

**[NTC MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 04-07-2005,
July 12, 2005]**

EXTENSION OF THE UHF TV BROADCAST BAND

Whereas, under Rule 600 of the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 8-9-95 (Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 7925), the radio spectrum allocation and assignment shall be subject to periodic review in the interest of public service;

Whereas, pursuant to Executive Order No. 546, Series of 1979, this Commission is vested with the power to promulgate rules and regulations, as public safety and interest may require, for purposes of encouraging a larger and more effective use of communications, radio and television (TV) broadcasting facilities, and maintaining healthy competition among radio and television entities and/or operators;

Whereas, the existing UHF TV broadcast grantees/operators have utilized and/or deployed their stations and/or networks in varying degrees of performance and compliance;

Whereas, there is a need to review and rationalize the radio spectrum in order to keep pace with the rapid and more recent developments in broadcast technology;

Whereas, after due consideration, the re-classification of the 674-698 Mhz, band to the UHF TV Broadcast service is found to be consistent with the rationalization plan of this Commission;

Wherefore, pursuant to the powers vested by law, and after due notice and hearing, the Commission hereby extends the UHF TV broadcast band and for this purpose, hereby designates the 674-698 Mhz. band to and for the utilization of the UHF TV broadcast service, subject to Rule 603 of NTC Memorandum Circular 3-3-96.

Any Circular, Order or Memorandum inconsistent herewith is deemed superseded.

This Circular shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation and three (3) copies furnished the University of the Philippines (UP) Law Center.

Adopted: 12 July 2005

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