

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of:)
)
Amendment of Section 73.202(b),)
Table of Allotments,)
FM Broadcast Stations.)
(Watseka, Illinois))

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

PETITION FOR RULEMAKING

Iroquois County Broadcasting Company ("Iroquois"), licensee of broadcast stations WGFA(AM) and WGFA-FM at Watseka, Illinois, by its attorney, hereby petitions the Commission to amend Section 73.2202(b), FM Table of Allotments, of the Commission's Rules & Regulations, by adding Channel 240A at Watseka, Illinois, as set forth below:

<i>Community</i>	<i>Channel No.</i>	
	<i>Present</i>	<i>Proposed</i>
Watseka, Illinois	231B	231B, 240A

A Commission grant of this Petition would serve the public interest because the proposed change will result in a net service benefit for the proposed community of license. Specifically, Iroquois currently operates daytime-only AM station WGFA as well as Class B FM station WGFA-FM (on Channel 231) at Watseka. Because neither the transmitter location nor the power of any

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existing FM station (including WGFA-FM) would be affected if Channel 240A were added as proposed, no current service to residents of the Watseka, Illinois, service area would be lost or diminished as a consequence of the drop-in. As noted in the engineering supporting this petition, from the Watsekka reference point, 30,846 residents of WGFA-FM's predominantly rural service area would receive one additional 60 dBu FM service.

If the Channel 240A is added to the FM Table at Watseka, Iroquois will apply for a permit to construct the new FM facility and, if its application is granted, will promptly construct as authorized.

For the reasons specified above, it is respectfully requested that the Commission grant this Petition and issue a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to amend Section 73.202(b) of the Rules as described above.

Respectfully submitted,

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BROADCASTING COMPANY

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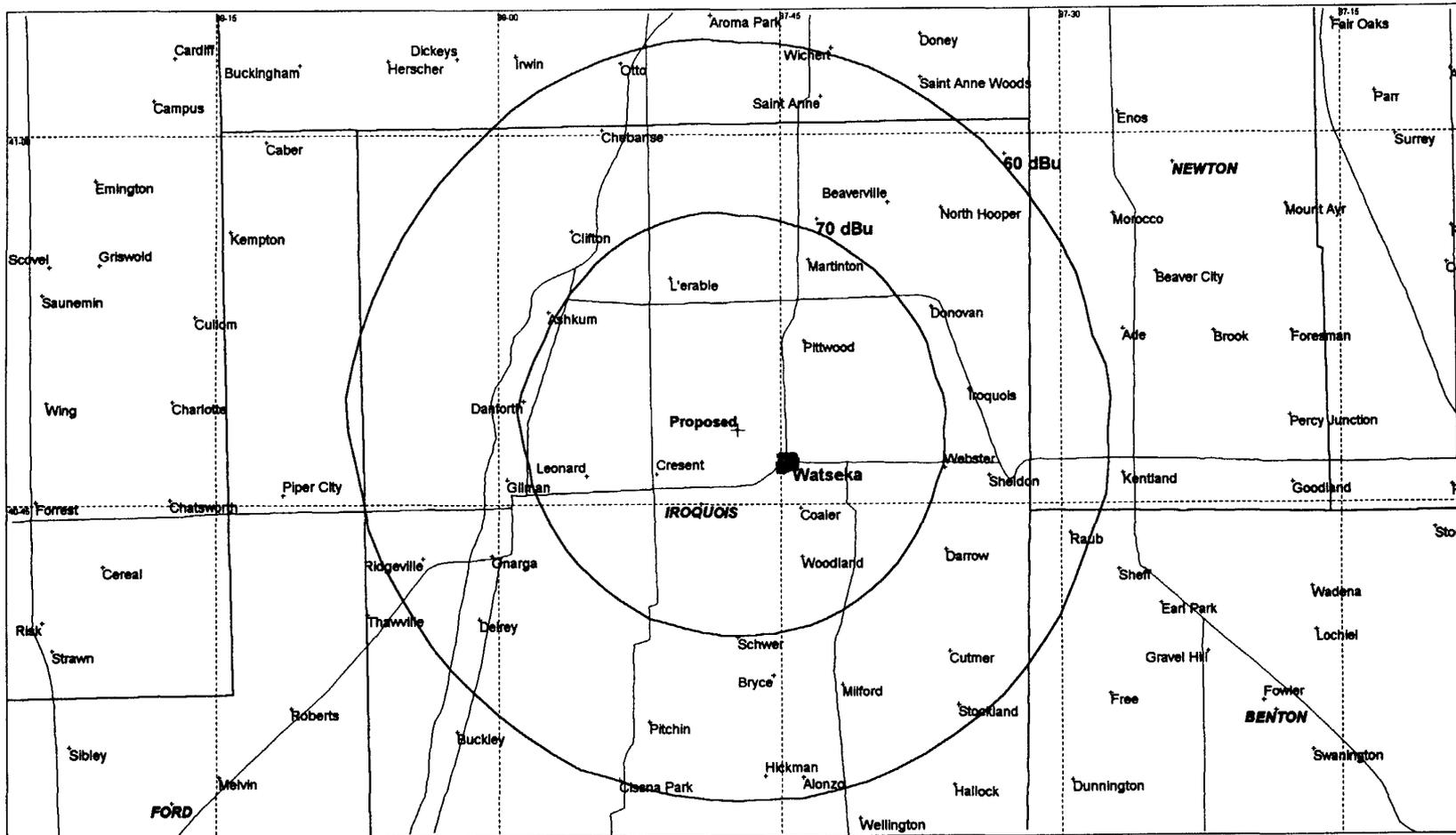
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Watsaka, Illinois	231B	231B, 240A

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FM Channel Search for: **Watseka, Illinois**
 Coordinates used: 40-48- 0/ 87-47-15

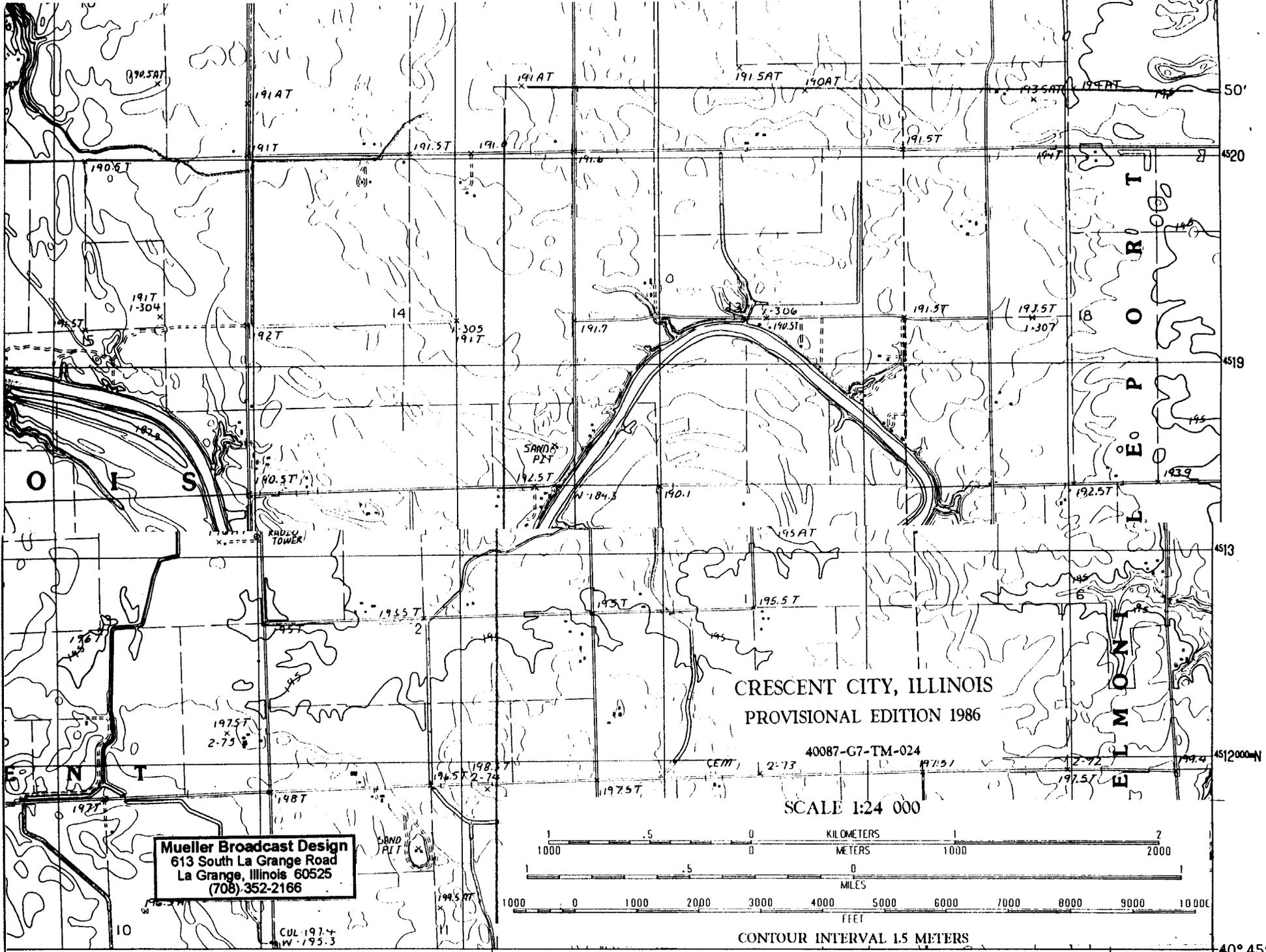
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	WTHC LIC	Seelyville	IN A	140.0	115	25.0 @ 166.3°	29.0	84.3
	WKUZ LIC	Wabash	IN A	172.4	115	57.4 @ 93.1°	29.0	84.5
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	WKOT CP	Marseilles	IL A	103.1	31	72.1 @ 303.7°	23.6	2.2
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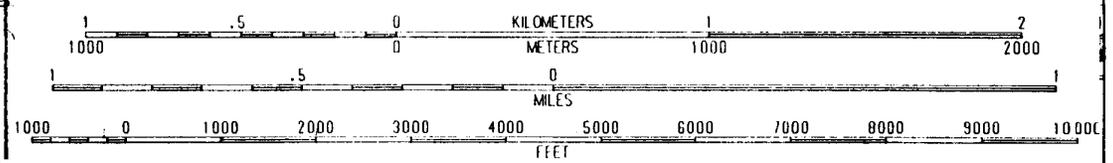


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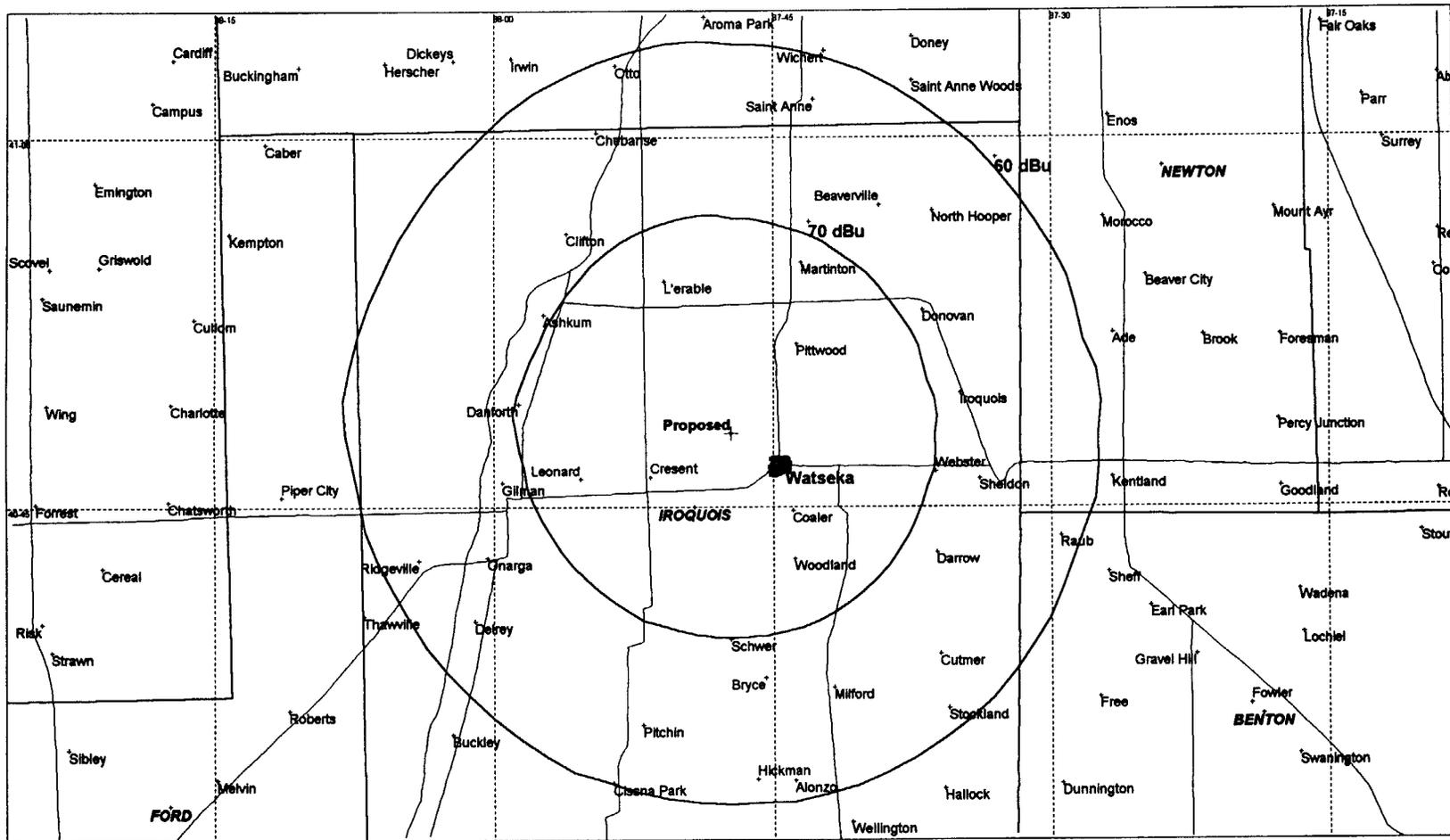
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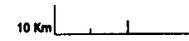

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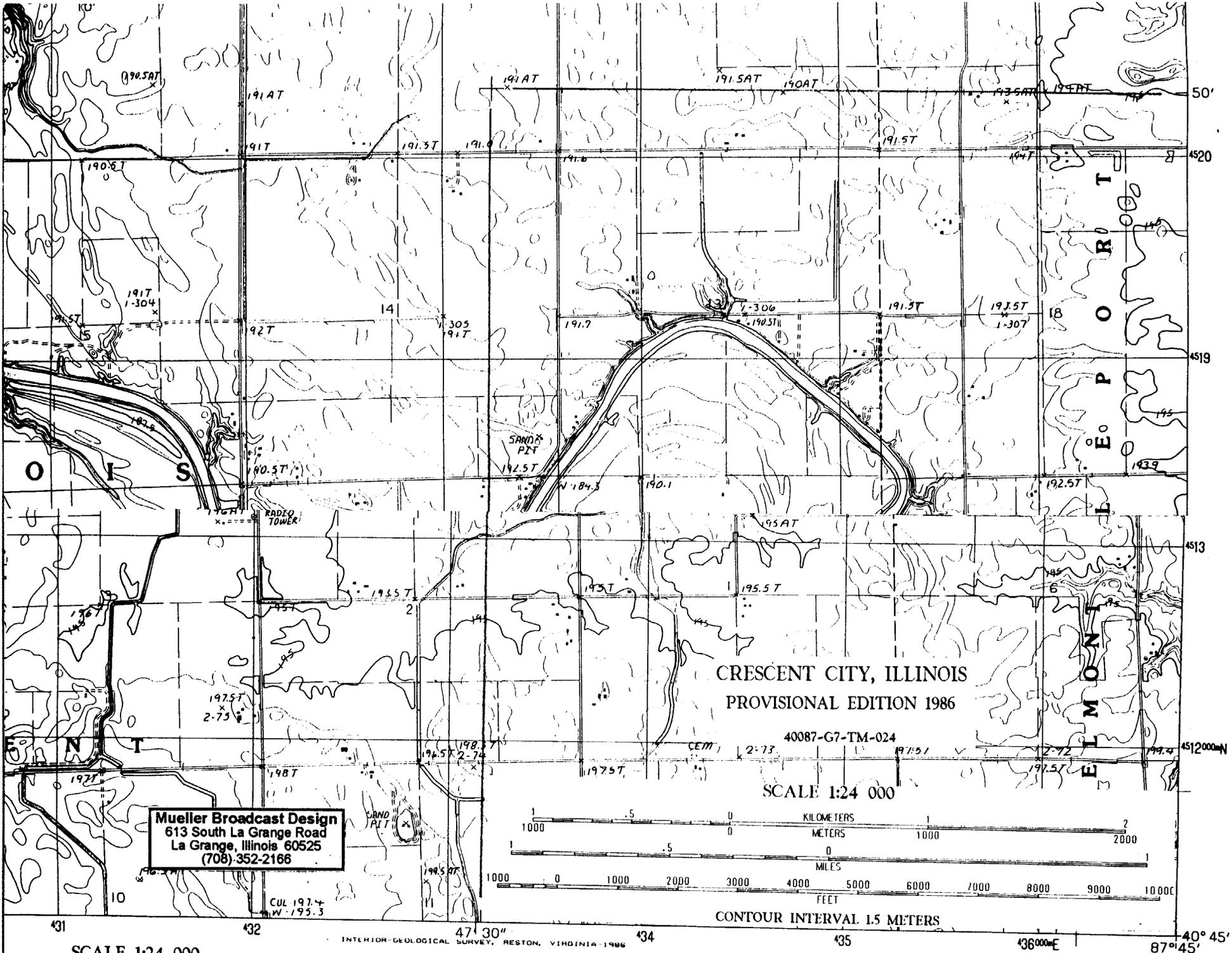


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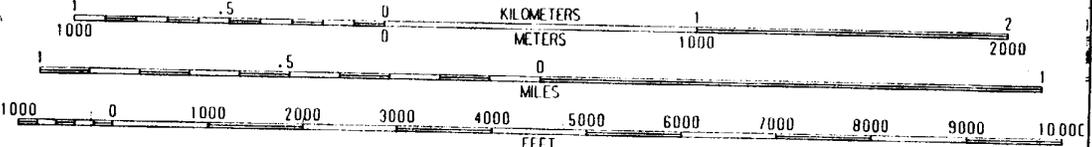
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