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Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Amendment of Section 73.202(b),)
Table of Allotments,)
FM Broadcast Stations.)
(Gonzales, Houma and Westwego, Louisiana)
and Hattiesburg, Mississippi))
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(Gonzales and Baton Rouge, Louisiana)

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MB Docket No. 02-295
RM-10580

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To: Chief, Audio Division
Media Bureau

PETITION FOR CONSOLIDATION

Guaranty Broadcasting Company, LLC and its affiliate, Guaranty Broadcasting Company of Baton Rouge, LLC (collectively, "Guaranty"), by their attorneys, hereby respectfully request that the Commission consolidate the above-captioned proceedings so that the public interest benefits and detriments of each proposal may be considered in the context of both proposals initiate a rulemaking to make the following changes in its FM table of allotments

1. In MB Docket No. 02-295, two subsidiaries of Clear Channel Communications seek to amend the FM Table of Allotments (1) to downgrade a Class C FM station allotted to Hatitesburg, Mississippi, to Class CO, and to change its allotted city of license to Westwego, Louisiana, in the heart of the New Orleans Urbanized Area, and (2) to downgrade FM channel 281C, utilized by a Clear Channel station allotted to Houma, Louisiana, to Class CO, and to change its allotted city of license to Gonzales, Louisiana, in the Baton Rouge Urbanized Area.

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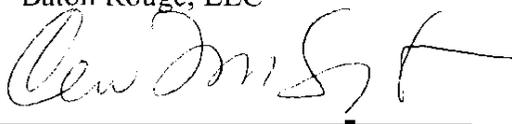
2. In addition to opposing to the Clear Channel proposal, Guaranty suggested in its comments in MB Docket No. 02-295 an alternative arrangement of allotments that offers a number of public interest advantages. It proposed that the Houma Channel 281C allotment be retained in Houma without the change proposed by Clear Channel, and instead that Channel 264C1 (occupied by Guaranty's station WTGE) be shifted from Baton Rouge to Gonzales. It is unclear whether, under Commission precedent, this alternative proposal is "mutually exclusive" and thus may be considered a counterproposal in MB Docket No. 02-295. Because of this, Guaranty is filing a Petition for Rulemaking simultaneously herewith requesting the allotment changes discussed herein.

3. Because of the important public interest questions raised, including avoiding withdrawal of one of only two FM channels from Houma and Terrebonne Parish, as well as the elimination of the substantial net population loss that would result from approval of the move of Channel 281C from Houma to Gonzales, a Public Notice should be issued consolidating MB Docket No. 02-295 with the rulemaking petition filed by Guaranty today, and a decision issued which considers both alternatives.

For all these reasons, Guaranty requests that the Commission consolidate MB Docket No, 02-295 with its pending rulemaking petition and consider the alternative proposals in making an informed decision

Respectfully submitted,

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PETITION FOR RULEMAKING

Guaranty Broadcasting Company of Baton Rouge, LLC (“Guaranty”), by its attorneys, and pursuant to Section 1.420(i) of the Commission’s Rules, hereby respectfully requests that the Commission initiate a rulemaking to make the following changes in its FM table of allotments:

City	Channel	
	Existing	Proposed
Baton Rouge, Louisiana	251C, 264C1 268C, 273C,	251C, 268C, 273C
Gonzales, Louisiana	-----	264C1

1. The instant proposal seeks the reallocation of Channel 264C1 from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Gonzales, Louisiana. The channel is currently licensed to Guaranty for use by its station WTGE, Baton Rouge. If the proposed reallocation is adopted, Guaranty will take all steps necessary (including the submission of any necessary application) to modify the authorization of WTGE to specify Gonzales as its city of license.

2. In *Amendment of the Commission’s Rules Regarding Modification of FM and TV Authorizations to Specify a **New** Community of License*, 4 FCC Rcd 4870 (1989), *recon. granted in part*, 5 FCC Rcd 7094 (1 990), the Commission stated that in order to grant a change in

community of license: (1) the proposed use of the channel must be mutually exclusive with its current use; (2) the existing community of license must retain local service; and (3) the proposed arrangement of allotments must be preferred over the existing arrangement under the Commission's allotment priorities. The instant proposal meets each leg of that test.

3. First, the proposed use of Channel 264C1 at Gonzales is mutually exclusive with its use at Baton Rouge. Second, Baton Rouge will remain well served if this petition is granted. In addition to the three allocated FM channels, there are four noncommercial FM stations' and seven AM stations' licensed to serve Baton Rouge. Third, the proposal would provide Gonzales with its first local service, a preferred allotment priority.

4. There is no need for a showing under *Huntington Broadcasting Co. v. FCC*, 192 F.2d 33 (D.C. Cir. 1951) or *Faye & Richard Tuck*, 3 FCC Rcd 5374 (1988). While Gonzales is part of the Baton Rouge Urbanized Area, WTGE is already licensed to a city in that Urbanized Area. Therefore there is no issue of Guaranty seeking a preference under Section 307(b) of the Communications Act, and no attempt to remove a channel from a more rural to a more urban area.

5. The proposed reallocation requires no change in the WTGE transmitter site. The station already provides a 70 dBu signal over the entire community of Gonzales. See attached coverage map from current transmitter site of WTGE.

6. Simultaneously herewith Guaranty is submitting a Petition seeking consolidation of this matter with pending Media Bureau Docket No. 02-295, which proposes the reallocation of one of the only two FM stations licensed to Houma, Louisiana, to Gonzales. The instant proposal has a

¹ According to the Commission's CDBS system, these operate on Channels 203C3, 207C1, 212C3 and 216A.

² According to CDBS, the following AM stations are licensed to Baton Rouge: WRBH, WIBR, WJBO, WNDC, WPFC, WXOK and WYNK.

number of superior public interest features to that set forth in MB Docket No. 02-295, and the public interest requires that these alternative proposals be considered in tandem.

For all these reasons, Guaranty requests that the Commission make the changes to the FM Table of Allotments specified in the instant petition

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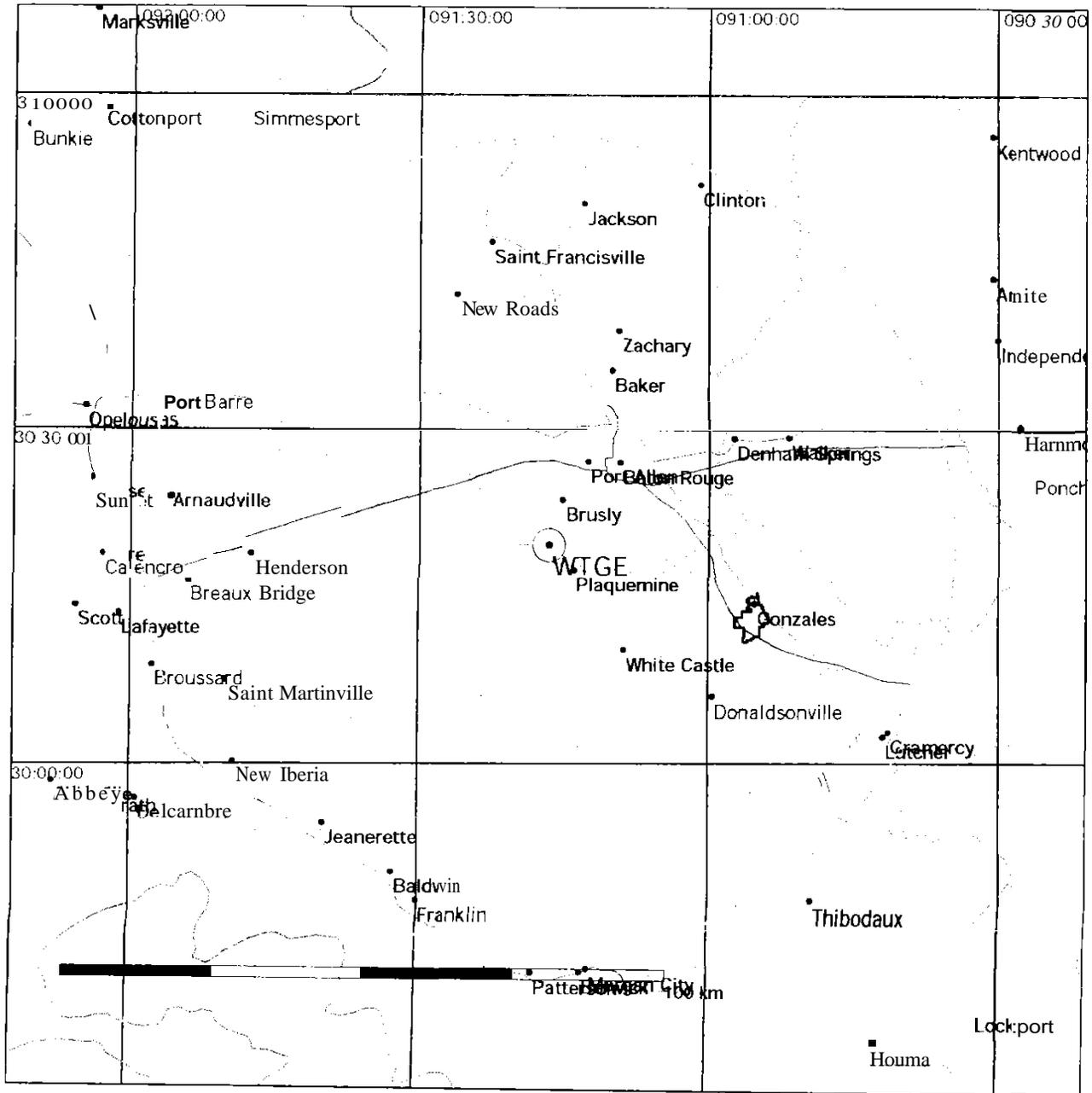
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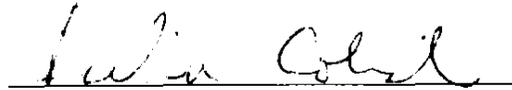
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