grant: \$79,598.

Twin City Area Educational Television Association, St. Paul, Minnesota, for the establishment of a new educational television station on Channel 17, St. Paul, Minnesota. Amount of Federal grant approved: \$154,255.

Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, for expansion of station WMUB-TV, operating on Channel 14, Oxford Ohio. Amount of Federal grant approved: \$132,015.

University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, for the expansion of station KUON, operating on Channel 12, Lincoln, Nebraska. Amount of Federal grant approved: \$309,583.

The approvals bring to 28 the number of grants allocated since funds became available last May. They total \$4,804,008, in Federal funds. Accepted for filing and awaiting further action are 36 applications which request a total of \$7,375,512.

JCEB ELECTS OFFICERS AND MOVES HEADQUARTERS

Harold Wigren, Consultant in Educational Television for the National Education Association has been elected Chairman of the Joint Council on Educational Broadcasting. At the same time, Lawrence Dennis, Assistant to the President of the American Council on Education, was named Vice-Chairman of the JCEB, and James Fellows, Associate Director of Research and Development at NAEB, was elected Secretary.

The JCEB is comprised of seven professional education associations whose activities and membership are concerned with various aspects of radio and television applications to education. Current members are: American Association of School Administrators, American Council on Education, Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, National Association of Educational Broadcasters, Council of Chief State School Officers, National Education Association, National Educational Television, and State Universities Association.

FCC RULES MODIFY INSTRUCTIONAL TV FIXED STATIONS

By Report and Order, the FCC modified its rules governing Instructional Fixed Television Stations to provide for the assignment of alternate channels to a licensee instead of the wider spaced channels in the original rules. (Docket 15181). This arrangement will permit the use of a single broadband converter to convert as many as four channels simultaneously. This should result in a substantial saving to school systems using that service by eliminating the necessity of a separate converter for each channel. The original proposal, initiated October 3, 1963, on the basis of a petition by Adler Electronics, Inc., was modified slightly as the result of comments filed in the proceeding.

The following frequencies may be assigned to instructional television fixed stations:

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D	
Channel No.	Band Limits Mc/s	Channel No.	Band Limits Mc/s	Channel No.	Band Limits Mc/s	Channel No.	Band Limits Mc/s
A-1	2500-2506	B-1	2506-2512	C-1	2548-2554	D-1	2554-2560
A-2	2512-2518	B-2	2518-2524	C-2	2560-2566	D-2	2566-2572
A-3	2524-2530	B-3	2530-2536	C-3	2572-2578	D-3	2578-2584
A-4	2536-2542	B-4	2542-2548	C-4	2584-2590	D-4	2590-2596

GROUP E		GROUP F		GROUP G		GROUP H	
Channel No.	Band Limits Mc/s	Channel No.	Band Limits Mc/s	Channel No.	Band Limits Mc/s	Channel No.	Band Limits Mc/s
E-1	2596-2602	F-1	2602-2608	G-1	2644-2650	H-1	2650-2656
E-2	2608-2614	F-2	2614-2620	G-2	2656-2662	H-2	2662-2668
E-3	2620-2626	F-3	2626-2632	G-3	2668-2674	H-3	2674-2680
E-4	2632-2638	F-4	2638-2644	G-4	2680-2686		

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