

BEFORE THE  
**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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In re:	)	
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Amendment of § 73.202 (b)	)	
Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations	)	Federal Communication Commission
for Reservation of	)	Bureau / Office
Vacant FM Channel Allotment	)	
Ch 253C3, Ringgold, Louisiana	)	
for Noncommercial Educational Use	)	

To: Assistant Chief, Office of Broadcast License Policy  
Media Bureau

**PETITION FOR RULE MAKING**  
**RESERVATION OF VACANT FM CHANNEL**  
**FOR NONCOMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL USE**

Starboard Media Foundation, Inc., ("Starboard"), pursuant to the FCC's Public Notice, CA 02-2990 (Released September 30, 2003), hereby respectfully submits its Petition for Rule Making to reserve the following vacant FM Channel Allotment for Noncommercial Educational ("NCE") use:

**253C3, 98.5 MHZ, Ringgold, Louisiana**

Starboard submits the attached engineering study in support of reservation of Channel 253C3, for NCE use. The study is in compliance with the reservation methodology set forth in NCE Second Report and Order, 18 FCC Rcd 6691 (2003) at 6703-06, and demonstrates that all the necessary criteria for reservation of this channel for NCE use are met. The engineering study provides a preclusion analysis which demonstrates that no other FM frequency in the reserve band is available for use at the vacant

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FM allocation coordinates, or within the allotment's predicted 1 mV/m contour. The study also demonstrates that the proposed frequency will provide a first or a second NCE service to the prescribed minimum population in the community and the service area.

If the proposed frequency is reserved for NCE use, Starboard declares that it intends to apply for the requested channel when opportunity to do so permits.

Accordingly, the requirements for reservation of the proposed frequency being met, Starboard respectfully requests that the Commission reserve the aforementioned vacant FM allotment for NCE use.

Respectfully submitted,

**STARBOARD MEDIA FOUNDATION, INC.**



By:

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Date: November 20, 2003

**DECLARATION OF MARK FOLLETT**

I, Mark Follett, Chairman and CEO of Starboard Media Foundation, Inc., hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the information in the foregoing Petition for Rule Making for Reservation of Vacant FM Channel for Noncommercial Educational Use is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.



November 20, 2003

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Date

Mark Follett

**ENGINEERING STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF**  
**PETITION FOR RULE MAKING**  
**RESERVATION OF VACANT FM CHANNEL**  
**FOR NON-COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL USE**

Starboard Media Foundation, Inc. (“Starboard”), is petitioning the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C., to amend 47 Code of Federal Regulation §73.202(b), Table of FM Allotments. This engineering statement supports the petition of Starboard Media Foundation, Inc. to reserve FM Ch. 253C3 allotted to Ringgold, Louisiana for non-commercial educational use.

In support of said “petition”, Starboard respectfully submits this Engineering Statement prepared by Lyle Robert Evans, Technical Consultant, attached hereto as Appendix I.

This engineering statement demonstrates that no FM channel in the reserve band is available for use at Ringgold. The activation of channel 253C3 at Ringgold will provide a first or second NCE FM service to the requisite minimum population residing within the projected service contour.

Attachment A is a map display of population with a breakdown of the service area. This allotment meets Criterion #1 for non-commercial reservation of a vacant FM allotment as described in Paragraph 34 of the Second Report and Order in MM Docket No. 95-31, released April 10, 2003.

Attachment B consists of 5 preclusion study tables that satisfy Criterion #2 for non-commercial reservation of a vacant FM allotment as described in Paragraph 35 of the Second Report and Order in MM Docket No. 95-

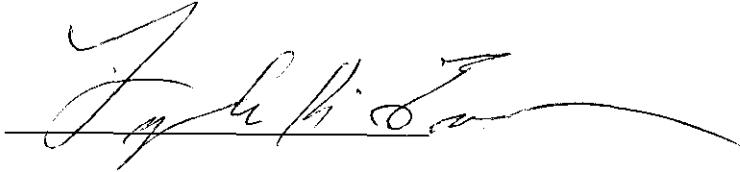
31, released April 10, 2003. On the attached tables, the “In” column relates to interference received by the proposed illustrative station, and the “Out” column relates to the interference given by the proposed illustrative station. Numbers preceded with a negative sign (-) show prohibited overlap. Tables I – IV satisfy the first prong of this showing which are allocation studies based on a radius 1 km less than the distance to the predicted 60 dBu signal strength for a maximum Class C3, 25 kW at 100 meters HAAT facility at the coordinates for the bearings 0, 90, 180 and 270 degrees. These tables display no NCE FM channel available for non-commercial use at any of these locations. Table V satisfies the second prong of this showing and is an allocation study from the city center coordinates for the proposed community of license specifying a minimum Class C3, 6.1 kW at 30 meters HAAT facility. No rule compliant NCE FM facility can be authorized at this location under this criteria.

These studies show that vacant allotment Channel 253C3, Ringgold, Louisiana, has been shown to meet the criteria as outlined in Public Notice DA 03-2990 for a reservation proposal of the allotment for non-commercial educational use.

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Respectfully submitted,

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November 19, 2003

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ENGINEERING STATEMENT; CONCLUDED