

tected to a distance more than 40 miles from its transmitter site, and no Class C station would be protected to a distance of more than 65 miles. Under the rules adopted last summer, Class B stations have a service range of 45 miles and Class C, 65 miles. Class A stations have a 15-mile service range.

The commission emphasized that "the proposals made represent no departure from the basic principles of the present allocations plan, but are designed solely to permit some existing stations to improve their service to the public."

**New Table** ■ One hundred additional assignments are proposed in the new rulemaking. Alaska would get 15; Hawaii, 14; Puerto Rico, 30; the Virgin Islands, 6; and Guam, 2.

Chairman E. William Henry and Commissioners Rosel H. Hyde, Robert E. Lee and Kenneth Cox voted for the rulemaking proposal. Commissioner Robert T. Bartley dissented to the part dealing with higher power but concurred in the proposal to create the additional table of assignments.

## DISMISS KATV(TV) PLEA

But decision raises more questions than it answers

The FCC last week dismissed an application of KATV Inc.—and thereby left the principals of that broadcasting company in considerable suspense.

The action—taken without prejudice and on the commission's own motion—involved an application for permission to move the transmitter of KATV(TV) Little Rock, Ark., 50 miles, from an area near Pine Bluff to one 14 miles northwest of Little Rock.

Pine Bluff civic officials had protested the move. They charged that KATV, in seeking the transfer, had broken a promise to keep its transmitter in Jefferson county, in which Pine Bluff is located.

After a hearing on the transmitter move, Examiner Thomas Donahue not only recommended denial of the application but said the hearing raised doubts as to whether KATV Inc. has the character qualifications to be a licensee (BROADCASTING, June 10, 1963).

**New Site** ■ During oral argument on the initial decision before the commission en banc in December, KATV Inc. asked for time to amend its application to specify an area near Redfield, which is in Jefferson county. Counsel for the station said the Federal Aviation Agency, which had earlier blocked a move to locate a tower there, had indicated it might change its mind.

Officials of Pine Bluff, who were represented in the oral argument, said they

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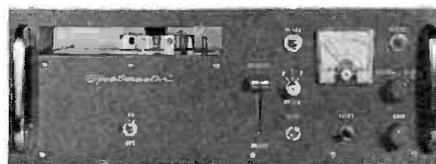
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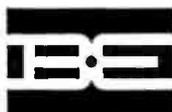


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