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Dear Mr. LeBeau:

This is in response to the petition for rule making (RM-9207) filed on November 26, 1997, on behalf of Citicasters Co. requesting the reallocation of Channel 289A from Marysville, Ohio, to Hilliard, Ohio, and the modification of Station WHQK(FM)'s license to specify Hilliard as its community of license.

An initial engineering study shows that the allotment of Channel 289A at Hilliard would be short-spaced to co-owned Station WCHO-FM, Channel 288A, Washington Court House, Ohio. We recognize that on the same day as the rule making petition was filed, Citicasters filed an application to relocate the station's transmitter site (BPH-971126IC) to one which would meet the spacing requirements to a Channel 289A allotment at Hilliard. However, we find that the petition to reallocate Channel 289A to Hilliard is unacceptable for consideration at this time since it is contingent upon the grant of Station WCHO-FM's application to change its transmitter site. For your information, we would also like to point out that the petition is mutually exclusive with an application (BPH-971202IE) filed by Blue Chip Broadcasting, licensee of Station WMXG, Channel 292A, London, Ohio, to relocate the station's transmitter site. Therefore, based on the contingency with the relocation of Station WCHO-FM's transmitter, the petition of Citicasters to reallocate Channel 289A from Marysville to Hilliard, Ohio, is not acceptable for rule making at this time.

Sincerely,

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