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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

In the Matter of)
)
Amendment of Section 73.202(b),)
Table of Allotments,)
FM Broadcast Stations.)
)
(Columbia Falls, Browning, Pablo, MT))

MM Docket No. 99-14
RM-9442

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Directed to: Chief, Allocations Branch

REPLY COMMENTS ON COUNTERPROPOSAL

These Reply Comments are filed in response to a Counterproposal filed in regards to the Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 99-14, RM-9442, by the Battani Corporation. These Reply Comments are filed on behalf of Mountain West Broadcasting, the original petitioner for channel 276C3 at Columbia Falls, Montana.

The Counterproposal submits that Channel 276C3 not be allotted to Columbia Falls, Montana as its second commercial FM allotment. Instead, it is petitioning the Commission to allot channel 276C2 to Browning, Montana and channel 275C2 to Pablo, Montana as these communities first local aural services.

Mountain West Broadcasting submits that both parties can be accommodated, since alternate channels can be allotted to both Browning and Pablo, and thus not proclude the allotment of channel 276C2 to Columbia Falls, Montana.

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The Battani Corporation is petitioning the Commission to allot channel 276C2 to Browning, Montana. Mountain West Broadcasting suggests that channel 290C2 can be allotted to Browning, Montana in place of channel 276C2. It would require a site restriction of 4.8 kilometers east of the community of Browning, Montana. The coordinates for this study are: 48 - 33 - 48, 112 - 56 - 53. Figure 1 of these Reply Comments show a channel spacing study for channel 290C2 for Browning, Montana. Other alternate channels are also available for use at Browning, Montana.

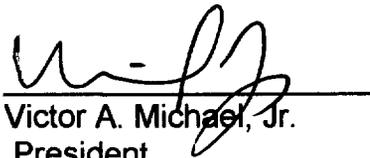
The Battani Corporation is also petitioning the Commission to allot channel 275C2 to Pablo, Montana. Mountain West Broadcasting suggests that channel 271C2 can be allotted to Pablo, Montana in place of channel 275C2. It would not require any site restriction. The coordinates for this study are: 47 - 35 - 54, 114 - 07 - 12. Figure 2 of these Reply Comments show a channel spacing study for channel 271C2 for Pablo, Montana. Other alternate channels are also available for use at Pablo, Montana.

If the Commission considers the Counterproposal by the Battani Corporation, Mountain West Broadcasting proposes that the Commission can satisfy both parties by the allotment of alternate channels for Browning and Pablo, Montana and continue to allot channel 276C3 to Columbia Falls, Montana.

	<u>Battani Corporation Proposal</u>	<u>Mountain West Proposal</u>
Columbia Falls, MT	240C	240C, 276C3
Browning, MT	276C2	290C2
Pablo, MT	275C2	271C2

WHEREFORE, Mountain West Broadcasting, urges that the FCC grant its original petition for rule making in this matter or suggests the FCC grant its alternate proposal to the Counterproposal filed by the Battani Corporation.

Respectfully submitted,

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MAPFM search of channel 290C2 (105.9 MHz), at N. 48 33 48, W. 112 56 53.

Searching Channel 290C2 (105.9 MHz):

CALL	CITY	ST	CHN	CL	S	DIST	SEPN	BRNG	CLEARANCE
ALC	Medicine Hat	AB	287	C		234.2	106.0	45.1°	128.2
ALC	Helena	MT	287	C	U	207.1	105.0	167.0°	102.1
KMTXFM	Helena	MT	287	C	L	207.1	105.0	167.0°	102.1
ALC	Claresholm	AB	288	A		169.9	76.0	344.2°	93.9
ALC	Moyie	BC	288	A		231.6	76.0	294.1°	155.6
K288DH	Cut Bank	MT	288	D	L	55.9	0.0	76.7°	55.9
CBYSFM	Sparwood	BC	289	A		190.3	132.0	312.7°	58.3
ALC	Spokane	WA	289	C	U	342.0	188.0	251.3°	154.0
KAEP	Spokane	WA	289	C	L	342.0	188.0	251.3°	154.0
ALC	Invermere	BC	290	A		310.3	206.0	314.0°	104.3
NEW	Invermere	BC	290	A		305.1	206.0	314.5°	99.1
ALC	Swift Current	SA	290	C		417.5	274.0	62.7°	143.5
ALC	Missoula	MT	290	A	V	205.2	163.0	202.8°	42.2
ALC	Calgary	AB	291	B		288.4	164.0	343.5°	124.4
ALC	Creston	BC	291	B		281.7	164.0	283.8°	117.7
ALC	Great Falls	MT	291	C1	U	169.2	158.0	132.6°	11.2
KQDIFM	Great Falls	MT	291	C1	L	168.3	158.0	132.6°	10.3
ALC	Kalispell	MT	292	C	U	106.7	105.0	245.1°	1.7
K292CD	Whitefish, etc.	MT	292	D	L	103.0	0.0	266.3°	103.0
KDBR	Kalispell	MT	292	C	L	105.2	105.0	266.9°	0.2
ALC	Elkford	BC	293	A		206.7	69.0	320.6°	137.7

FIGURE 1
CHANNEL SPACING STUDY
BROWNING, MONTANA
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MAPFM search of channel 271C2 (102.1 MHz), at N. 47 35 54, W. 114 7 12.

Searching Channel 271C2 (102.1 MHz):

CALL	CITY	ST	CHN	CL	S	DIST	SEPN	BRNG	CLEARANCE
K218AI	Rattlesnake Valley	MT	218	D	L	82.5	0.0	172.7°	82.5
K218CL	Kalispell	MT	218	D	C	66.4	0.0	345.0°	66.4
K218CN	Choteau	MT	218	D	C	148.1	0.0	83.2°	148.1
KPLG	Plains	MT	218	C1	A	61.1	27.0	245.7°	34.1
KPLG	Plains	MT	218	C2	L	61.1	20.0	245.7°	41.1
ALC	Libby	MT	269	A	U	136.3	55.0	309.0°	81.3
KTNY	Libby	MT	269	A	L	136.3	55.0	309.0°	81.3
ALC	Cardston	AB	270	B		188.2	164.0	18.8°	24.2
ALC	Medical Lake	WA	270	C2	U	272.3	130.0	272.5°	142.3
KTSL	Medical Lake	WA	270	C2	L	272.3	130.0	272.5°	142.3
ALC	Medicine Hat	AB	271	C		372.3	274.0	42.9°	98.3
CBRFM	Calgary	AB	271	C		385.6	274.0	359.0°	111.6
ALC	Bozeman	MT	271	C2	U	317.9	190.0	132.1°	127.9
KBMC	Bozeman	MT	271	C2	L	308.5	190.0	134.9°	118.5
ALC	Cranbrook	BC	272	B		235.0	164.0	331.7°	71.0
ALC	Coeur d'Alene	ID	272	A	U	209.0	105.0	272.0°	104.0
ALC	Coeur d'Alene	ID	272	C3	V	213.1	117.0	271.8°	96.1
KBIH	Coeur d'Alene	ID	272	C3	A	161.7	117.0	266.1°	44.7
KBIH	Coeur d'Alene	ID	272	A	C	213.1	105.0	271.8°	108.1
ALC	Sandpoint	ID	273	A	U	196.8	55.0	292.5°	141.8
KIBR	Sandpoint	ID	273	A	L	197.2	55.0	293.5°	142.2
ALC	Missoula	MT	273	C1	U	89.4	79.0	175.0°	10.4
KMSO	Missoula	MT	273	C1	L	88.5	79.0	173.0°	9.5
ALC	Cut Bank	MT	274	C1	U	186.1	79.0	49.8°	107.1
KARW	Cut Bank	MT	274	C1	A	186.1	79.0	49.8°	107.1
KARW	Cut Bank	MT	274	C1	C	177.8	79.0	52.4°	98.8

FIGURE 2
 CHANNEL SPACING STUDY
 PABLO, MONTANA
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 MOUNTAIN WEST BROADCASTING

CERTIFICATION

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

Dated: April 3, 1999

Respectfully submitted,



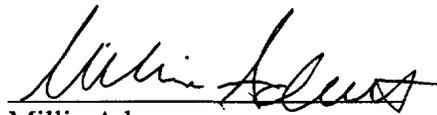
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