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Allocations Branch, Room 3 A320,
c/o Office of the Secretary TW B204,
Federal Communications Commission,
445 12th Street SW,
Washington, DC 20554.

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In Re: Allotment of FM Broadcast Ch. 299A to Glenville, WV.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find an original and four copies of a Petition for Rulemaking submitted by Donald Staats, d/b/a/ MediaStaats, seeking the amendment of the FM Table of Allotments. This Petition proposes the allotment of Channel 299A to Glenville, WV.

Sincerely yours



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

In the Matter of: :
Amendment of Sec. 73.202(b) : RM--
Table of FM Allotments, : Docket No.
FM Broadcast Stations :
(Glennville, W.V.) :
ADD: Channel 299A, 107.7 MHZ. :

Petition of Donald Staats, d/b/a MediaStaats

Petitioner MediaStaats respectfully moves the Commission to amend the Table of FM Allocations, Sec. 73.202, by the addition of channel 299A, 107.7 MHZ., to Glennville, West Virginia, as that community's first full time broadcast service. If this channel is allocated to Glennville, West Virginia, Petitioner proposes to apply for a permit to construct and operate a station to serve this community.

Community

Glennville, population 1,693,¹ is the county seat of Gilmer County, population 7,143.² Gilmer County lies in north central West Virginia, about 120 kilometers south of Wheeling, and about 90 kilometers northeast of Charleston. The Virginia legislature created Gilmer County in 1845, out of portions of neighboring counties, to honor Virginia Congressman and Secretary of the Navy Thomas Gilmer. An exploding gun caused the death of Secretary Gilmer in 1844 while he was inspecting the USS Princeton.

¹ 1999 census estimate

² 1998 census estimate

Much of the land in the county is forested, and rugged, although some level land is found in the valley of the Little Kanawha River. Timbering and oil and gas exploration are as important to the county economy as agriculture. A major employer is Glenville State College, a four-year co-educational liberal arts college founded in 1872. Present college enrollment is about 2,235.

Glenville is the retail center for the county, and the largest community in the county. There are two local newspapers published in the county, the *Glenville Democrat* and *Register Herald*, both weekly. There are no radio stations licensed to the county.

Channel 299A

Although Channel 299A is short-spaced to co-channel station WFSP, (Kingwood, W.V.), from the reference coordinates for the city of Glenville, a fully spaced station could be located at a site 2.5 kilometers south of downtown Glenville. The coordinates used for the study are 38-54-50 North, 80-50-29 West. The city of Glenville is, for the most part, located in the valley of the Little Kanawha River, this site is located in the hills surrounding the town. Table 1 (attached), demonstrates that this site would be fully spaced to all co- and adjacent channel stations.

Conclusion

Petitioner urges the Commission to assign Ch. 299A, 107.7 MHZ., to Glenville, West Virginia, as that community's first full-time FM broadcast service.



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Table 1
Channel 299A, Glenville, W.V.
38-54-50 N., 80-50-29 W.

Frequency/Channel	Station	Required	Actual	Margin
107.1/ 296	WNUS (A) Belpre, Ohio	(19 KM)	78.77 KM	+59.8 KM
107.3/ 297	WKAZ (B) Miami, WV	(69 KM)	92.79 KM	+23.8 KM
107.5/ 298	WEGW (B) Wheeling, WV	(113 KM)	127.98 KM	+15 KM
107.7/ 299	WFSP (A) Kingwood, WV	(115 KM)	115.52 KM	+52 KM
	WHQX (C-3) Cedar Bluff, VA	(142 KM)	208.42 KM	+66.4 KM
107.9/ 300	WEMN (B) Huntington, VA	(113 KM)	132.15 KM	+19.2 KM
	WDSY (B) Pittsburgh, PA	(113 KM)	188.03 KM	+75 KM
	WYDD (C-1) Amherst, VA	(133 KM)	205.63 KM	+72.6 KM

No stations operate nearby on the IF beat frequencies of 96.9 and 97.1, the nearest station is WCKA, Sutton, WV, at 31 kilometers.