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Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20054

In the Matter of)
) RM-
Amendment of Section 73.202(b)) MM Docket
Table of Allotments)
FM Broadcast Stations)
Drummond, MT)

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To: John A. Karousos, Chief
Allocations Branch

PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

The Battani Corporation submits this Petition for the FCC's initiation of a Rule Making proceeding to amend Section 73.202(b) of the FCC's rules to allot FM channel **268C** to **Drummond, MT** as that community's "first local aural service."

Drummond, which is located in **Granite** County, is a Census Designated Place (1990 Census) in western Montana. Its population in 1990 was approximately 264 persons. **Drummond**, an incorporated town, has a city council, mayor and city hall. It boasts its own local fire department, library and post office. Like other "communities" to which the FCC has allotted a "first local aural service," **Drummond** has local churches, commercial shops, medical clinic, real estate agents and its own school system.

Petitioner has determined that channel **268C** can be allocated to **Drummond** in full compliance with the FCC's FM spacing rules and allotment policies. See Attachment. From the fully-spaced reference coordinates (see Attachment), full city-grade (70 dBu) service can be provided to the entire community.

A grant of the requested allotment would serve the public interest and meet the FCC's allotment priorities by providing a

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"first local aural service" to **Drummond**. See Amendment of the Commission's Rules Regarding Modification of FM and TV Authorizations to Specify a New Community of License, 5 FCC Rcd 7094, 7096 (1990).

Upon the FCC's allotment of the channel as requested and following the opening of an appropriate filing window, Petitioner will submit an application for the channel and, if granted, will promptly build the new facility.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner urges that the FCC initiate a Rule Making proceeding, receive comments and ultimately amend the FM Table of Allotments as follows:

<u>Community</u>	<u>Present Allotments</u>	<u>Proposed Allotments</u>
Drummond, MT	--	268C

Respectfully submitted,



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March 19, 1999

ENGINEERING STATEMENT

Proposed Allotment of Channel 268C to Drummond, Montana

The information and data contained within this engineering statement were prepared on behalf of Batanni Corporation, in support of a petition for rule making. The petitioner proposes to amend the FM Table of Allotments, 47 C.F.R. § 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules, by allotting Channel 268C to Drummond, Montana.

Currently, Drummond has no other aural broadcast services. At a point corresponding to the following geographic coordinates the Channel 268C allotment can be made at Drummond in compliance with the minimum distance separation requirements 47 C.F.R. § 73.207.

North Latitude: 47 degrees, 05 minutes, 19 seconds
West Longitude: 113 degrees, 36 minutes, 30 seconds

From these reference geographic coordinates, Channel 268C is fully-spaced to all FCC assignments, allotments and proposals contained within the latest *FCC FM Engineering Database*. All distances were computed by the methods outlined in § 73.208(c) of the Commission's Rules and were rounded to the nearest kilometer in accordance with § 73.208(c)(8).

The results of this study demonstrate that the FM Table of Allotments in § 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules may be amended in technical compliance with all applicable spacing rules. Therefore, the Petitioner, Batanni Corporation, respectfully requests the following changes to the Table:

PRESENT	
CITY	CHANNEL
Drummond, Montana	----

PROPOSED	
CITY	CHANNEL
Drummond, Montana	268C



Lawrence L. Morton, P.E.
Consulting Engineer to the Petitioner
March 18, 1999

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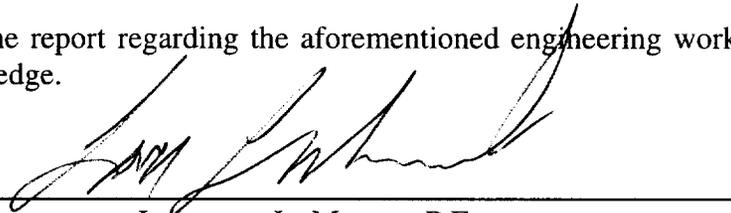
) ss:

County of Los Angeles)

Lawrence L. Morton, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says:

- That he is a qualified engineer,
- That he is a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of California,
- That he is a member of the Association of Federal Communications Consulting Engineers,
- That his qualifications are a matter of record with the Federal Communications Commission,
- That he has prepared many broadcast applications and engineering exhibits that have been filed with and granted by the Federal Communications Commission,
- That he has carried out such engineering work and that the results thereof are attached hereto and form part of this affidavit, and
- That the foregoing statement and the report regarding the aforementioned engineering work are true and correct of his own knowledge.

Date: March 18, 1998



Lawrence L. Morton, P.E.

On March 18, 1998, before me, Linda Lu, a Notary Public, in and for the State of California, personally appeared Lawrence L. Morton known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

My Commission expires 11/30/99



Notary Public

