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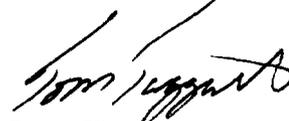
Secretary,
Federal Communications
Commission
1919 M Street, N. W.
Washington, D.C. 20664

RE: RM-9202, St. Marys, W.V.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the original and four copies of the Comments of Seven Ranges Radio Company in response to the above Notice of proposed Rule Making.

Sincerely Yours,



Tom Taggart
Attorney for Seven Ranges Radio

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IN THE MATTER OF :

Amendment of Section 73.202(b) :
Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast : MM Docket No. 97-245
(St. Marys, West Virginia) : RM-9202

COMMENTS OF SEVEN RANGES RADIO CO. INC.

1. The Commission, at the request of the petitioner Seven Ranges Radio Company, Inc., has proposed the allotment of Channel 287A to St. Marys, West Virginia as that city's second FM transmission service.

2. The NOTICE indicates that the Petitioner should restate its continuing interest in the allocation of the channel. Normally, we would simply state that we would intend to apply for a construction permit at St. Marys, and build an FM facility on this channel if the channel is allotted and the subsequent construction permit granted. And indeed, that is our intent.

3. However, the Commission has a companion rule making proceeding proposing to change the entire process of application and construction of new FM facilities (among other changes) (MM Docket No. 97-234). Part of this proposal is the possibility of a minimum bid for new facilities. Hence we are in a position of not knowing exactly what it is we are promising to do.

4. Therefore, if the channel is allotted to St. Marys, W.V., Seven Ranges Radio Company, Inc. will undertake the required steps to obtain a construction permit at that city, but with the understanding that if the Commission should set a minimum bid that Seven Ranges feels is economically unjustified, it may not pursue this application.

5. Accordingly, we urge the Commission to adopt the channel allocation proposed in its NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING adopted December 10, 1997; and assign Channel 287A at St. Marys, W.V. as that city's second FM service.

The Commission is advised that, as of January 5, 1998, Thomas P. Taggart, Counsel for the petitioner, may be reached at 8 North Court Street, RM. 307, Athens, Ohio, 45701. Counsel's Telephone number is (740) 594-9655, and telefax number is (740) 594-9118. However, mail sent to the previous address will also be received as that address is the address of the Petitioner, Seven Ranges Radio.


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St. Marys, W.V.