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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of	)	
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Amendment of Section 73.202(b),	)	MB Docket No. 15-167
FM Table of Allotments,	)	RM-11751
FM Broadcast Stations.	)	
(Grant, Oklahoma)	)	
	)	
Application of	)	File No. BPH-20141028AAK
Liberman Broadcasting of Dallas Licensee LLC	)	Facility ID <b>Accepted / Filed</b>
Station KZMP-FM, Pilot Point, Texas	)	

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

AUG 31 2015  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

COUNTERPROPOSAL

Southeastern Oklahoma Radio LLC ("SOR"), licensee of Station KTMC-FM, McAlester, Oklahoma, hereby submits this Counterproposal to the *Notice of Proposed Rule Making*, DA 15-805 (rel. July 10, 2015) ("*NPRM*") in the above captioned proceeding. SOR proposes to change the community of license of Station KTMC-FM to Krebs, Oklahoma as its first local service ("Krebs Proposal"). SOR is also simultaneously filing an application to specify Krebs as the new community of license for Station KTMC-FM. The Krebs proposal conflicts with the proposal set forth in the *NPRM* for the allotment of Channel 286A at Grant, Oklahoma. No alternate channels are available at Grant to resolve the conflict. In support hereof, SOR states as follows:

1. As demonstrated in the engineering exhibits, Channel 286A can be allotted to Krebs for use by Station KTMC-FM consistent with Section 73.207 of the Commission's Rules except for the proposed allotment of Ch. 286A at Grant, Oklahoma. See Exhibit 1 to the

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Engineering Statement. A 70 dBu signal can be provided to Krebs from the proposed allotment site and the station's application site. See Exhibits 2 and 4 to the Engineering Statement.

2. SOR desires to change the community of license of Station KTMC-FM from McAlester to Krebs under the guidelines set forth in *Amendment of the Commission's Rules Regarding Modification of FM and TV Authorizations to Specify a New Community of License*, 4 FCC Rcd 4870 (1989), *recons. granted in part*, 5 FCC Rcd 7094 (1990). There, the Commission stated that a station may change its community of license without subjecting the license to other expressions of interest if (1) the proposed allotment is mutually exclusive with the current allotment; (2) the current community of license will not be deprived of its only local service; and (3) the proposed arrangement of allotments is preferred under the Commission's allotment priorities.

3. These criteria are met here. First, the proposed use of Channel 286A at Krebs is mutually exclusive with the current use of Channel 286A at McAlester. See Exhibit 1 to the Engineering Statement. Second, McAlester, Oklahoma will continue to be served by Stations KTMC(AM), KNED(AM) and KBCW-FM. Krebs will be receiving its first local service under Priority 3.<sup>1</sup> Krebs is listed in the 2010 US Census with a population of 2053. There will be no loss of reception service because Station KTMC-FM proposes to remain at its existing transmitter site. Krebs is not located within an Urbanized Area ("UA") and the proposed 70 dBu contour does not cover 50% of any UA. Nor can the station's 70 dBu contour reach any UA in a subsequent move. See attached Engineering Statement. There are 27 stations providing protected service to Krebs. See Engineering Statement.

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<sup>1</sup> See *Revision of FM Assignment Policies and Procedures*, 90 FCC 2d 88 (1982).

4. Krebs has its own local government with a mayor and four councilmen. Krebs also has police, fire and water departments, utilities authority, an elementary school and its own zip code (74554). There are numerous businesses, churches, a museum and a city park located in Krebs. See Exhibit 1. Thus, Krebs is preferred for a first local service under the Commission's allotment priorities and policies.

#### **SECTION 307(B) COMPARISON**

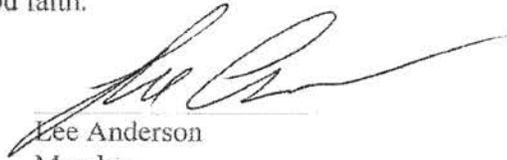
5. The use of Channel 286A to Krebs conflicts with the proposal in the *NPRM* to allot Channel 286A to Grant, Oklahoma. See Exhibit 1 of Engineering Statement. The provision of a first local service to Krebs (2010 U.S. Census population 2053), and the provision of a first local service at Grant (2010 U.S. Census population 289)<sup>2</sup> both fall under Priority 3. See *Revision of FM Assignment Policies and Procedures*, 90 FCC 2d 88 (1982). However, the Commission has held that under priority 3, the provision of service to the larger community is preferred. See, e.g., *Vernon Center and Eagle Lake, Minnesota*, 21 FCC Rcd 14714 (2006); *Ardmore, Alabama, et. al.*, 17 FCC Rcd 16332, 16334-35 (2002); *Three Oaks and Bridgman, Michigan*, 5 FCC Rcd 1004, 1004 (1990). Therefore, a first local service to Krebs is clearly preferred over a first local service to the smaller community of Grant. As noted in the *NPRM*, there are no alternate channels available to Grant to avoid the conflict.

Accordingly, SOR respectfully requests that the Commission grant the instant Counterproposal along with the concurrently filed Form 301 application to modify the facilities of Station KTMC-FM in order to provide a first local service to Krebs, Oklahoma as proposed herein.

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<sup>2</sup> See Exhibit 2.

I hereby verify that the statements contained herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lee Anderson', written over a horizontal line.

Lee Anderson

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August 31, 2015

**Counterproposal  
Southeastern Oklahoma Radio, LLC  
Engineering Statement**

Southeastern Oklahoma Radio, LLC (SOR) proposes to change the principal community of KTMC-FM, Facility ID 67592, Channel 286A, from McAlester, OK to Krebs, OK. The proposed change in principal community is mutually exclusive with the proposal to allot Channel 286A to Grant, OK as described in the *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in the FCC's MB Docket 15-805, released July 10, 2015.

SOR is also filing a minor change application on FCC Form 301 to specify Krebs, OK as the principal community for KTMC-FM. No change in the actual KTMC-FM facility is proposed.

The Channel 286A reference coordinates for Krebs, OK are 34° 53' 33" N, 95° 41' 04" W. An existing tower is at this location (Antenna Structure Registration #1258364), thus the reference site is clearly suitable for tower construction.

Exhibit 1 provides an allocation study that shows compliance with the minimum distance requirements of §73.207 to all stations, proposals, and allotments, except for the Channel 286A proposal at Grant OK. There are no fully-spaced reference point locations where Channel 286A can be used at both Grant, OK and Krebs, OK.

Exhibit 2 provides a map of the standard 16.2 km principal community coverage contour radius (70 dB $\mu$  with uniform terrain) from the reference point. The map shows that Krebs, OK is encompassed by the 70 dB $\mu$  allocation contour.

The distance from the proposed community of license (Krebs, OK) to the nearest urbanized area (Tulsa, OK) is approximately 128 km. Since the 70 dbu for a class A facility is only approximately 16.2 km, there is no possibility that the

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Engineering Statement**

proposed facility could reach more than 50% of an urbanized area while simultaneously covering its city of license (Krebs, OK) in a subsequent application. Analysis shows that 10 FM stations and 17 AM stations provide protected service to Krebs.

The allotment of KTMC-FM's Channel 286A to Krebs would provide that community with its first local aural transmission service. McAlester would continue to be served by stations KBCW-FM (Ch. 220A), KNED(AM) (1150 kHz), and KTMC(AM) (1400 kHz).

KTMC-FM would continue to operate with the same technical parameters as licensed from its current transmitter site. Thus, no loss of actual service would result from the proposal.

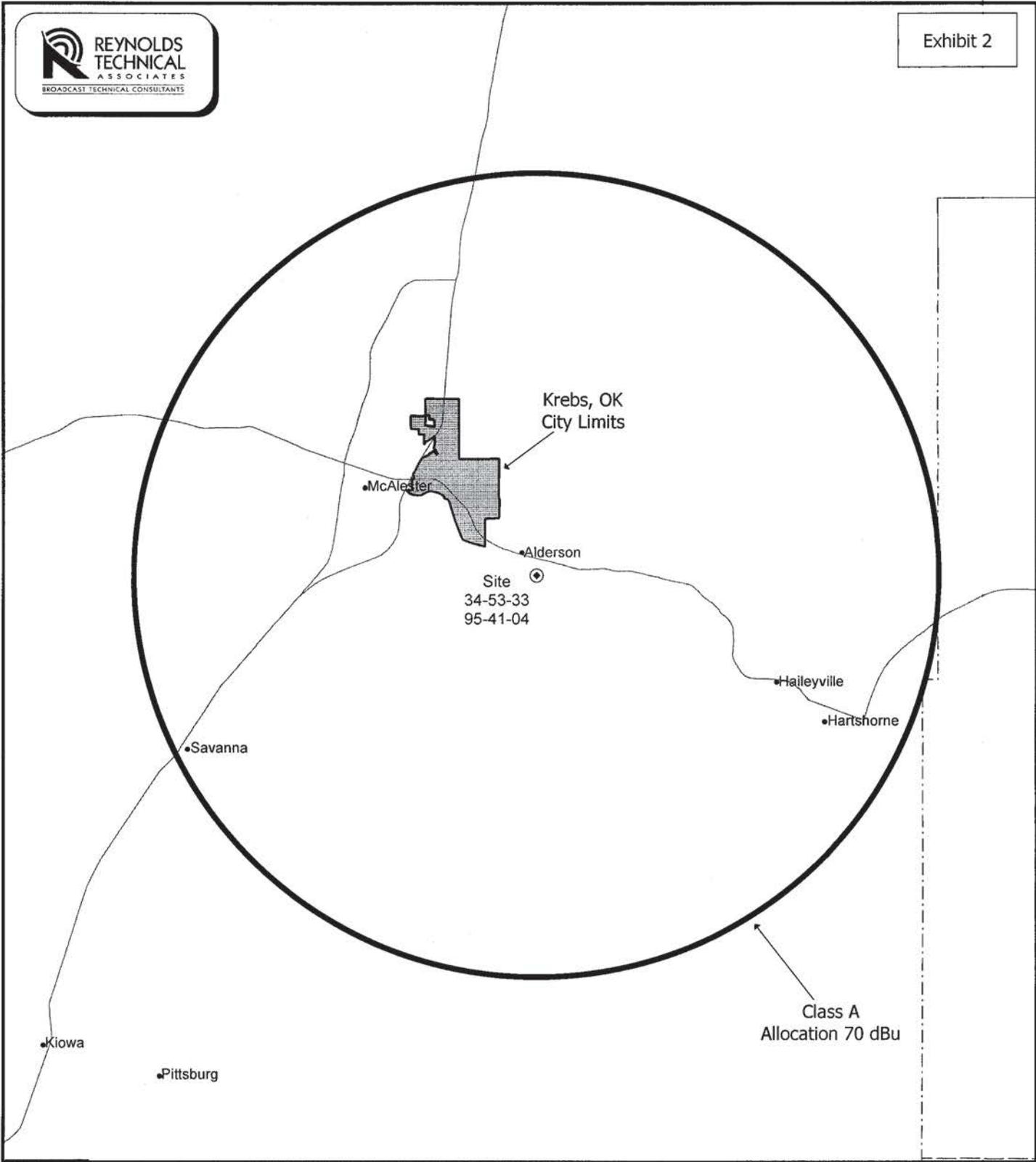
**Engineering Statement  
In Support of an  
Application for a Construction Permit (Counterproposal)  
KTMC-FM, Channel 286A, Krebs, OK**

**KTMC-FM Channel 286A Allocation Study  
(Using the Proposed Allotment Coordinates as Reference)**

REFERENCE		DISPLAY DATES
34 53 33.0 N.	CLASS = A	DATA 08-28-15
95 41 04.0 W.	Current Spacings to 3rd Adj.	SEARCH 08-28-15
----- Channel 286 - 105.1 MHz -----		

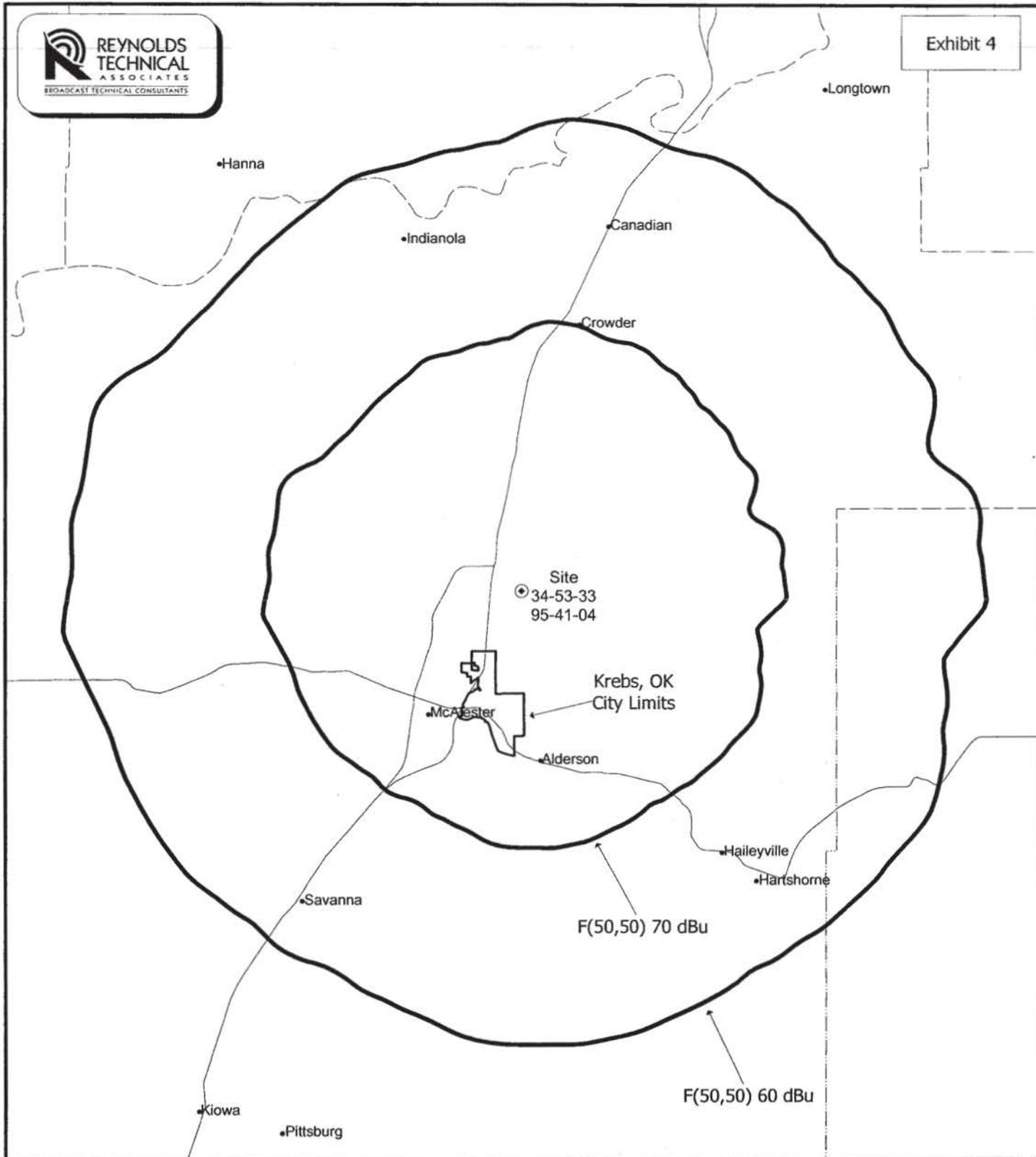
Call	Channel	Location	Azi	Dist	FCC	Margin
KTMC-FM	LIC-N 286A	Mcalester	OK	351.0	10.61	114.5 -103.9
Of no concern: Licensed coordinates of KTMC-FM.						
1656557	RSV-A 286A	Grant	OK	176.1	104.29	114.5 -10.2
1656291	APP 286A	Grant	OK	176.1	104.29	114.5 -10.2
R16564	ADD 286A	Grant	OK	176.1	104.29	114.5 -10.2
Of concern: The instant application/counterproposal is mutually exclusive with channel 286A at Grant, OK.						
KJMM	LIC-N 287C2	Bixby	OK	356.0	107.75	105.5 2.3
NEW	CP 232A	Hartshorne	OK	116.2	14.18	9.5 4.7
KXXM	LIC 286A	Muldrow	OK	54.9	121.29	114.5 6.8
KXFC	LIC 288C3	Coalgate	OK	251.4	68.00	41.5 26.5
KZMP-FM	RSV-A 285C0	Pilot Point	TX	216.7	182.70	151.5 31.2
KZMP-FM	APP-N 285C0	Pilot Point	TX	215.3	183.78	151.5 32.3
KQOR	LIC-N 287C3	Mena	AR	106.7	132.03	88.5 43.5
KIBE	CP -Z 285A	Broken Bow	OK	139.9	120.22	71.5 48.7

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RSV-R = reserved - needs protection, RSV-A = allocation.  
All separation margins include rounding



0 10 20  
kilometers

**CLASS A HYPOTHETICAL 70 dBu CONTOUR**  
RADIO STATION KTMC(FM)  
KREBS, OKLAHOMA  
CH 286A 1.60 KW 154.0 M



**KTMC(FM) COVERAGE CONTOURS MAP**  
RADIO STATION KTMC(FM)  
KREBS, OKLAHOMA  
CH 286A 1.60 KW 154.0 M

**EXHIBIT 1**

Community Facts - Find popular facts (population, income, etc.) and frequently requested data about your community.

Enter a state, county, city, town, or zip code:

- [Population](#)
- [Age](#)
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- [Education](#)
- [Governments](#)
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### Krebs city, Oklahoma

**Population**

Census 2010 Total Population 2,053

Source: 2010 Demographic Profile

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- 2010 Census**
  - General Population and Housing Characteristics (Population, Age, Sex, Race, Households and Housing, ...)
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  - Hispanic or Latino by Type (Mexican, Puerto Rican, ...)
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- 2013 American Community Survey**
  - Demographic and Housing Estimates (Age, Sex, Race, Households and Housing, ...)
- 2014 Population Estimates Program**
  - Annual Population Estimates
- Census 2000**
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# Krebs, Oklahoma

Coordinates: 34°55′46″N 95°43′16″W﻿ / ﻿34.929538°N 95.721064°W﻿ / 34.929538; -95.721064

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

**Krebs** is a city in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, United States. The population was 2,051 at the 2000 census.

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## Geography

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Krebs, Oklahoma	
<span>City</span>	
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2C\_Oklahoma&params=34\_55\_46\_N\_95\_43\_16\_W\_type:city(34.929538, -95.721064)<sup>[3]</sup> According to the United States Census Bureau, the city has a total area of 3.4 square miles (8.8 km<sup>2</sup>), of which, 3.4 square miles (8.8 km<sup>2</sup>) of it is land and 0.29% is water.

## Attractions

Krebs is famous throughout Oklahoma for its many Italian restaurants. *Isle of Capri*, "Pete's Place", and *Roseanna's* have been active for generations. Authentic Italian fare available in Krebs that is lacking in chain restaurants includes "Lamb Fries" (fried sheep testicles).<sup>[4]</sup>

Krebs is situated along highway 69 and at one time had a restaurant named Speed Trap BBQ located at 403 East 270 Highway Krebs, OK 74554.<sup>[5]</sup> The restaurant was named for the way that speed limits dropped very quickly from 70 down to 45 miles per hour around the area where the town overlaps the highway. The speed trap is infamous because it lies along a very boring stretch of road and is policed very aggressively so it has annoyed a large number of travelers who otherwise might have visited the town to enjoy the restaurants and other activities.<sup>[6][7]</sup>

Pete's Place is now a licensed brewery and markets its "Choc" (short for Choctaw) beer, as well as several other varieties, statewide.

Perhaps even more widely known is "Lovera's Family Grocery", a small, authentic Italian market famous throughout the state and beyond for their lightly smoked sausage and handmade caciocavallo cheese.

The city of Krebs maintains a city park which includes a nice baseball park, a one kilometer walking track, picnic facilities, a two-story replica of the gazebo that originally stood in the town square, and will soon include playground equipment. The park stands on a portion of the old fairground/racetrack site of a hundred years ago. The original racetrack was a 1/8 mile banked oval track where horses, sulkys, and early autos were raced. The Krebs Italian Band played many festivals or 'festas' at the park in bygone simpler times. For years during the 1990s "The Ethnic Festival" was a popular attraction on Labor Day weekend taking place on this Historical Site. Games such as Bocce Ball and Morra were played by all for fun. Also taking place at this location was The Terrapin Derby, originated in 1929 when Mayor J.T. Sadler visited the Miller Brothers Shows in Ponca City, Oklahoma. Mayor Sadler brought the idea back to Krebs as a fundraising idea. The Derby was a success and enough money was raised to purchase a new truck for the city. Over the years the derby raised funds that provided vehicles and equipment for one of the finest volunteer fire departments in the region. Krebs had an Italian Band that played in a double-decker bandstand in downtown Krebs. There were at least five bandstands between McAlester and Hartshorne that the band played at on weekends providing entertainment for families from all over. Lots of families rode the street car to these sites for picnics and festivals.

Krebs had 5 different newspapers at different times: Krebs Eagle, Krebs Cyclone, Krebs Banner, Krebs Advertiser, and The Oklahoma Miner.

The Krebs Opera House was re-built as a brick structure in 1903 after the first one was destroyed by fire the previous year and it and the St. Joseph's Catholic Church were the first brick buildings to go up in Krebs. It was the only place for miles around that featured stage shows. Many fine road shows played here and moving pictures were shown in the Opera House, also. The Dreamland Theater later became the popular movie theater in Krebs and it was owned and operated by Mr. & Mrs. David Holstead.

Krebs also features prominently in Elmore Leonard's 1930's gangster novel, "The Hot Kid."

## Demographics

As of the census<sup>[1]</sup> of 2000, there were 2,051 people, 858 households, and 560 families residing in the city. The population density was 601.6 people per square mile (232.2/km<sup>2</sup>). There were 949 housing units at an average density of 278.4 per square mile (107.5/km<sup>2</sup>). The racial makeup of the city was 78.40% White, 1.17% African American, 13.60% Native American, 0.44% Asian, 0.49% from other races, and 5.90% from two or more races. Hispanic or Latino of any race were 1.66% of the population.

There were 858 households out of which 33.9% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 47.3% were married couples living together, 15.3% had a female householder with no husband present, and 34.7% were non-families. 31.5% of all households were made up of individuals and 14.1% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.39 and the average family size was 3.00.

In the city the population was spread out with 27.3% under the age of 18, 9.7% from 18 to 24, 28.6% from 25 to 44, 21.6% from 45 to 64, and 12.8% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 34 years. For every 100 females there were 91.0 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 86.8 males.

The median income for a household in the city was \$24,514, and the median income for a family was \$31,641. Males had a median income of \$27,321 versus \$17,235 for females. The per capita income for the city was \$13,042. About 16.6% of families and 19.1% of the population were below the poverty line, including 25.2% of those under age 18 and 10.7% of those age 65 or over.

## Police Department

Krebs has a small police force with a little over four officers.<sup>[10]</sup> The police force is equipped with modern equipment and aggressively enforces speed limits in town along highway 69 as well as attempting to search all stopped vehicles.

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### Historical population

Census	Pop.	%±
<b>1910</b>	2,884	—
<b>1920</b>	2,078	−27.9%
<b>1930</b>	1,375	−33.8%
<b>1940</b>	1,436	4.4%
<b>1950</b>	1,532	6.7%
<b>1960</b>	1,342	−12.4%
<b>1970</b>	1,515	12.9%
<b>1980</b>	1,754	15.8%
<b>1990</b>	1,955	11.5%
<b>2000</b>	2,051	4.9%
<b>2010</b>	2,053	0.1%
<b>Est. 2014</b>	1,981 <sup>[8]</sup>	−3.5%

U.S. Decennial Census<sup>[9]</sup>

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## City of Krebs

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Government / City Council Members

# Mayor

The responsibility of the City of Krebs Mayor is to serve all citizens and business owners fairly and openly. A commitment to applying these principles in the most professional and timely manner possible is key in guiding our community through continued growth and success.

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## City of Krebs

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Government / City Council Members

# Interim City Clerk/Treasurer

The City Clerk serves as the link between City Council and citizens as well as between the City Superintendent and city employees.

The office of City Clerk for City of Krebs provides clerical, record keeping and administrative functions to the City Council and the City Superintendent. In addition, this individual performs many tasks that assist in guiding and managing the operation of local government policy and law. Below are just a few of the responsibilities of City of Krebs City Clerk.

- Manages requests to speak to Council
- Collects information and prepares Council agendas and other information for Council
- Collects, organizes, and maintains records
- Records and submits City Council meeting minutes

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## City of Krebs

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# Vice-Mayor / Ward 1 Council member

The City of Krebs City Council acts as the legislative branch of our government, as well as its policy-making body. The Council looks to the city's goals, major projects and infrastructure improvements ranging from community growth to land use to finances and strategic planning. The Council's goal is to do the very best to represent their constituents after they've seen to the needs of the city as a whole.

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## City of Krebs

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Government / City Council Members

# Ward 2 Council member

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## City of Krebs

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# Ward 3 Council member

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## City of Krebs

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# Ward 4 Council member

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## City of Krebs

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Government / City Hall

# Water Department

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## Krebs Heritage Museum

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krebsmuseum@yahoo.com

Use the links below to navigate the site

[Home Page link will take you back to the beginning of the tour](#)

[History of the Museum information on the founder and museum's beginning](#)

[Old Photos link will reveal images of a younger Krebs at work and play](#)

[Krebs Historical Society](#)

[Krebs History link tells a small portion of our rich history](#)

## HISTORY OF KREBS

The name Krebs was chosen in honor of Judge Edmond Folsom Krebs. From all information available the year was 1873. Judge Krebs was of mixed German and Choctaw ancestry. He was born to Placide and Rebecca Folsom Krebs on October 25, 1821 in Winston County, Mississippi. He had eight brothers and six sisters. Edmond Krebs was a judge for the Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory in the 1880's. The courthouse that he presided in still stands in North McAlester, Oklahoma, though it has been moved several times since it was first constructed in 1876. It is probably the oldest structure standing in the McAlester/Krebs area.

The Missouri, Kansas, & Texas Railroad (MKT or KATY) built its North-South rail line through the area that is now known as McAlester in 1872. With the advance of the rail line came many people and the need to tap the valuable resource, coal, that nature had blessed this area with. The KATY formed the Osage Coal and Mining Company to harvest the coal that it needed to operate. Excess coal was sold on the open market. The Choctaw Railway laid East-West tracks that intersected at present day McAlester. The richest deposits of coal in Indian Territory laid directly under Krebs. The coal deposits stretched from McAlester Eastward to and beyond the Arkansas State line. Most of the small towns along this line owe their existence to coal. By 1895, 15 coal mines had been opened in Krebs. Krebs suffered the worse coal mining disaster in Indian Territory / Oklahoma history in 1892 from an explosion in mine #11. This explosion killed over 100 men and boys as young as 12 years old and many were buried in a mass grave that is in North McAlester.

The initial workforce in the mines was made up primarily of immigrants from the British Isles. In the 1880's many immigrants from other areas began flowing in to supplement the legion of workers needed to conduct the trade. The majority of new immigrants were from Continental Europe and by far the Italian people made up the lions share of immigrants coming in. Over the decades Italian restaurants have been established which are known the world over.

Krebs was incorporated in 1903 and Mel D. Reed was elected first Mayor of the town and Bob Miller was elected the first Chief of Police. The City school system was consolidated in 1907 and that same year President Roosevelt issued a proclamation declaring Oklahoma a state.

The Krebs Opera House was re-built as a brick structure in 1903 after the first one was destroyed by fire the previous year and it and the St. Joseph's Catholic Church were the first brick buildings to go up in Krebs. It was the only place for miles around that featured stage shows. Many fine road shows played here and moving pictures were shown in the Opera House, also. The Dreamland Theater later became the popular movie theater in Krebs and it was owned and operated by Mr. & Mrs. Dave Holstead.

Krebs was served by a two coach passenger train, on a Missouri, Kansas, and Texas Railroad Branch Line. The train was called the Nellie. Krebs had her own KATY depot in the downtown area and a depot south of town on the East-West line, later to become the Rock Island Railway. The Nellie served 9 towns from McAlester to Wilburton, through Krebs, Carbon, Adamson, and Patterson. Passenger service, express and mail were transported by the Nellie. An interurban electric streetcar line served from McAlester to Krebs, Alderson, Bache, Dow, Haileyville, and Hartshorne. It was possible to visit any of the towns along the route for less than a dollar.

Krebs had an Italian Band that played in a double-decker bandstand in downtown Krebs. There were at least five bandstands between McAlester and Hartshorne that the band played at on weekends providing entertainment for families from all over. Lots of families rode the street car to these sites for picnics and festivals.

Krebs had 5 different newspapers at different times: Krebs Eagle, Krebs Cyclone, Krebs Banner, Krebs Advertiser, and The Oklahoma Miner.

The old timers in Krebs will tell you that there was a small store on nearly every block in Krebs in the first one third of the 20th century when they were growing up. Some were tiny one or two room shacks and others were an extra room on the family residence. A couple of the structures are still in existence including Mrs Giacomo's Store, Powell's Grocery, and Jim DeFrange's store, though none have operated in decades. Joe Michael operated a dry goods store since the teens of the last century till the late 1970's, with the exception of a year or two when he served in World War I. The store is still in operation by his nephew.

Dr. Robinson was the first doctor to move to Krebs in 1894. Later Dr. George Turner became the coal company doctor and in time formed a partnership with Dr. Richard Pemberton. The last doctor to maintain an office in Krebs was the late Dr. Thomas T. Norris. Dr. Norris came to Krebs from Crowder, Oklahoma after the death of Dr. George Turner.

The Terrapin Derby originated in 1929 when Mayor J.T. Sadler visited the Miller Brother's Shows in Ponca City, Oklahoma. Mayor Sadler brought the idea back to Krebs as a fundraising idea. The Derby was a success and enough money was raised to purchase a new truck for the city. Over the years the derby raised funds that provided vehicles and equipment for one of the finest volunteer fire departments in the region. The Terrapin Derby is still conducted by the Krebs Fire Department on Labor Day weekend every year.

The city of Krebs maintains a city park which includes a nice baseball park, a one kilometer walking track, picnic facilities, a two-story replica of the gazebo that originally stood in the town square, and

will soon include playground equipment. The park stands on a portion of the old fairground/racetrack site of a hundred years ago. The original racetrack was a 1/8 mile banked oval track where horses, sulkys, and early autos were raced. The Krebs Italian Band played many festivals or 'festas' at the park in bygone simpler times.

The only safe depository of the ultimate powers of society is in the people themselves. T. Jefferson