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In the Matter of	)	
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Amendment of Section 73.202(b),	)	MM Docket No. 16-182
Table of Allotments,	)	RM-11770
FM Broadcast Stations.	)	
Eagle Butte, South Dakota	)	

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

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COMMENTS

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe ("CRST"), a Native American entity of the Lakota Nation, by its consultants, hereby files these Comments to show a continued expression of interest in support of the Commission's proposal to amend the FM Table of Allotments, §73.202(b) of the Commission's rules, by allotting FM Channel 228C1, Eagle Butte, South Dakota, as a first local Tribal-owned service. [1] This proposed allotment was the subject of a Petition for Rulemaking ("Petition") filed by CRST, in which they seek a Tribal Priority for the allotment.[2]

CRST incorporates by reference it's Petition for Rulemaking into these Comments and takes this opportunity to restate its present intention to apply for the channel if it is allotted and, if authorized to build a station promptly. CRST is located in Eagle Butte, which serves as the headquarters of the four bands (Tiospaye) of the "Titunwan" People of the Plains: The "Mnicoujou" Planters By The Water, "Oohenumpa" Two Kettle, "Itazipco" Without Bows, and "Siha Sapa" Black Foot. As detailed in the Petition, as a tribal entity proposing first local Tribal-owned service over Lakota lands, CRST is entitled to a Tribal Priority.

The proposed Tribal Allotment will serve the public interest by allowing CRST to provide vital radio service, including native-language programming, in the Eagle Butte area. The proposed change in the FM table of allotments complies with the Commission's technical rules and will further the public interest by providing a first local service at Eagle Butte. In view of the

[1] Amendment of §73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM broadcast Station (Eagle Butte, South Dakota), MB Docket No. 16-182, RM-11677 *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, DA 16-691(rel. June 17, 2016).
[2] Simultaneously with the filing of its Petition for Rulemaking, CRST also filed a complete FCC Form 301 application seeking authorization for the proposed new allotment consistent with the Commission's Rules. Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe *Petition for Rulemaking*, MB Docket No. 16-182. RM-11770, filed May 12, 2016.

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foregoing, CRST respectfully requests that the Commission adopt the proposed new tribal allotment at Eagle Butte, South Dakota.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe

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Certificate of Service

I, Charles Burkhart, a technical consultant at Sterling Communications, Inc., hereby certify that on the 5th day of August, 2016, I served on the following persons a complete copy of the foregoing "Comments" for Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe:

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Attention: Audio Division

RE: COMMENTS; EXPRESSION OF CONTINUED INTEREST
MM DOCKET No. 16-182; RM-11770
Notice of Proposed Rule Making; FM Channel 228C1

Ms. Dortch:

Please find this letter as the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe's endorsement of the Comments to be filed by Sterling Communications, Inc. stating our "Expression of Continued Interest" and to support the Commission's proposal to amend the FM Table of Allotments, 73.202(b) of the Commission's rules, by allotting FM Channel 228C1.

The blue represents the thunderclouds above the world where live the thunder birds who control the four winds. The rainbow is for the Cheyenne River Sioux people who are keepers of the Most Sacred Calf Pipe, a gift from the White Buffalo Calf Maiden. The eagle feathers at the edges of the rim of the world represent the spotted eagle who is the protector of all Lakota. The two pipes fused together are for unity. One pipe is for the Lakota, the other for all the other Indian Nations. The yellow hoops represent the Sacred Hoop, which shall not be broken. The Sacred Calf Pipe Bundle in red represents Wakan Tanka – The Great Mystery. All the colors of the Lakota are visible. The red, yellow, black and white represent the four major races. The blue is for heaven and the green for Mother Earth.

The Tribe continues its intent to pursue this authorization utilizing the Tribal Priority Rule and if authorized; to construct this station as quickly as possible to provide the first local service at Eagle Butte, SD and for the Tribe and Cheyenne River Reservation.

Sincerely,

VC

CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE

Harold Frazier

Tribal Chairman