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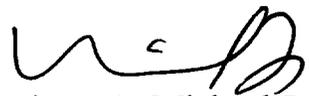
March 1, 1999

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 Easton, California.

Sincerely,



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In the matter of:)
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Amendment of Section 73.202 (b))
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Table of Allotments)
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FM Broadcast Stations)
)
(Easton, California))

RM-_____

PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

In this petition, Mountain West Broadcasting is hereby requesting to allot channel 300A (107.9 Mhz) to Easton, California as its first local FM allotment.

INTRODUCTION

1. This statement is a petition for rule making to allot FM channel 300A (107.9 Mhz) to Easton, California 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 300A to Easton will have.

DISCUSSION

2. Easton is located in Central California. It is also located within Fresno County, a county of some 667,490 persons. Easton has a population of 1,877 persons in accordance with the 1999 Rand McNally Road Atlas, which is based on 1990 census data.

3. The allotment of channel 300A to Easton will provide the first local broadcast facility to the community and/or the surrounding area. The closest FM allotment to Easton is located at Fresno, California. Fresno is located 5 kilometers from Easton. Easton, while not incorporated, has many retail businesses as it is located just off the congested highway 41 which leads to Fresno, California. Easton has also seen growth and is estimated to have a population of over 2,000 persons. It has a several businesses, a church and civic organizations.

4. Easton would greatly benefit from an FM allotment due to the fact there is no AM or FM broadcast facilities within 5 Kilometers of Easton. 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 Easton area of emergency conditions caused by severe weather or other health hazards. It is obvious from the above spacing, that Easton is presently without local FM service.

5. Channel 300A can be allotted to Easton 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>
Easton, California	---	300A

6. In accordance with 73.207 of the Commission's rules, "Minimum Distance Separations between Stations", all allotments on Channel 300A and the pertinent adjacent channels to 300A have been studied with the results listed in Figure 1 of this petition. The geographic coordinates used for the spacing

Study (N 36 - 47' - 06", W. 119 - 48' - 38") are that of a site located 15 kilometers north of the community of Easton. A site restriction of 15 kilometers north will be required to allot channel 300A to Easton. Many suitable transmitter sites are available to provide city grade coverage (3.16 mv/m or 70 dbu) to the entire community of Easton. These sites would also provide full minimum spacing requirements to other allotments.

CONCLUSION

7. It has been shown that Easton would benefit from the allotment of channel 300A. It has also been shown that channel 300A can be allotted to Easton and meet all rules regarding spacing from other stations. Considering these two facts, Mountain West Broadcasting hereby requests that the Federal Communications Commission institute a Rule Making proceeding to amend the Table of Allotments to include channel 300A for Easton, California, 73.202.

8. Should channel 300A be allotted to Easton, I certify that I will file an application for a Construction Permit to operate an FM station for Easton, California.

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: March 1, 1999

Respectfully submitted,



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MAPFM search of channel 300A6 (107.9 MHz), at N. 36 47 6, W. 119 48 38.

Searching Channel 300A6 (107.9 MHz):

CALL	CITY	ST	CHN	CL	S	DIST	SEPN	BRNG	CLEARANCE
ALC	Visalia	CA	246	B	U	79.3	15.0	102.1°	64.3
KSEQ	Visalia	CA	246	B	L	79.3	15.0	102.1°	64.3
ALC	Coalinga	CA	247	A	V	84.3	10.0	220.9°	74.3
KMMM	Madera	CA	297	A	C	31.2	31.0	298.6°	0.2
ALC	Hanford	CA	298	B	U	79.3	69.0	102.0°	10.3
KMPHF	Hanford	CA	298	B	L	79.3	69.0	102.0°	10.3
ALC	Merced	CA	299	A	U	86.3	72.0	318.6°	14.3
KFIE	Merced	CA	299	A	L	90.5	72.0	321.8°	18.5
ALC	Greenfield	CA	300	B1	U	138.0	143.0	248.2°	-5.0
ALC	Bakersfield	CA	300	B	U	177.8	178.0	147.2°	-0.2
KSEA	Greenfield	CA	300	B1	L	151.4	143.0	252.9°	8.4
KUZZFM	Bakersfield	CA	300	B	L	177.8	178.0	147.2°	-0.2
NEW-T	Bass Lake	CA	300	D	A	60.7	0.0	21.2°	60.7

FIGURE 1
EASTON, CALIFORNIA
MOUNTAIN WEST BROADCASTING