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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF SECRETARY

Dear Mr. Crawford:

This is in response to the petition for rule making that you filed on behalf of Indian River Broadcasting Company requesting the allotment of Channel 257A to Manistique, Michigan.

Your request is unacceptable for consideration. Our engineering analysis indicates that the site which you specify in your proposal (46-06-11 and 86-14-45) does not comply with the city grade coverage requirements described in Section 73.315 of the Commission's Rules. City grade coverage would not be provided to the entire community of Manistique from that site. Further, we have determined that Channel 257A can not be site restricted to protect Station WBNZ, Channel 257C2, Frankfort, Michigan, and still provide city grade coverage to Manistique. Pursuant to Section 73.315, the maximum distance for predicted city grade contours for the channel is 16.2 kilometers.

Based on the above, we are returning the proposal. You may refile the petition, provided that you furnish coordinates for a site that complies with section 73.315 of the Commission's Rules.

Sincerely,

John A. Karousos
Chief, Allocations Branch
Policy and Rules Division
Mass Media Bureau

Enclosure

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