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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Petitioner's Comments
Marquez, Texas (MB Docket No. 08-196, RM-11487)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Enclosed is an original and four (4) copies of my Petitioner's Comments for Channel 296A at Marquez, Texas.

Respectfully submitted,



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Before the
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In the Matter of)
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Amendment of 73.202(b)) MB Docket No. 08-196
FM Table of Allotments) RM-11487
FM Broadcast Stations)
(Marquez, Texas))

To: Office of the Secretary
Attn: Chief, Audio Division,
Media Bureau

PETITIONER'S COMMENTS

Please accept these comments as restated below from
Proponents original petition.

DISCUSSION

Petitioner respectfully submits that the public
interest would be served by allocating Channel 296A to
Marquez, Texas¹ as that community's first FM service.
Marquez, Texas is an incorporated city with a population
of 220 people.² Forty four businesses in Marquez have been
given a credit rating by Dun & Bradstreet as of November
2002.³ Marquez has its own Fire Department⁴, its own post
office,⁵ and a number of local churches.⁶ Marquez is a

¹ City of Marquez, Texas, (903) 529-3020, (903) 529-2441 & (903) 529-3581.

² 2000 US Census

³ 2004/ 2004 Texas Almanac

⁴ Marquez Fire Department, 129 S. Pearl, Marquez, TX 77865, (903) 529-1322.

⁵ Marquez, Texas, 77865, (903) 529-3141.

community that is certainly deserving of a first FM service. "Local radio stations play an important role in their communities, providing local news, information and entertainment to residents, and generally serving as good corporate citizens in the local community life. This is particularly true in smaller towns where the radio stations are limited in number. Yet there are still rural areas of our country that do not have even a local radio station."⁷ The proposed channel 296A will provide additional diversity and an outlet for local self-expression to Marquez residents and therefore is in the public interest.

Should this petition be granted and Channel 296A is allotted to Marquez, Texas, Petitioner will apply for Channel 296A at Marquez and after it is authorized, will promptly construct the new facility. Furthermore, should the Commission authorize Channel 296A at Marquez, Texas, and eventually proceed to auction, I hereby certify that it is my full intention to apply to participate in that auction of Channel 296A allotment at Marquez specified in my petition.

⁶ Robinson Chapel Baptist Church, 1328 Commerce, Marquez, TX 77865, (903) 529-1179. Marquez Baptist Church, (903) 529-3907. Marquez Church of Christ, 1455 Austin St., (903) 529-3505.

⁷ Statement of Commissioner Kevin J. Martin, MM & O, MM Docket 99-240, released May 20, 2004.

The factual information provided in these Comments is correct and true to the best of my knowledge.

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