

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

In the Matter of) MM Docket No.98-214
) RM-9353
Amendment of Section 73.202(b)) RM-9568
(Table of Allotments))
FM Broadcast Stations)
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Rantoul and Gilman, Illinois)

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To: Chief, Mass Media Bureau
Policy and Rules Division
Allocations Branch

MOTION TO ACCEPT STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD

Saga Communications of Illinois, Inc. ("Saga"), by its attorneys hereby respectfully files this Motion to Accept Statement for the Record ("Statement") in connection with the Commission's *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* ("NPRM"), DA 98-2435, released December 4, 1998,¹ that, *inter alia*, proposes to allot Channel 277A to Rantoul, Illinois, as its third local service.

Today, Saga is filing a Statement for the Record. Since the docket has closed, Saga's Statement is not acceptable as a matter of right. However, Saga seeks to inform the Commission of its intention not to construct a station at Gilman if Channel 240A is allotted to Gilman, Illinois, in lieu of Channel 277A as suggested in reply comments by the proponent of the rule making proceeding.

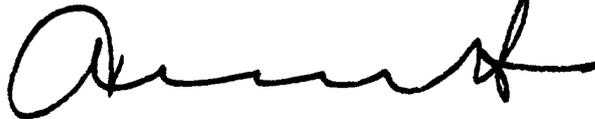
¹ Saga's counterproposal is mutually exclusive with the proposal to allot Channel 277A to Rantoul, Illinois.

The Commission can accept the Statement as a matter within its discretion. See, *e.g.*, *South Congaree and Batesburg, South Carolina*, 5 FCC Rcd 7480, 7483 n.3 (MMB 1990) and *Live Oak and St. Augustine, Florida*, 4 FCC Rcd, 758, 760-61 n.4 (MMB 1989).

WHEREFORE, Saga respectfully requests the Commission to accept its Statement for the Record.

Respectfully submitted,

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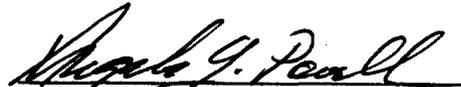
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Angela Y. Powell, a paralegal in the law offices of Smithwick & Belendiuk, P.C., certify that on this 2nd day of June 1999, copies of the foregoing were mailed to the following:

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