

trial would fulfill the objectives of the First and Third Reports on Subscription Television and provide useful information which would assist the Commission in its ultimate determination whether some form of subscription television service on a permanent basis would be in the public interest (*id.* at 310, 321).

In reaching this conclusion, the Commission determined that the arrangements proposed by RKO adequately protected subscribers against the purchase of equipment which might later become worthless (*id.* at 311);⁴ that the station licensee would retain adequate control over programs and maximum charges (*id.* at 312-313); that, while some conventional programming in Hartford would be displaced and some program sources diverted to subscription television, the effects would not be substantial, and could, in any event, only be determined by the trial itself (*id.* at 313-315); and that severe adverse effects on the other television stations in the Hartford area could not be expected (*id.* at 315-316). The Commission granted the requested authorization for a period of three years, subject to the conditions of the Third Report and to the further express conditions that the authorization was not renewable as of right and could be revoked

⁴ The Commission rejected a contention that installation and rental charges on the decoders should not be permitted, stating (30 F.C.C. 311): "it would appear that such proscription could rob the trial of at least some of its value, for if the decoders were literally given away, we would receive no indication of the public's true capacity and desire to pay some amount toward amortization or depreciation of decoders." The Commission also rejected, as without record support, a claim that the proposed charges were unreasonable (30 F.C.C. 311, fn. 6).