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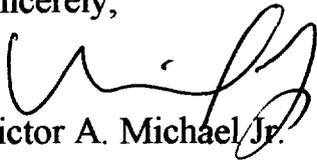
December 21, 1998

Magalie Roman Salas, Esquire  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Room 222  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Salas,

Enclosed is an original and four copies of a Petition for Rule Making to amend the FM table of allotments for a new FM broadcast station for Ridgeley, West Virginia.

Sincerely,



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Before the  
**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**  
Washington, DC 20554

In the matter of:	)	
	)	
Amendment of Section 73.202 (b)	)	
	)	RM-_____
Table of Allotments	)	
	)	
FM Broadcast Stations	)	
	)	
(Ridgeley, West Virginia)	)	

**PETITION FOR RULE MAKING**

In this petition, West Wind Broadcasting is hereby requesting to allot channel 263A (100.5 Mhz) to Ridgeley, West Virginia as its first local FM allotment.

**INTRODUCTION**

1. This statement is a petition for rule making to allot FM channel 263A (100.5 Mhz) to Ridgeley and add it to the Commission's FM table of allotments, 73.202. The following will show the need for an FM channel and the effects the allotment of Channel 263A to Ridgeley will have.

**DISCUSSION**

2. Ridgeley is located in Northern West Virginia. It is also located within Mineral County, a county of some 26,697 persons. Ridgeley has a population of 779 persons in accordance with the U.S. 1990 census.

3. The allotment of channel 263A to Ridgeley will provide the first local broadcast facility to the community and/or the surrounding area. The closest FM allotment to Ridgeley is located at Cumberland, Maryland. Cumberland is located 13 kilometers from Ridgeley.

It is obvious that from the above spacing that Ridgeley is presently without local FM service.

4. Ridgeley would greatly benefit from an FM allotment due to the fact there is no AM or FM broadcast facilities within 13 Kilometers of Ridgeley. Because of this, it would have an outlet for local self expression. Health and safety for the community would be increased due to having a local communications outlet for warning the Ridgeley area of emergency conditions caused by severe weather or other health hazards.

5. Channel 263A can be allotted to Ridgeley and meet all rules and requirements of the Commission. The instant proposal will not cause a change in the channel number or a deletion of any channel now appearing in the Commission's table of allotments 73.202.

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Ridgeley, West Virginia	-----	263A

6. In accordance with 73.207 of the Commission's rules, "Minimum Distance Separations between Stations", all allotments on Channel 263A and the pertinent adjacent channels to 263A have been studied with the results listed in Figure 1 of this petition. The geographic coordinates used for the spacing

Study ( N 39 - 42' - 08", W. 78 - 43' - 49") are that of a site located 7.3 kilometers north of the community of Ridgeley. A site restriction of 7.3 kilometers north will be required to allot channel 263A to Ridgeley. Many suitable transmitter sites are available to provide city grade coverage (3.16 mv/m or 70 dbu) to the entire community of Ridgeley. These sites would also provide full minimum spacing requirements to other allotments.

#### CONCLUSION

7. It has been shown that Ridgeley would benefit from the allotment of channel 263A. It has also been shown that channel 263A can be allotted to Ridgeley and meet all rules regarding spacing from other stations. Considering these two facts, West Wind Broadcasting hereby requests that the Federal Communications Commission institute a Rule Making proceeding to amend the Table of Allotments to include channel 263A for Ridgeley, West Virginia, 73.202.

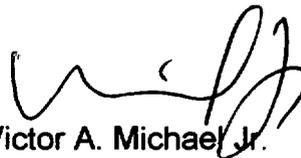
8. Should channel 263A be allotted to Ridgeley, West Virginia, I certify that I will file an application for a Construction Permit to operate an FM station for Ridgeley.

## CERTIFICATION

9. I certify that I have prepared or directly supervised the preparation of this entire Petition for Rule Making, and that the facts contained within are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, accurate and true.

Dated: December 21, 1998

Respectfully submitted,



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MAPFM search of channel 263A6 (100.5 MHz), at N. 39 42 8, W. 78 43 49.

Searching Channel 263A6 (100.5 MHz):

CALL	CITY	ST	CHN	CL	S	DIST	SEPN	BRNG	CLEARANCE
WQEJ	Johnstown	PA	209	B	L	77.4	15.0	343.8°	62.4
WSHC	Shepherdstown	WV	209	A	L	85.0	10.0	110.7°	75.0
ALC	Frederick	MD	260	B	U	108.1	69.0	102.0°	39.1
WFREFM	Frederick	MD	260	B	L	108.1	69.0	102.0°	39.1
ALC	Altoona	PA	261	B1	U	100.2	48.0	12.3°	52.2
W261CH	Johnstown	PA	261	D	L	74.8	0.0	353.2°	74.8
WPRR	Altoona	PA	261	B1	L	99.4	48.0	14.4°	51.4
ALC	Romney	WV	261	A	U	39.9	31.0	183.3°	8.9
ALC	Morgantown	WV	261	A	U	106.7	31.0	265.6°	75.7
WCLGFM	Morgantown	WV	261	A	L	106.7	31.0	265.6°	75.7
WDZN	Romney	WV	261	A	C	31.5	31.0	189.4°	0.5
WDZN	Romney	WV	261	A	L	31.5	31.0	189.4°	0.5
ALC	Washington	DC	262	B	U	170.4	113.0	119.2°	57.4
WBIGFM	Washington	DC	262	B	L	170.4	113.0	119.1°	57.4
WBIGFM	Washington	DC	262	B	L	164.2	113.0	123.0°	51.2
W263AJ	Cumberland	MD	263	D	L	8.6	0.0	208.7°	8.6
ALC	Bellaire	OH	263	B	U	178.5	178.0	282.0°	0.5
WOMPFM	Bellaire	OH	263	B	L	178.5	178.0	282.0°	0.5
ALC	Elizabethville	PA	263	A	U	189.5	115.0	59.5°	74.5
WJNG	Johnsonburg	PA	263	A	L	187.0	115.0	1.0°	72.0
WYGLFM	Elizabethville	PA	263	A	L	191.4	115.0	57.7°	76.4
ALC	Westminster	MD	264	B	U	160.8	113.0	93.4°	47.8
WGRX	Westminster	MD	264	B	L	160.8	113.0	93.4°	47.8
ALC	New Kensington	PA	264	B	U	137.6	113.0	316.0°	24.6
WZPT	New Kensington	PA	264	B	L	139.9	113.0	309.0°	26.9
WZPT	New Kensington	PA	264	B	C	139.9	113.0	309.0°	26.9
ALC	Harrisonburg	VA	264	B	U	139.6	113.0	186.4°	26.6
WQPO	Harrisonburg	VA	264	B	L	139.6	113.0	186.4°	26.6
ALC	Bedford	PA	265	A	U	42.6	31.0	27.2°	11.6
WAYC	Bedford	PA	265	A	L	37.7	31.0	23.7°	6.7
ALC	Westover	WV	265	A	U	104.7	31.0	260.4°	73.7
WZST	Westover	WV	265	A	L	104.7	31.0	260.4°	73.7
ALC	Westernport	MD	266	A	U	36.1	31.0	228.5°	5.1
WWPN	Westernport	MD	266	A	L	46.4	31.0	220.2°	15.4

FIGURE 1  
 CHANNEL SPACING STUDY  
 RIDGELEY, WEST VIRGINIA  
 WEST WIND BROADCASTING