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In the Matter of )  
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 Amendment of Section 73.202(b), )  
 Table of Allotments, )  
 FM Broadcast Stations. )  
 (Ardmore, Brilliant, Gadsden, Moundville, )  
 Pleasant Grove, Scottsboro, Trussville, )  
 Tuscaloosa, and Winfield, Alabama, )  
 Columbus and Okolona, Mississippi, )  
 McMinnville, Pulaski, and Walden, )  
 Tennessee) )  
 )  
 (Derma, Mississippi, and Springville, )  
 Alabama) )

MM Docket No. 01-62  
RM-10053

RM-10109

To: Chief, Allocations Branch

### REPLY COMMENTS OF SOUTHERN BROADCASTING, LLC

Southern Broadcasting, LLC ("Southern Broadcasting"), by its undersigned attorneys, hereby submits these Reply Comments in the above-referenced proceedings. Southern has proposed the allotment of Channel 279A to Derma, Mississippi, and Channel 288A to Springville, Alabama. Yalobusha Broadcasting ("Yalobusha"), another party to this proceeding, has proposed the allotment of Channel 279A to Vardaman, Mississippi. See RM-10112. In response and as an alternative to the Southern and Yalobusha proposals, Capstar TX Limited Partnership, Jacor Licensee of Louisville II, Inc., and Clear Channel Broadcasting Licenses, Inc. (collectively, "Joint Petitioners") have proposed the allotment of Channel 258A to either Derma or Vardaman with the reference coordinates 33-46-34 North Latitude, 89-15-22 West Longitude in order to remove the conflict between these proposals and that of Joint Petitioners to reallocate Channel 280C2 from Columbus to Okolona, Mississippi, and to modify the license of

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WACR(FM), Columbus, Mississippi to specify Okolona. Joint Petitioners have proposed no alternative to the allotment of Channel 288A to Springville.

**I. Joint Petitioners' Proposed Derma/Vardaman Allotment Reference Site is Unsuitable**

The reference site delineated by Joint Petitioners is located within .070 nautical miles of the end of the Wade Field airport runway. As demonstrated in the attached letter from Mike Wade, the owner and operator of Mike's Flying Service, the Wade Field airport serves Calhoun City, Mississippi and surrounding areas. *See also* attached printout from the airport locator database. According to Mr. Wade, the location of a radio tower so close to the runway would pose a serious threat to the safety of pilots using this airport. Moreover, Mr. Wade indicates that the proposed facility would cause potential electromagnetic interference to existing and planned navigational facilities. Allotment reference sites located on an airport or otherwise in an area that would necessarily present a hazard to air navigation are unsuitable. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 73.3573, Note 1. Thus, Joint Petitioners' reference site must be rejected.

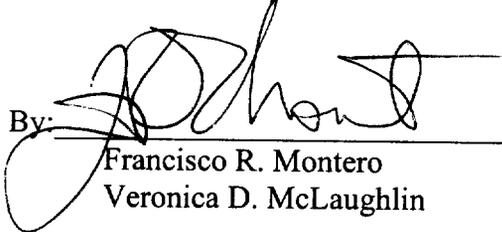
**II. There is Strong Interest in the Allotment of Channels to Derma and to Springville**

As Southern has demonstrated previously, the communities of Derma and Springville have a strong interest in and need for their own radio stations. Moreover, as evidenced by the multiple proposals in the instant proceeding to serve Springville, there is a strong interest in providing service to this community. Finally, to the extent that Southern's proposal conflicts with that of Joint Petitioners, Southern continues to believe that the public interest is better served by the creation of entirely new first local services than the disruptive and confusing shuffling of existing station allotments among communities that are already extremely well served.

For the foregoing reasons, Southern reiterates its request that the Commission allot new channels to the communities of Derma and Springville.

Respectfully submitted,

SOUTHERN BROADCASTING, LLC

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May 30, 2001

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Federal Communications Commission  
Chief, Allocations Branch

Re: MM Docket No. 01-62 RM 10653

Re: MM Docket No.: 01-62/Room-10653/Channel 258-A  
Vardaman, MS-Derma, MS

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Mike Wade. I am the owner and operator of Mike's Flying Service, an airport which serves Calhoun City, MS and surrounding areas. I have recently learned of a proposal to locate a radio station tower with .070 nautical miles from the end of our airport runway. The proposed location would cause great problems for the safety of pilots who utilize this airport. The areas of Calhoun City, Derma and Vardaman rely on Wade Field for air service. To grant the location of this station on FCC Channel 258-A would cause economic harm to this region.

I urge the Federal Aviation Administration and the Federal Communications Commission to reject the location of any tower within this immediate airspace. In addition, I note the proposed site is also within 10 nautical miles of the Calhoun County Airport. Further, the proposed broadcast station will cause potential electromagnetic interference (EMI) to existing and planned navigational facilities (ILS's and VOR's). According to the FAA's model, eight navigational facilities could be impacted.

I urge immediate action by the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal Aviation Administration to reject the proposed site of Latitude 33-46-34 North/Longitude 89-15-22 West with a tower of 680 AMSL. Thank you for your action on this matter.

Sincerely,



Mike Wade  
Mike's Flying Service

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## MS76 - WADE FIELD - AIRPORT CALHOUN CITY, MS

### Location

**Latitude:** 33-46-22.415N

**Longitude:** 089-14-33.249W

**Elevation:** 300 ft.

**Variation:** 02E

### Airport Operations

**Facility use:** PR

**Sectional MEMPHIS chart:**

**Control tower:**

**FSS 86:** GWO

**FSS 86A:** GREENWOOD

**FSS 86B:**

**FSS 86C:**

**FSS Phone:** 601-453-5210

**Toll Free:** 1-222-5500

**Attendance:** UNATNDD

**Lights:**

**Manager:** MIKE WADE

**Managers RT 1**

**Address:**

CALHOUN CITY MS  
38916

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