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**Federal Communications Commission**  
Washington, DC 20554

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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 )  
(Southwest City, Missouri; Gravette, Arkansas) )

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**PETITION FOR RULEMAKING**

KERM, Inc. ("KERM"), by its attorney, hereby requests that the Commission amend the FM Table of Allotments as follows:

<u>Community</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Southwest City, MO	262A	-
Gravette, AR	-	262A

In support thereof, the following is stated:

KERM proposes to change the city of license of Station KURM-FM from Southwest City, Missouri. Southwest City will continue to be served by Station KLTK(AM). In contrast, Gravette, Arkansas, in addition to being a larger community, currently is without local service. Thus, this proposed reallocation would result in a preferential arrangement of allotments.

Southwest City (or South West City, as it is listed in the United States Census), has a 2000 Census population of only 855 persons, yet it has two stations currently licensed to it. In contrast, Gravette city has a 2000 Census population of over twice that of Southwest City (1,810

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persons) but no local service. Gravette is an incorporated city with a growing population. This city maintains its own post office and its zip code is 72736. Founded as a city in 1893, it has grown from a primarily farming community to include manufacturing and services. Gravette has its own professional police and fire departments. The police force consists of seven full-time men and six part-time persons who cover the city limits of Gravette. The Gravette fire department consists of 20 members. Gravette also has its own sewer and wastewater system. The general City Hall consists of a planning commission, and parks, recreation, and public works departments, which are overseen by the City government consisting of a Mayor and six-member City Council. The City also has its own school system, consisting of Gravette High School, Gravette middle school, Gravette Upper Elementary, and Glenn A. Duffy Elementary School.

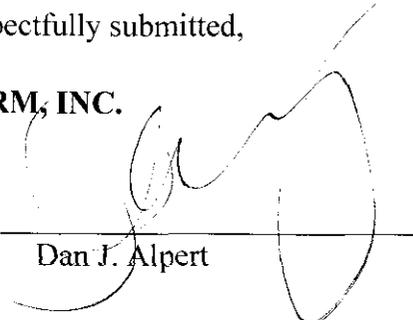
The allotment can be established at the current reference point for KURM-FM, at 36° 30' 48"N, 94° 36' 42"W. This proposal is in full accord with all existing allotments and proposals. Insofar as the reference point is the same as the reference point for the existing station, there will be no "loss" or "gain" areas involved in this rulemaking change.

Adoption of this proposal will be in the public interest. Approval of this proposal will allow KERM to provide first new first local aural service to Gravette, a city fully deserving of its own local service. In contrast, the town of Southwest City will continue to be served by AM station KLTK(AM), 1140 kHz. KERM pledges to expeditiously apply for and to construct this proposed facility if the community of license change for this facility is granted.

Accordingly, KERM, Inc. respectfully requests that this Petition be adopted and that the Commission issue a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to amend the FM Table of Allotments as specified above, and accept comments thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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