

Before The
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In The Matter of)	
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Amendment of Section 73.202(b))	MM Docket No. 18-43
Table of Allotments)	RM-11797
FM Broadcast Stations)	
(Connerville, Oklahoma))	

To: Office of the Secretary
Attention: Chief, Audio Division, Mass Media Bureau

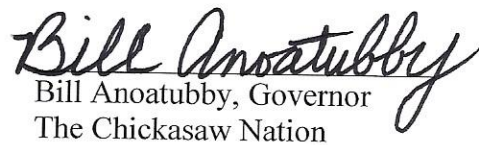
Comments of The Chickasaw Nation

The Chickasaw Nation, a federally recognized sovereign Indian nation, hereby files these Comments in support of the Commission's proposal to amend the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's rules, by allotting FM Channel 247A to Connerville, Oklahoma, as a first tribal local service. This proposed allotment was the subject of a Petition for Rulemaking ("Petition") filed by The Chickasaw Nation on December 1, 2017 seeking the allotment at Connerville, Oklahoma, with a Tribal Priority. The Commission published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on February 14, 2018, seeking comments on the proposed allotment of FM Channel 247 to Connerville, Oklahoma.

The Chickasaw Nation incorporates by reference its Petition into these Comments and affirms its present intention to apply for the requested channel if it is allotted and, if authorized, to build a station promptly. As described in its Petition, the proposed allotment would be a first local Tribal-owned commercial facility serving 2343 persons within the 70 dBu contour, 93% of which is over The Chickasaw Tribal Lands. The Chickasaw Nation is fully qualified to receive a Tribal Priority allotment.

Should the Commission assign FM Channel 247A to Connerville, The Chickasaw Nation will prosecute its pending application and, if awarded the Construction Permit for the newly allotted channel, will promptly construct the station. Adoption of the Proposed Rulemaking would substantially advance the Commission's goal of assigning rural services to Native American communities.

Respectfully submitted,


Bill Anoatubby, Governor
The Chickasaw Nation

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