

Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of )  
 ) MB Docket No. 12-261  
Amendment of Section 73.202(b) ) RM-11677  
Table of Allocations )  
FM Broadcast Services )  
(Crownpoint, New Mexico) )

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To: Office of the Secretary  
Attn: Chief, Audio Division  
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COMMENTS

Navajo Technical College (“NTC” or “College”), a Native American entity of the Navajo Nation, by its attorneys, hereby files these Comments in support of the Commission’s proposal to amend the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission’s rules, by allotting FM Channel 297A, Crownpoint, New Mexico, as a first local service.<sup>1</sup> This proposed allotment was the subject of a Petition for Rulemaking (“Petition”) filed by NTC, in which the College seeks a Tribal Priority for the allotment.<sup>2</sup>

NTC incorporates by reference its Petition for Rulemaking into these Comments and takes this opportunity to restate its present intention to apply for the channel if it is allotted and, if authorized to build a station promptly. NTC is located in Crownpoint, which serves as the headquarters of the Eastern Agency of the Navajo Nation. As detailed in the Petition, as a tribal entity proposing first local service over Navajo lands, NTC is entitled to a Tribal Priority.

<sup>1</sup> Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Station (Crownpoint, New Mexico), MB Docket No. 12-261, RM-11677, *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, DA 12-1506 (rel. September 18, 2012).

<sup>2</sup> Simultaneously with the filing of its Petition for Rulemaking, NTC also filed a complete FCC Form 301 application seeking authorization for the proposed new allotment consistent with the Commission’s Rules. Navajo Technical College *Petition for Rulemaking*, MB Docket No. 12-261, RM-11677, filed August 28, 2012.

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The proposed Tribal Allotment will serve the public interest by allowing NTC to provide vital radio service, including native-language programming, in the Crownpoint area. The proposed change in the FM Table of Allotments complies with the Commission's technical rules and will further the public interest by providing a first local service at Crownpoint. In view of the foregoing, NTC respectfully requests that the Commission adopt the proposed new tribal allotment at Crownpoint, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Albert J. Catalano, a partner in the law firm of Catalano & Plache, PLLC, hereby certify that on this 9th day of November, 2012, I caused a true and complete copy of the foregoing "Comments" to be served on the following persons:

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