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Harold L. Lawder  
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Dear Mr. Lawder:

This is in response to the petition for rule making which you submitted on June 5, 1992, requesting the deletion of Channel 282A from Pinckneyville, Illinois.

You state that Channel 282A should be deleted because a former applicant for the channel could not obtain approval for a transmitter site from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Even if a workable solution should be approved by the FAA, you maintain that the station would operate at reduced height, reduced power levels and reduced coverage. You also assert that the Pinckneyville area is well served by other local area radio stations, and that the presence of the vacant channel prevents area stations from improving their facilities.

Your petition fails to present sufficient public interest benefits to warrant consideration at this time. Commission policy disfavors deletion of an existing allotment from a community without a compelling reason. Although Pinckneyville receives service from other authorized stations, we do not consider reception service to be a satisfactory substitute for local transmission service. You also contend that the Pinckneyville allotment prevents other area stations from improving their facilities. We note that there are no requests to improve service in the Pinckneyville area, nor do you propose any modifications for your station. We will not propose the deletion of Channel 282A at Pinckneyville on the basis of possible future service improvements. Accordingly, we are returning your petition.

Sincerely,

Michael C. Ruger  
Chief, Allocations Branch  
Policy and Rules Division  
Mass Media Bureau

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