

BEFORE THE

Federal Communications Commission

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In the Matter of)
)
Amendment of Section 73.202(b),)
Table of Allotments,)
FM Broadcast Stations.)
)
(Buras, Louisiana))

MM Docket No. 99-209
RM-9628

Directed to: Chief, Allocations Branch

COMMENTS ON PROPOSED RULE MAKING

These comments are filed in support of the Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 99-209, RM-9628, by Mountain West Broadcasting, the petitioner in this matter. The facts and comments submitted in the original petition are hereby re-submitted by reference.

The Commission has requested additional information regarding a suitable tower location for a new station at Buras. After some investigation, it is concluded that most of the fully spaced tower locations for a new tower to serve Buras would be located in a swampy area. It would be difficult to construct a tower in these locations, however it could physically be accomplished. A new applicant could use the provisions of 73.215 to locate a tower in a more desirable location. Thus, if the commission determines that it would be possible to locate a tower in this swampy area, then a proposed applicant may prefer to utilize the provisions of 73.215 to locate the new tower in a more practical location.

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The petitioner would also like to re-submit its intent that it will file an application for Construction Permit to operate a new station for Buras, Louisiana, during any window filing period or its intent to participate in auction process the Commission may conduct for this channel. Mountain West Broadcasting would also expeditiously construct the station should his application be granted.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that the proposed change to the FM Table of Allotments be adopted, and the Commission allot Channel 279C2 at Buras, Louisiana.

Respectfully submitted,



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