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**Federal Communications Commission**  
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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In the Matter of )  
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Amendment of Section 73.202(b), )  
Table of Allotments, ) RM-  
FM Broadcast Stations )  
(Safford, Arizona) )

To: Chief, Allocations Branch

**PETITION FOR RULEMAKING**

Graham County FM Associates, by its attorney, hereby requests that the Commission amend the Table of Allotments as follows:

<u>Community</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Safford, Arizona	231C1	231C1, 246C3

In support thereof, the following is stated:

Attached hereto is a Technical Statement which demonstrates that Channel 246C3 can be allotted at 32° 47' 06" N, 109° 44' 16" W, which will prevent any short-spacing from occurring with any currently authorized or proposed facility.

Adoption of this proposal will be in the public interest. As demonstrated in the Technical Comments attached hereto, approval of this proposal will allow Graham County FM Associates to provide additional local aural service to the public in Safford, Arizona. As seen in Attachment 2, Safford, Arizona is an incorporated city. It also is the county seat of Graham County. Graham County FM Associates will apply for the allotment at such time as this proposal is adopted.

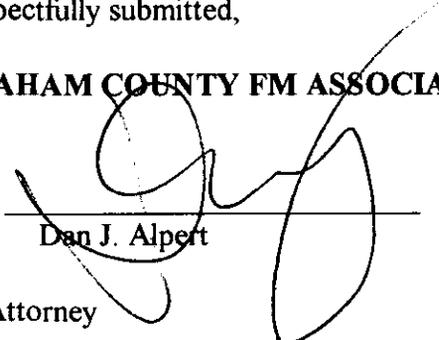
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Accordingly, graham County FM Associates respectfully requests that this Petition be adopted, that the Commission amend the FM Table of Allotments to specify the new channel at Safford, Arizona, and that the Commission request comment on the proposal contained herein.

Respectfully submitted,

**GRAHAM COUNTY FM ASSOCIATES**

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***ATTACHMENT 1***

Safford, AZ 246C3  
25,000 Watts 97.1 MHz 100 Meters

Community: Safford, AZ is a U.S. Census city of 9,232 persons (per 2000 Census) in Graham County, AZ.

Allotment: Safford has one operating FM station (KXKQ) and enjoys AM service from KATO, 1230. As such this allotment, if granted, would be the third local service to Safford.

Spacing: The allotment reference site of 32-47-06 North 109-44-16 West is compliant with 73.207 spacing requirements as regards all other allotments and operating stations as the study below demonstrates.

Call Status	City, State Proponent	Chan File	Class Number	Freq HAAT	kW	Latitude Longitude	Dist. Azm.	Required Clear (km)
KRXSFM CP	GLOBE, AZ Fac. No. 37577	247 BPH-19980824IA	C2	97.3 1039	.640	33-17-37 110-50-09	117.06 299.1	117 +0.06 CLOSE
KWFMFM CP	GREEN VALLEY, AZ Fac. No. 24583	246 BPH-20011029AAI	A	97.1 187	1.75	31-58-37 111-06-04	156.5 235.4	142 +14.5 CLOSE
KRXSFM LIC	GLOBE, AZ Fac. No. 37577	247 BLH-19960205KC	C3	97.3 1039	.160	33-17-37 110-50-09	117.1 299.1	99 +18.1 CLEAR
KWFMFM LIC	GREEN VALLEY, AZ Fac. No. 24583	246 BLH-19971119KB	C3	97.1 737	.330+	31-52-37 111-12-52	171.7 234.5	153 +18.7 CLEAR
ALLOC	AGUA PRIETA, SO Fac. No. 95943	247 -	B	97.3 0		31-18-24 109-33-37	165.2 174.1	145 +20.2 CLEAR

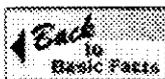
Coverage: The proposed facility will cover 100% of Safford, AZ within the hypothetical city grade contour from the proposed reference site. Additionally 28,819 persons reside within the hypothetical interference-free contour of the proposed facility.

***ATTACHMENT 2***

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**DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000**  
**Data Set: Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF 1) 100-Percent Data**  
**Geographic Area: Safford city, Arizona**

NOTE: For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <http://factfinder.census.gov/home/en/datanotes/expsf1u.htm>.

Subject	Number	Percent
<b>Total population</b>	<b>9,232</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>SEX AND AGE</b>		
Male	4,422	47.9
Female	4,810	52.1
Under 5 years	718	7.8
5 to 9 years	789	8.5
10 to 14 years	793	8.6
15 to 19 years	790	8.6
20 to 24 years	578	6.3
25 to 34 years	1,084	11.7
35 to 44 years	1,164	12.6
45 to 54 years	985	10.7
55 to 59 years	389	4.2
60 to 64 years	396	4.3
65 to 74 years	767	8.3
75 to 84 years	572	6.2
85 years and over	207	2.2
Median age (years)	33.7	(X)
18 years and over	6,442	69.8
Male	2,945	31.9
Female	3,497	37.9
21 years and over	6,011	65.1
62 years and over	1,794	19.4
65 years and over	1,546	16.7
Male	612	6.6
Female	934	10.1
<b>RACE</b>		
One race	8,966	97.1
White	6,940	75.2
Black or African American	130	1.4
American Indian and Alaska Native	93	1.0
Asian	86	0.9
Asian Indian	35	0.4
Chinese	29	0.3
Filipino	11	0.1
Japanese	2	0.0
Korean	2	0.0
Vietnamese	2	0.0
Other Asian <sup>1</sup>	5	0.1
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	4	0.0
Native Hawaiian	4	0.0
Guamanian or Chamorro	0	0.0
Samoan	0	0.0