**Before the**
**Federal Communications Commission**
**Washington, D.C. 20554**

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| In the Matter of | ) | |
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| Amendment of Section 73.202(b), | ) | MB Docket No. 16-371 |
| Table of Allotments, | ) | RM-11777 |
| FM Broadcast Stations | ) | |
| (Channel 287C1) | ) | |
| Red Lake, Minnesota | ) | |

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

## COMMENTS

The Red Lake Nation ("Red Lake Nation")[1], a recognized Native American entity, by its attorneys, 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 287C1, Red Lake, Minnesota, as a first local transmission and Tribal-owned commercial radio service.[2] This proposed allotment was the subject of a Petition for Rulemaking originally filed by Red Lake Nation through ECFS on November 17, 2015, and re-filed with the Office of the Secretary on January 15, 2016, and a Supplement to Petition for Rulemaking filed by Red Lake Nation on July 27, 2016 (collectively, the "Petition"), seeking the allotment at Red Lake, Minnesota with a Tribal Priority.[3]

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[1] Red Lake Nation is a registered trademark in the State of Minnesota of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians.

[2] *Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Red Lake, Minnesota)*, MB Docket 16-371, RM-11777, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, DA 16-1255 (rel. Nov. 4, 2016).

[3] Simultaneously with the filing of its Petition, Red Lake Nation also filed a complete FCC Form 301 application seeking authorization for this proposed new allotment consistent with the Commission's Rules (File No. BNPFT-20151117AXW).

Red Lake Nation incorporates by reference its Petition into these Comments and affirms its present intention to prosecute its application for the requested channel if it is allotted and, if authorized, to build a station promptly. Red Lake is deserving of an FM Channel as it serves as the headquarters of the Red Lake Nation. As detailed in its Petition, as a tribal entity proposing first local transmission and Tribal-owned commercial radio service over Red Lake Nation Tribal Lands, Red Lake Nation is entitled to a Tribal Priority.

The proposed Tribal Allotment will serve the public interest by providing vital radio service to Red Lake and to the surrounding Red Lake Nation Tribal Lands. 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 transmission and Tribal-owned radio service at Red Lake. In view of the foregoing, Red Lake Nation respectfully requests that the Commission adopt the proposed new tribal allotment at Red Lake, Minnesota.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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