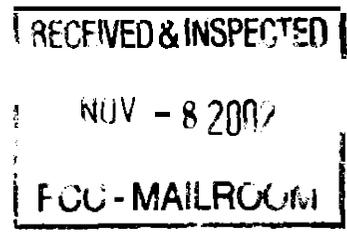


Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554



In the matter of)
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Amendment of Section 73.202(b)) MB Docket No. 02-314
FM Table of Allotments,) RM-10594
FM Broadcast Stations.)
(Encino, Texas))

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING

Adopted: October 23,2002

Released: November 8,2002

Comment Date: December 30,2002

Reply Comment Date: January 14,2003

By the Assistant Chief, Audio Division:

1. The Audio Division has before it a Petition for Rule Making filed by Charles Crawford ("Petitioner") requesting the allotment of Channel 283A at Encino, Texas, as the community's first local aural transmission service. Petitioner states that he will apply for the channel, if allotted.

2. In support of the allotment, Petitioner states that Encino is a Census Designated Place with a population of 110 persons. It has an elementary school, volunteer fire department, post office, churches and numerous businesses. We seek comment on the community status of Encino.

3. Accordingly, we seek comment on the proposed amendment of the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules, for the communities listed below, to read as follows:

	<u>Channel</u>	
<u>community</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Encino, Texas	--	283A

4. We believe that the proposal warrants consideration because it could provide the community with its first local service which will serve priority (3) of the FM Allotment priorities. Channel 283A can be allotted at Encino with a site restriction of 6.4 kilometers (4.0 miles) west of the community. Since this proposal is within 320 kilometers (199 miles) of the U.S.-Mexico border, concurrence of the Mexican government to the proposed allotment has been requested.

5. The Commission's authority to institute rule making proceedings, showings required, cut-off procedures, and filing requirements are contained in the attached Appendix and are incorporated by reference herein. In particular, we note that a showing of continuing interest is required in paragraph 2 of the Appendix before a channel will be allotted.

¹Coordinates for Channel 283A at Encino, Texas are 26-55-42 NL and 98-11-56 WL.

6. Interested parties may file comments on or before December 30, 2002, and reply comments on or before January 14, 2003, and are advised to read the Appendix for the proper procedure. Additionally, a copy of such comments should be served on the petitioners' counsel, as follows:

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4553 Bordeaux Ave
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7. The Commission has determined that the relevant provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to a rule making proceeding to amend the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules.²

8. For further information concerning a proceeding listed above, contact Victoria M. McCauley (202) 418 2180. For purposes of this restricted notice and comment rule making proceeding, members of the public are advised that no *ex parte* presentations are permitted from the time the Commission adopts a Notice of Proposed Rule Making until the proceeding has been decided and such decision in the applicable docket is no longer subject to reconsideration by the Commission or review by any court. An *ex parte* presentation is not prohibited if specifically requested by the Commission or staff for the clarification or adduction of evidence or resolution of issues in the proceeding. However, any new written information elicited from such a request or any summary of any new information shall be served by the person making the presentation upon the other parties to the proceeding in particular docket unless the Commission specifically waives this service requirement. Any comment which has not been served on the petitioner constitutes an *ex parte* presentation and shall not be considered in the proceeding. Any reply comment which has not been served on the person(s) who filed the comment, to which the reply is directed, constitutes an *ex parte* presentation and shall not be considered in the proceeding.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

John A. Karousos
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Media Bureau

Attachment: Appendix

² See Certification that Section 603 and 604 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act Do Not Apply to Rule Making to Amend Sections 73.202(b), 73.504 and 73.606(b) of the Commission's Rules. 46 FR 11549 (February 9, 1981).

APPENDIX

1. Pursuant to authority found in Sections 4(i), 5(c)(1), 303(g) and (r), and 307(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, *as* amended, and Sections 0.61, 0.204(b) and 0.283 of the Commission's Rules, IT IS PROPOSED TO **AMEND** the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, as set forth in the *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* to which this Appendix is attached.

2. Showings Required. Comments are invited on the proposal(s) discussed in the *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* to which this Appendix is attached. Proponent(s) will be expected to answer whatever questions are presented in initial comments. The proponent of a proposed allotment is also expected to file comments even if it only resubmits or incorporates by reference its former pleadings. It should also restate its present intention to apply for the channel if it is allotted and, if authorized, to build a station promptly. Failure to file may lead to denial of the request.

3. Cut-off protection. The following procedures will govern the consideration of filings in this proceeding.

(a) Counterproposals advanced in this proceeding itself will be considered, if advanced in initial comments, so that parties may comment on them in reply comments. They will not be considered if advanced in reply comments. (*See* Section 1.420(d) of the Commission's Rules).

(b) With respect to petitions for rule making which conflict with the proposals in this *Notice*, they will be considered as comments in the proceeding, and Public Notice to this effect will be given as long as they are filed before the date for filing initial comments herein. If they are filed later than that, they will not be considered in connection with the decision in this docket.

(c) The filing of a counterproposal may lead the Commission to allot a different channel than was requested for any of the communities involved

4. Comments and Reply Comments; Service. Pursuant to applicable procedures set out in Sections 1.415 and 1.420 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates set forth in the *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* to which this Appendix is attached. **All** submissions by parties to this proceeding or by persons acting on behalf of such parties must be made in written comments, reply comments, or other appropriate pleadings. Comments shall be served on the petitioner by the person filing the comments. Reply comments shall be served on the person(s) who filed comments to which the reply *is* directed. Such comments and reply comments shall be accompanied by a certificate of service. (**See** Section 1.420(a), (b) and (c) of the Commission's Rules.) Comments should be filed with the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554.

5. Number of Copies. In accordance with the provisions of Section 1.420 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, an original and four copies of all comments, reply comments, pleadings, briefs, or other documents shall be furnished the Commission.

6. Public Inspection of Filings. **All** filings made in this proceeding will be available for examination by interested parties during regular business hours in the Commission's Information Reference Center (Room CY-A257) at its headquarters, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington D.C. 20554.