

## Federal Communications Commission

## § 74.432

2.5 watts. The output of a vehicular repeater transmitter used as a talkback unit on an additional frequency is limited to 2.5 watts.

(f) Remote pickup base and mobile stations in Alaska, Guam, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands may be used for any purpose related to the programming or technical operation of a broadcasting station, except for transmission intended for direct reception by the general public.

(g) A broadcast licensee eligible for "short-term operation" under §74.24, may operate RPU base or mobile stations under the authorization of the Part 73 license for an indefinite period upon filing an application for auxiliary operation with the Commission and subject to the conditions of §74.24 (a), (b), (e), (f), (h), (i), and to the conditions set forth below:

(1) The auxiliary station is located within 50 miles (80 km) of the broadcast studio or broadcast transmitter.

(2) The applicant must coordinate the operation with all affected co-channel and adjacent channel licensees in the area of operation. This requirement can be satisfied by coordination with the local frequency committee if one exists.

(3) Such operation shall be suspended immediately upon notification from the Commission or by the Engineer in Charge (EIC) of the Commission's local field office, and shall not be resumed until specific authority is given by the Commission or EIC. When authorized by the EIC, short test operations may be made.

(4) Operation under this provision is not permitted between 152.87 MHz and 153.35 MHz.

(h) In the event that normal aural studio to transmitter circuits are damaged, stations licensed under Subpart D may be used to provide temporary circuits for a period not exceeding 30 days without further authority from the Commission necessary to continue broadcasting.

(i) Remote pickup mobile or base stations may be used for activities associated with the Emergency Broadcast System and similar emergency survival communications systems. Drills and tests are also permitted on these stations, but the priority requirements

of §74.403(b) must be observed in such cases.

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### § 74.432 Licensing requirements and procedures.

(a) A license for a remote pickup station will be issued to: the licensee of an AM, FM, noncommercial FM, low power FM, TV, Class A TV, international broadcast or low power TV station; broadcast network-entity; or cable network-entity.

(b) Base stations may operate as automatic relay stations on the frequencies listed in §74.402(a) (6) and (8) under the provisions of §74.436, however, one licensee may not operate such stations on more than two frequencies in a single area.

(c) Base stations may use voice communications between the studio and transmitter or points of any intercity relay system on frequencies in Groups I and J.

(d) Base stations may be authorized to establish standby circuits from places where official broadcasts may be made during times of emergency and circuits to interconnect an emergency survival communications system.

(e) In Alaska, Guam, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, base stations may provide program circuits between the studio and transmitter or to relay programs between broadcasting stations. A base station may be operated unattended in accordance with the following:

(1) The station must be designed, installed, and protected so that the transmitter can only be activated or controlled by persons authorized by the licensee.

(2) The station must be equipped with circuits to prevent transmitter operation when no signal is received from the station which it is relaying.

(f) Remote pickup stations may use only those frequencies and bandwidths which are necessary for operation.

(g) An application for a remote pickup broadcast station or system shall specify the broadcasting station or stations (where more than one broadcasting station is specified, all such broadcasting stations shall be licensed to the applicant and to the same community) with which the remote pickup

broadcast facility is to be principally used and the licensed area of operation for a system which includes mobile stations shall be the area considered to be served by the associated broadcasting station or stations. Mobile stations may be operated outside the licensed area of operation pursuant to § 74.431(d). Where the applicant for remote pickup broadcast facilities is the licensee of more than one class of broadcasting station (AM, FM, TV), all licensed to the same community, designation of one or more such stations as the associated broadcasting station or stations will not preclude use of the remote pickup broadcast facilities with those broadcasting stations not included in the designation and such additional use shall be at the discretion of the licensee.

(h) In cases where a series of broadcasts are to be made from the same location, portable or mobile transmitters may be left at such location for the duration of the series of broadcasts: *Provided*, The transmitting apparatus is properly secured so that it may not be operated by unauthorized persons when unattended. Prior Commission authority shall be obtained for the installation of any transmitting antenna which requires notification to the FAA, pursuant to § 17.7 of the Commission's rules and regulations, and which will be in existence for more than 2 days.

(i) The location of each remote pickup broadcast base station will be specified in the station or system license and such stations may not be operated at any other location without prior authority of the Commission.

(j) The license shall be retained in the licensee's files at the address shown on the authorization, posted at the transmitter, or posted at the control point of the station.

(k) In the case of permanent discontinuance of operation of a station or system licensed under this subpart, the licensee shall forward the station or system license to the FCC at Federal Communications Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325 for cancellation. For purposes of this section, a station which is not operated for a period of one year is

considered to have been permanently discontinued.

NOTE: Licensees of remote pickup broadcast stations licensed prior to August 31, 1976, should not file applications to consolidate individually licensed transmitters under a single system license until the renewal application of the associated broadcast station is filed. Applications filed between August 31, 1976, and the date of filing of the renewal applications to obtain authorization to use additional transmitters or modification of existing stations shall be restricted to a single system application necessary to accomplish the desired change, but may include consolidation of previously-licensed transmitters within the system license. Applications submitted for system licensing prior to the time when renewal applications would normally be filed which are unnecessary for either administrative or operational purposes will be returned as unacceptable for filing.

(Sec. 5, 48 Stat. 1068; 47 U.S.C. 155)

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#### § 74.433 Temporary authorizations.

(a) Special temporary authority may be granted for remote pickup station operation which cannot be conducted in accordance with § 74.24. Such authority will normally be granted only for operations of a temporary nature. Where operation is seen as likely on a continuing annual basis, an application for a regular authorization should be submitted.

(b) A request for special temporary authority for the operation of a remote pickup broadcast station may be made by informal application, which shall be filed with the Commission at least 10 days prior to the date of the proposed operation: *Provided*, That, an application filed within less than 10 days of the proposed operation may be accepted upon a satisfactory showing of the reasons for the delay in submitting the request.

(c) An informal request for special temporary authority requiring payment of a fee shall be addressed to the FCC at Federal Communications Commission, Broadcast Auxiliary Radio Services, P.O. Box 358700, Pittsburgh, PA 15251-5700. An informal request for