Times have changed, WTVW tells the FCC

The record in the Evansville, Ind., deintermixture case should be reopened, WTVW (TV) Evansville, which would lose its ch. 7 by deintermixture, said last week in a request to the FCC.

WTVW (ch. 7), which would be shifted to a uhf channel (31) to give Evansville three uhf stations under an examiner's initial decision issued in February 1961, said the examiner's reasoning no longer applies. The examiner had anticipated that loss of service in the area by a shift of ch. 7 to Louisville would be offset by a contemplated power-antenna boost for WEHT (TV) Evansville (ch. 50); but the FCC denied the boost, the vhf station said. WTVW also noted Louisville now has a uhf station which would be threatened by addition of ch. 7 as the third vhf station in that city.

KOMA fined $5,000 for rule violations

KOMA Oklahoma City last week was fined $5,000 for violating FCC rules. According to the commission, KOMA, a 50-kw station on 1520 kc with nighttime directional antenna, operated after midnight with daytime facilities and with field strength above that authorized.

Last fall the FCC charged KOMA with the violations and proposed a $10,000 fine (Broadcasting, Nov. 7, 1961). The station, owned by Storz Broadcasting Co., replied that its violations were not "willful or repeated" and maintained a fine should not be imposed (Broadcasting, Jan. 1).

In its order reducing the fine, the FCC said it "cannot agree [with KOMA] that the sanction should be nominal" but decided to fine the station only $5,000 after taking into consideration the factors raised by the licensee.

FCC reserves etv's in Elmira, Albany

Ch. 30 Elmira and ch. 23 Albany, both New York, were reserved for educational tv use in rulemaking finalized last week by the FCC. Both channels have been available for commercial operation but neither had been sought by broadcasters.

The Elmira reallocation was requested by the National Educational TV & Radio Center, New York U.