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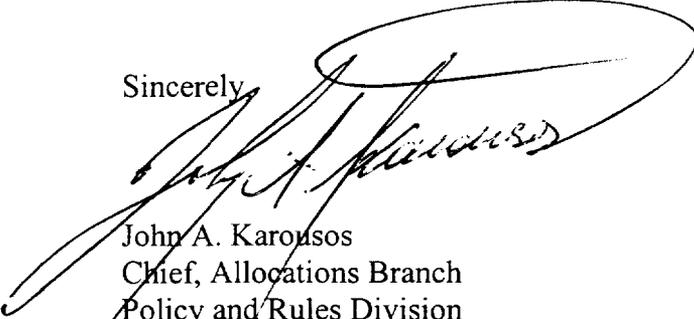
Dear Mr. Braswell:

This is in response to the petition for rule making you filed requesting the allotment of Channel 285A at Plainville, Georgia, as the community's first local aural transmission service.

We have reviewed your proposal and find that it is unacceptable for consideration at this time. Your petition acknowledges a conflict with Station WQSB(FM), Channel 286C, Albertville, Alabama, but indicates that Station WQSB(FM) has been issued a construction permit to downgrade to a Class C3 facility. A staff engineering analysis indicates, however, that the proposed allotment of Channel 285A at Plainville, Georgia, at your specified site (34-27-12 NL and 85-05-20 WL), is short-spaced to the licensed site of Station WQSB(FM), and the allotment would be contingent on Station WQSB(FM) being licensed and operating as Class C3 facility. It is the Commission's policy not to accept petitions for rule making contingent on the licensing of facilities set forth in an outstanding construction permit to conserve Commission resources and enable us to process expeditiously the vast majority of rulemaking proposals which are not contingent on the licensing of facilities authorized in a construction permit. See Cut and Shoot, Texas, 11 FCC Rcd 16383 (1996).

For the reasons stated above, we are returning your petition for rule making. If and when construction of the modified facilities of Station WQSB(FM) is completed and a license issued, you may resubmit your proposal if it is in full compliance with the Commission's Rules.

Sincerely,



John A. Karousos
Chief, Allocations Branch
Policy and Rules Division
Mass Media Bureau

Enclosures

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In the matter of

Amendment of Section 73.2
Table of Allotments
FM Broadcast Stations
(Plainville, Georgia)

To: Chief, Allocations E
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PETITION FOR RULE

Great Southern R
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Allotments (§73.202[b] of
as follows:

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Plainville, Georgia

1. Plainville, Georgia persons, and is gov and is located in sc persons (see exhibi municipal services manufacturing, mu and the area is serv community, but ne has permitted the e Georgia (populatic 300). Population f
2. Presently, Plainvil

Plainville, Georgia

Channel 285A / 104.9 MHz

daytime station WEBS (AM), 1110 KHz, .25 kw-D, and station WJTH (AM), 900 KHz, 1.0 kw-D/.266 kw-N (see exhibit "D"), both licensed to Calhoun, the county seat of Gordon County, located some 13 km north, northeast of Plainville. There is no commercial or full-power FM service in the county, at present. From a practical point of view, this assignment would represent the first nighttime service for much of Gordon County, as well as the first local service for Plainville.

3. As indicated in the attached Engineering Statement (attached hereto as Exhibit "A"), Channel 285A can be assigned to Plainville, using the reference site coordinates of 34-27-12 N, 85-05-20 W (NAD27). This reference site reflects a site restriction of 7.8 km northwest, of the Plainville center-city coordinates. At the reference site, all minimum distance separation requirements of §73.202[b] of the rules are met (see notation regarding WQSB (FM), Albertville, Alabama), as well as the principal community contour coverage requirements of §73.315.
4. In the event that Channel 285A is allotted to Plainville, Georgia, Great Southern Radio will file an application for a Construction Permit to operate a new FM broadcast station at Plainville, and, if authorized, will promptly construct the station.

Respectfully submitted,



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GREAT SOUTHERN RADIO
Plainville, Georgia
Petition for Rulemaking
October 31, 2000

EXHIBIT "A"

1. This engineering exhibit supports a petition to amend the FM Table of Allotments (§73.202[b] of the Commission's Rules), to assign Channel 285A to Plainville, Georgia.
2. The center-city geographical coordinates for Plainville, Georgia are 34-24-15 N, 85-02-11 W (NAD27). From the center-city coordinates, a site restriction of 7.8 km to the northwest, at 34-27-12 N, 85-05-20 W (NAD27) exists to avoid a short spacing with station WFSH-FM, Athens, Georgia (284C1 at 33-51-56 N, 83-49-34 W [NAD27]).
3. There exists a severe short spacing (70.52 km) to the licensed facilities of WQSB, Albertville, Alabama (286C at 34-09-27 N, 86-02-44 W [NAD27]), however, WQSB has been granted a Construction Permit (BPH20000131ACK), to downgrade from their present Class C assignment, to a Class C3 assignment. While it is highly unlikely that the proposed facility at Plainville, Georgia, would be able to commence operation BEFORE WQSB's downgrade to Class C3, IF that should be the case, the petitioner, should it be the grantee, certifies that it would NOT begin construction and/or operation, prior to WQSB's commencement of operation, as a Class C3 facility.
4. Table 1, attached, is an allocation study for FM channel 285A, using the coordinates of the proposed reference site. As demonstrated by Table 1 (and Figure 1), all minimum distance separation requirements of §73.207[b] of the Commission's Rules, are met from the reference site, *except as noted, in # 3, above*. In addition, as shown in Figure 2, a Class A FM station constructed at the reference site, will meet the principle city contour coverage requirement of §73.315.

TABLE "1"

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**GREAT SOUTHERN RADIO
Plainville, Georgia**

REFERENCE
34 27 12 N CLASS = A DISPLAY DATES
85 05 20 W Current Spacings DATA 10-28-00
SEARCH 10-31-00
----- Channel 285 - 104.9 MHz -----

Call	Channel	Location		Dist	Azi	FCC	Margin
WQSB	LIC 286C	Albertville	AL	93.98	249.7	164.5	-70.52 ** (1)
WDNTFM	APP 285A	Dayton	TN	115.27	1.8	114.5	0.77
WDNTFM	LIC 285A	Dayton	TN	115.27	1.8	114.5	0.77
WFSHF	LIC 284C1	Athens	GA	133.45	119.0	132.5	0.95
WQSB.C	CP 286C3	Albertville	AL	93.98	249.7	88.5	5.48 ** (2)
WYYU	LIC 283A	Dalton	GA	45.24	23.0	30.5	14.74
WZZKFM	LIC 284C	Birmingham	AL	191.69	236.2	164.5	27.19
WRXRFM	LIC 288A	Rossville	GA	58.93	341.7	30.5	28.43
WSGM	LIC 284A	Coalmont	TN	108.93	327.5	71.5	37.43
WYAI.C	CP 287C1	Bowdon	GA	117.89	168.5	74.5	43.39
WKHC	LIC 282A	Dahlonega	GA	87.11	86.4	30.5	56.61
WHEL	LIC 286A	Helen	GA	129.00	74.8	71.5	57.50
WZYP	LIC 282C	Athens	AL	156.51	285.5	94.5	62.01
WBOZ	LIC 285A	Woodbury	TN	180.76	327.8	114.5	66.26
WJTT	LIC 232A	Red Bank	TN	76.84	346.2	9.5	67.34
WSTR	LIC 231C	Smyrna	GA	103.70	137.8	28.5	75.20

** (1) Station WQSB (FM), Albertville, Alabama, has been granted a construction permit (BPH20000131ACK) [see ** (2), above], to downgrade from Class C, to Class C3, which removes any short-spacing to this proposed rulemaking.

FIGURE "1"

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Plainville, Georgia**

REFERENCE
34 27 12 N
85 05 20 W

DISPLAY DATES
DATA 10-28-00
SEARCH 10-31-00

Channel 285A - 104.9 MHz

Usable Area

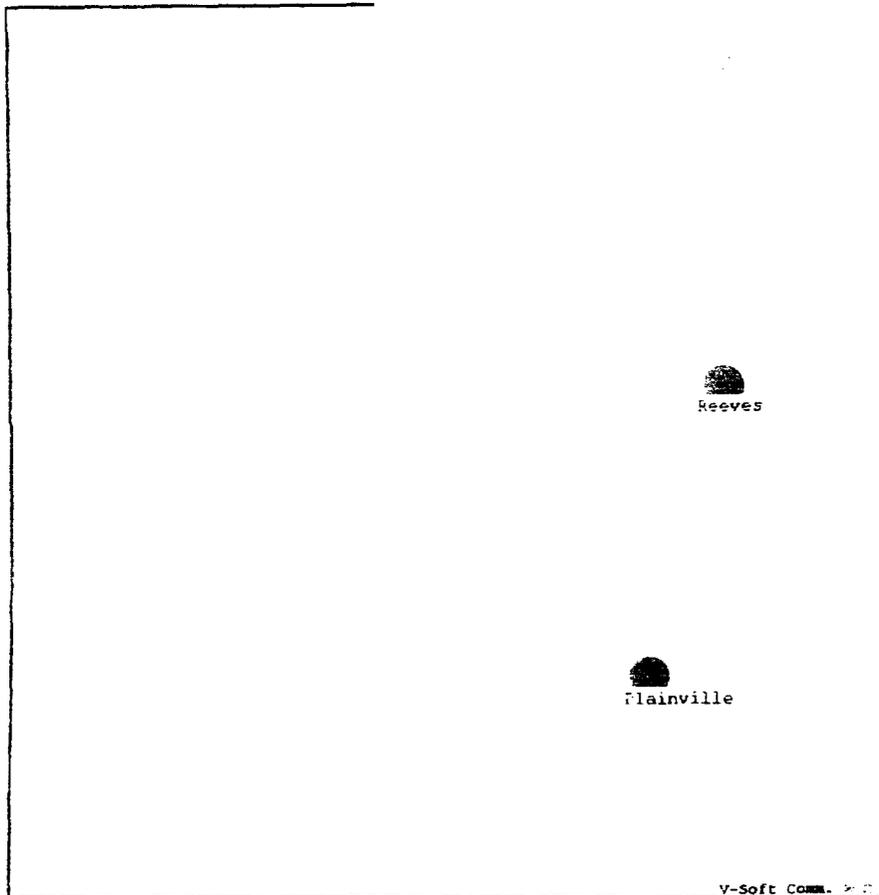


FIGURE "2"

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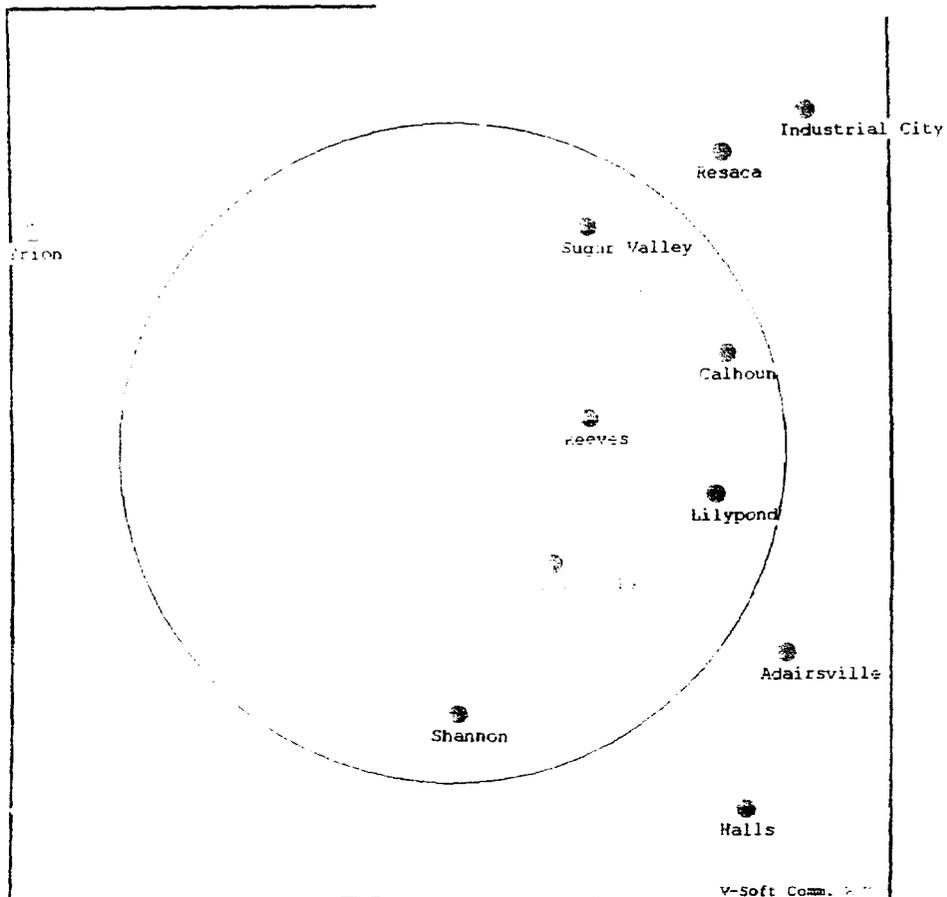
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Plainville, Georgia

REFERENCE
34 27 12 N
85 05 20 W

DISPLAY DATES
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Channel 285A - 104.9 MHz

70 dBu contour





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Pop: 231 ('90 Census)
RDC: Coosa Valley
State Development Region: 1
County: Wilkes

Senate: District: 10
Congressional District:
State Senate District:
State House District:

Elected Officials

Mayor: Ms. Sally Johnston
Council Member: Mr. Phillip David Beavers
Council Member: Ms. Faye Floyd
Council Member: Mr. James Graham
Council Member: Mr. Greg Martin

Appointed Officials

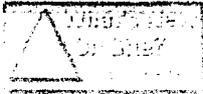
City Clerk: Ms. Sandra Langston

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Gordon County Chamber of Commerce
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Area Newspapers

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215 W. Line St
Calhoun, GA 30703-0008
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Gordon County, Georgia -- SUMMARY REPORT -- 1998 Population Estimates

Total population	41,089
SEX	
Male	20,245
Female	20,844
AGE	
Under 20 years	11,983
Percent of total population	29.16
65 years and over	4,424
Percent of total population	10.77
RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN BY SEX	
White Non-Hispanic Male	18,914
White Non-Hispanic Female	19,427
White Hispanic Male	210
White Hispanic Female	211
Black Male	912
Black Female	996
Amer. Indian, Eskimo, & Aleut Male	61
Amer. Indian, Eskimo, & Aleut Female	68
Asian and Pacific Islander Male	123
Asian and Pacific Islander Female	130
Hispanic (of any race) Male	235
Hispanic (of any race) Female	223

EXHIBIT "C"

EXHIBIT "D"

Station Call : WEBS Frequency : 1110 kHz
City CALHOUN , State: GA Country : US
N 34 29 15 W 84 55 0
File number : - Domestic status: License
Coordination Status Canada : Mexico : Region 2 :
Domestic Class: D

Hours of operation for this record : Daytime.
Power : 0.25000 kw Antenna RMS : 291.29 mV/m/kw@1km

NOTE: WEBS has filed an application for a Construction Permit (BMJP20001011AAO), to change frequencies to 1030 kHz, to increase its daytime power to 3.0 kw, and to add nighttime service, with a nighttime power of .003 kw

Station Call : WJTH Frequency : 900 kHz
City CALHOUN , State: GA Country : US
N 34 27 40 W 84 53 44
File number : - Domestic status: License
Coordination Status Canada : Mexico : Region 2 :
Domestic Class: B

Hours of operation for this record : Daytime.
Power : 1.00000 kw Antenna RMS : 300.95 mV/m/kw@1km

Hours of operation for this record : Nighttime.
Power : 0.26600 kw Antenna RMS : 300.95 mV/m/kw@1km

