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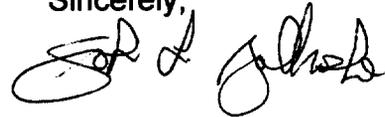
December 5, 1998

Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Enclosed are comments related to MM Docket Number 98-189, RM-9377. You will find an original and four copies.

Should you have any questions whatsoever, please do not hesitate to call me at (503)-769-2886.

Sincerely,



John L. Zolkoske

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

In the Matter of:  
MM Docket No. 98-189,  
RM-9377 Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Manzanita, OR)

To: Federal Communications Commission (FCC)  
Date: December 5, 1998

**Comments Made by John L. Zolkoske (Proponent)  
Regarding RM-9377: Proposed Rule-Making to Amend  
the Table of FM Allotment to Add  
Channel 235A (94.9mHz) to Manzanita, Oregon.**

Respectfully submitted here within are comments regarding RM-9377, a proposed rule-making to amend the table of FM allotments to add the channel 235 (94.9 mHz) with service class A to the community of Manzanita, Oregon.

I, John L. Zolkoske, the original proponent of the petition, hereby reiterate my interest in applying for the proposed facility if authorized as stated in the original proposal. I intend to apply for the proposed allotment if it is opened for applications and construct the facility in a timely fashion if issued a construction permit.

If permitted, this allotment will be the first aural service assigned to the community of Manzanita, Oregon. Manzanita is an incorporated community in the state of Oregon with a population of 513\*. Manzanita is located in Tillamook County, population 21570.\* There are at least 2000 full-time residents in and near Manzanita, including residents of the communities of Nehalem (pop. 232), Wheeler (pop. 335), and Rockaway Beach (pop. 970)\*. There are also many tourists and vacationers that spend time in this coastal area. Manzanita itself is an established community of homes, businesses, schools, and offices. It has a bank, a post office, and a number of retail establishments.

Tillamook County is in an area of extremely steep terrain, and it is very difficult for signals to enter the Manzanita area. Nehalem Bay, which Manzanita sits near the mouth of, is surrounded by steep slopes rising hundreds of feet from the waters of the bay. Manzanita sits on the shores of the Pacific Ocean, and near-vertical cliffs rise from the shore. This makes reception of FM signals from points north and east nearly impossible. Reception from the south is difficult. The applicant notes that given the steep terrain and lack of radio signals entering the area, this allocation would serve a vital public safety interest in disseminating information should an emergency arise.

For all above stated reasons, It is believed by the petitioner, John L. Zolkoske, that the citizenry of Manzanita, Oregon and surrounding areas would be served substantially from establishment of a broadcast facility there. Since this area has no other local broadcast service, the petitioner believes this proposal is in the greatest public interest.

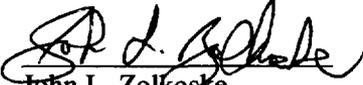
Therefore, it is requested that the FM Table of Allotments be amended to add channel 235A be added to Manzanita, Oregon. It is the opinion of the proponent, that authorization of this service would constitute a proper use of broadcast spectrum in the public interest and necessity.

For more information or correspondence regarding these comments, the petitioner may be contacted at the following address:

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To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this petition is accurate.

Signed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1998:

  
John L. Zolkoske

\* From U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 data.

\*\* From U.S. Census Bureau, USA Counties 1996 (1995 data)