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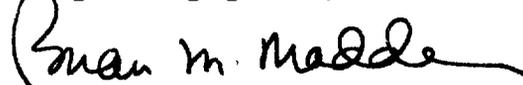
Ms. Donna R. Searcy
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Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Ms. Searcy:

On behalf of Skyride Unlimited, Inc., there is transmitted herewith, in triplicate, an amendment to the pending application for authority to construct and operate a new non-commercial, educational FM station on Channel 25.1B to serve Shafter, California (FCC File No. BPED-901004MM). This amendment is submitted in response to the Commission's request for additional information, as contained in its letter dated October 23, 1991 (Ref. No. 8920-AJA).

If any additional information is desired in connection with this matter, please contact the undersigned counsel.

Very truly yours,



Brian M. Madden

Attachments

cc: Mr. James Crutchfield

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AMENDMENT

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Respectfully submitted,

SKYRIDE UMLIMITED, INC.

By Michael McCutchan

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President

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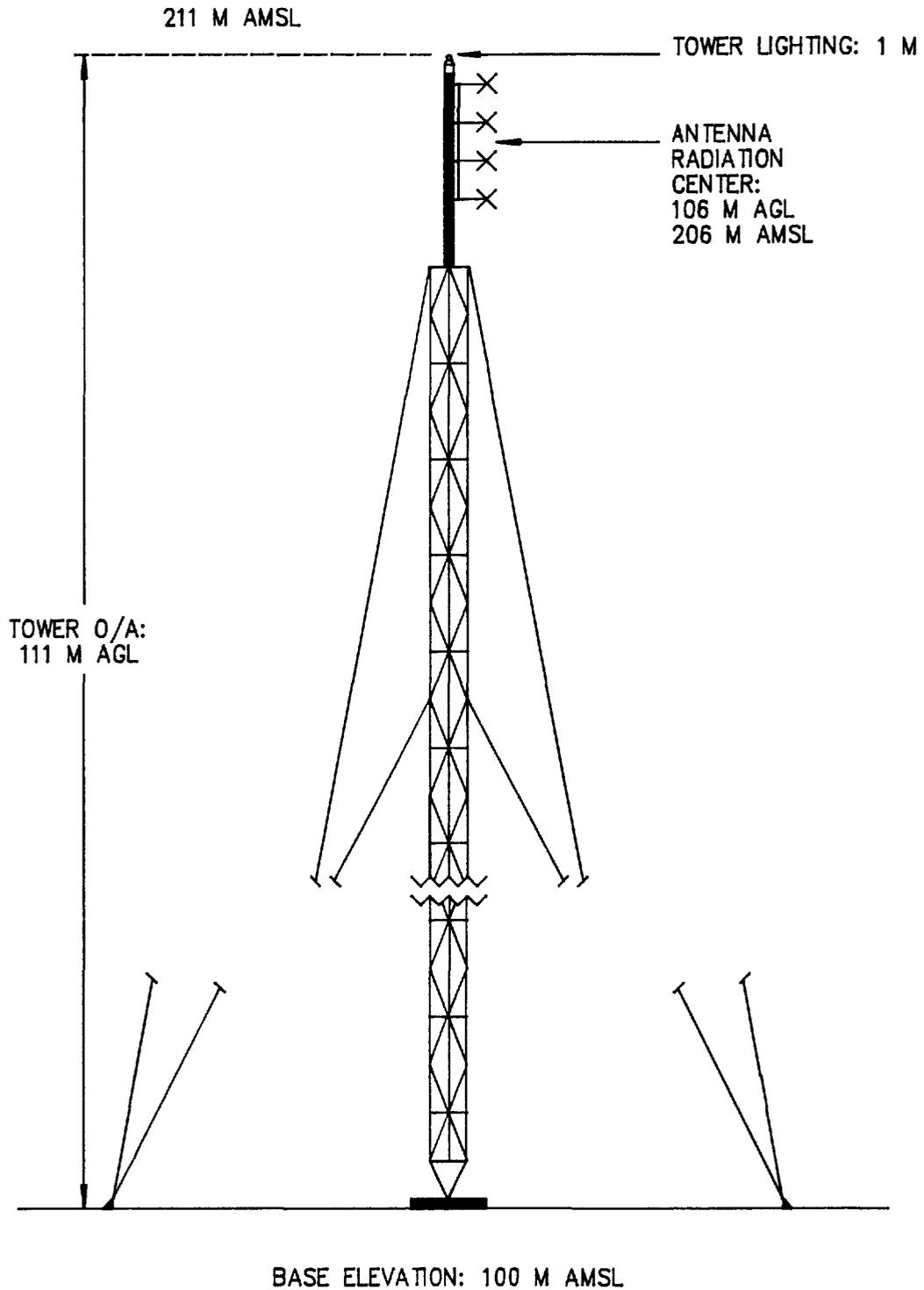
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EXHIBIT VB-8
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SECTION V-8 - FM BROADCAST ENGINEERING DATA (Page 2)

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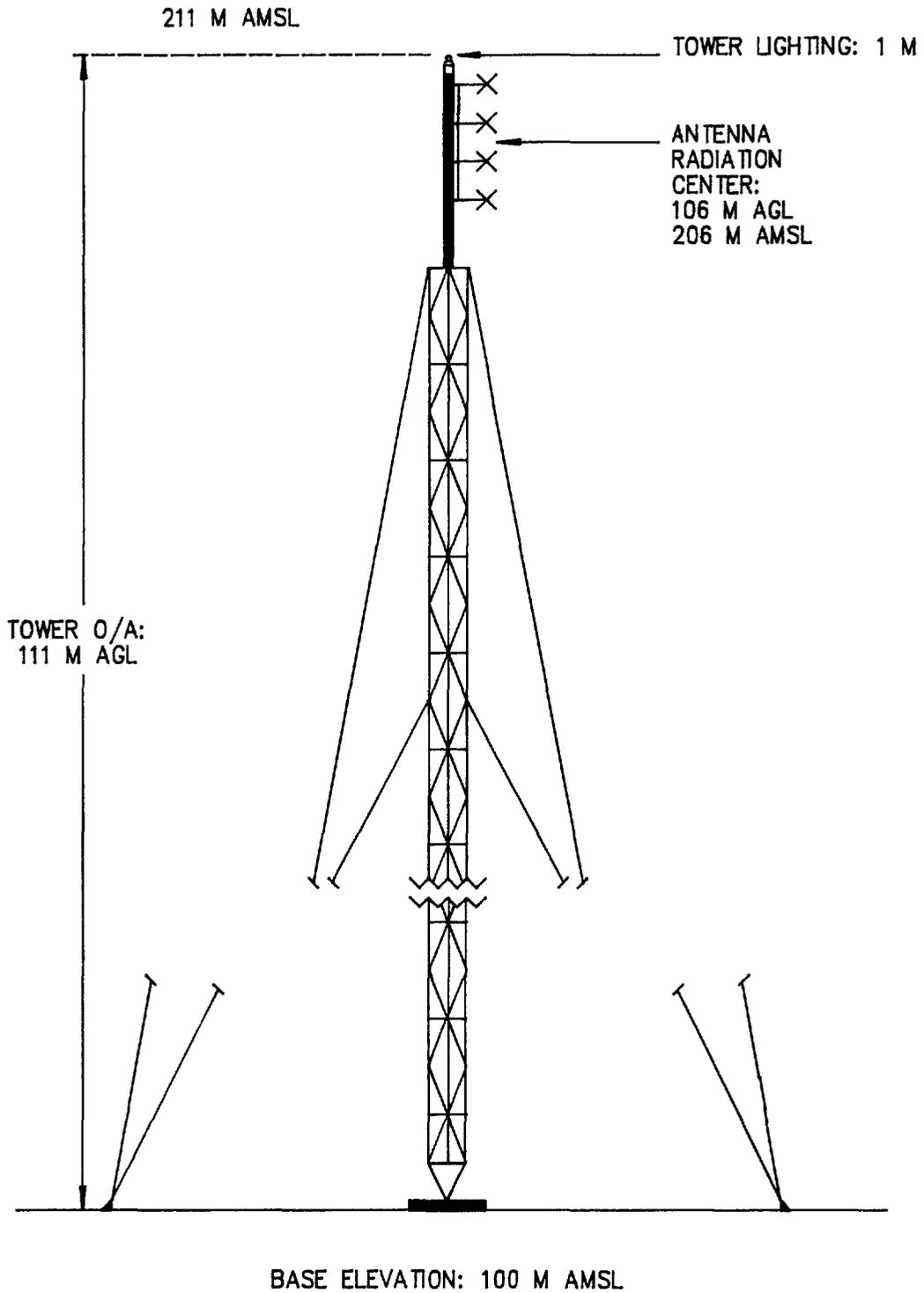
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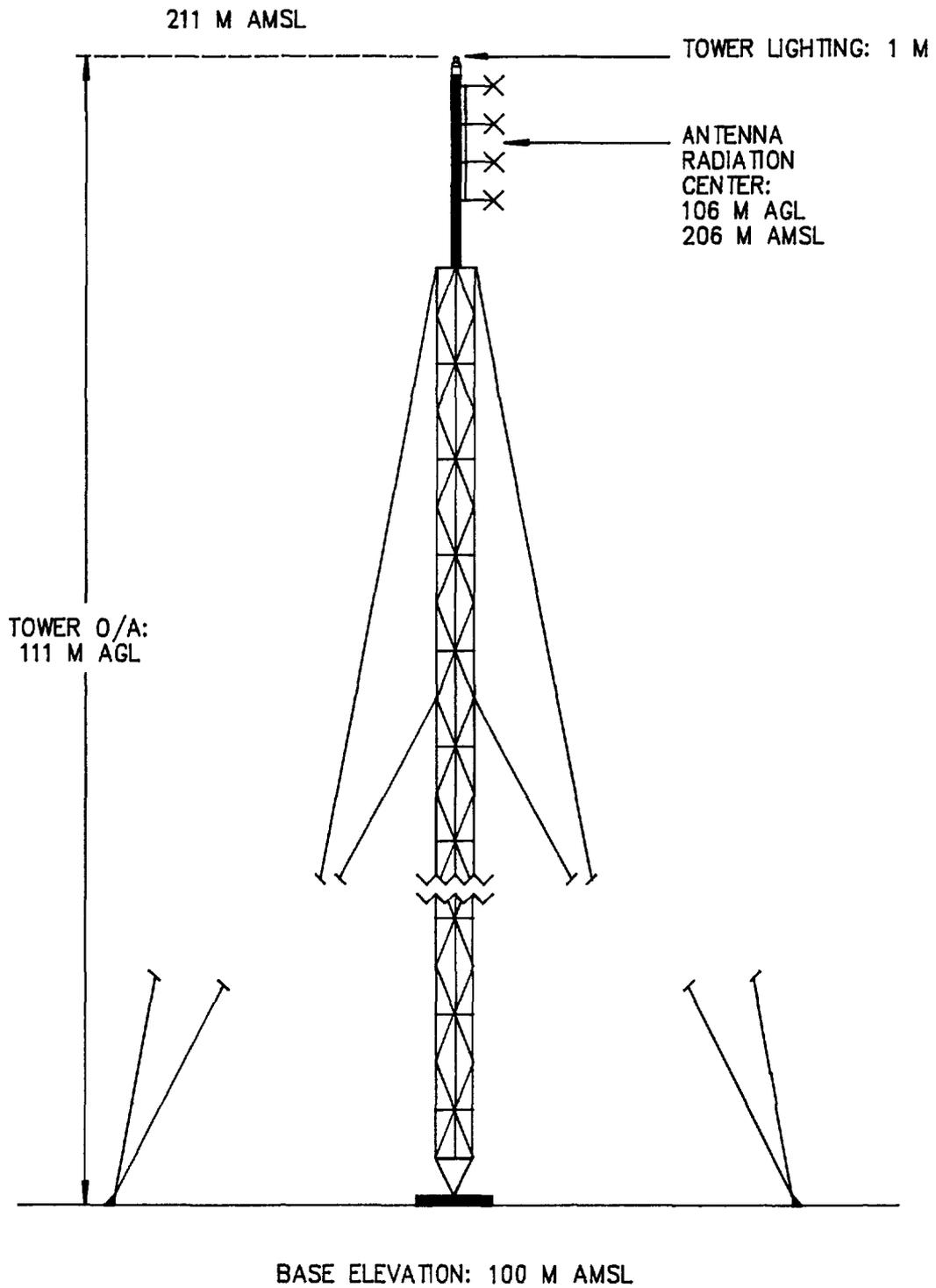
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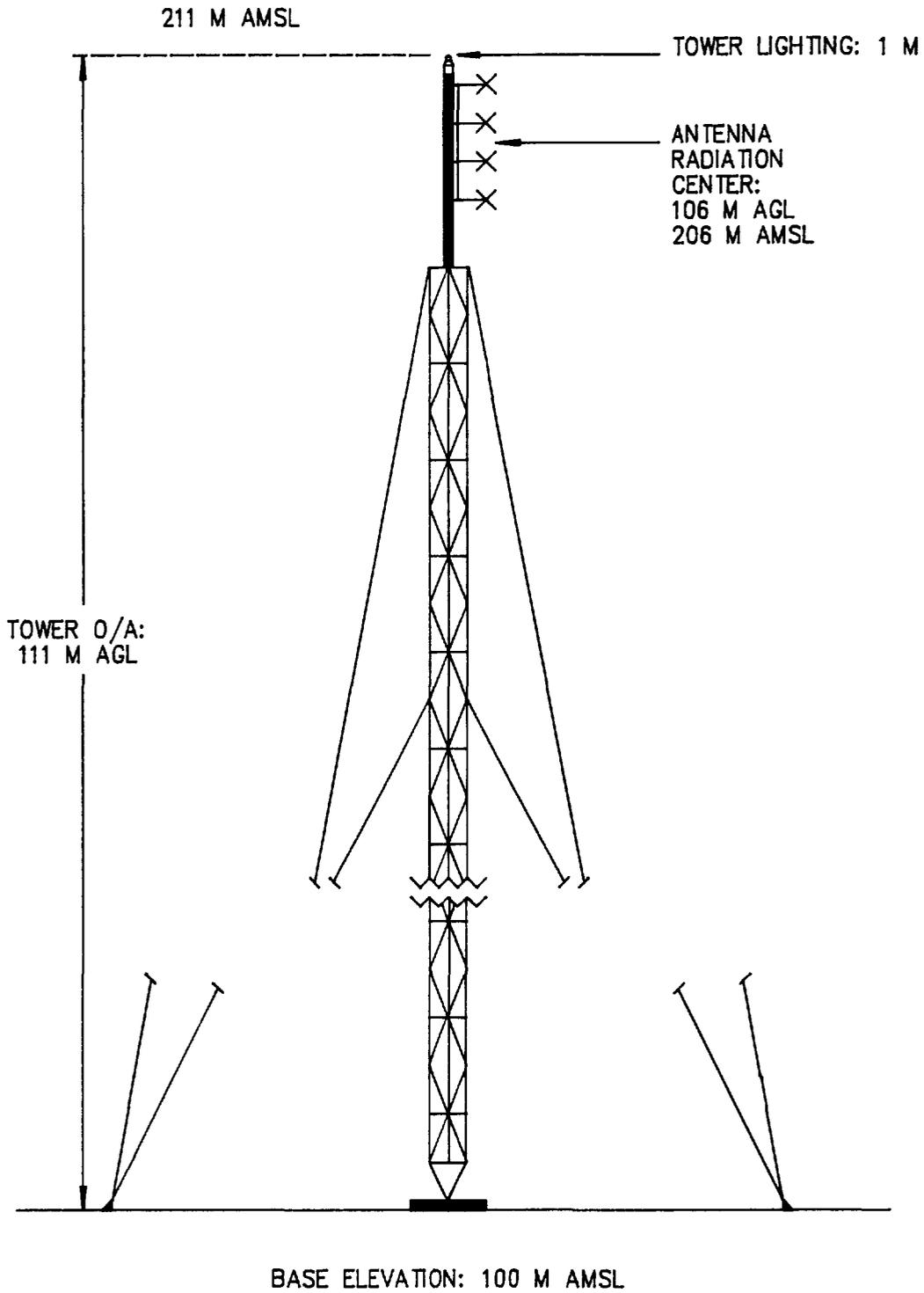
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