

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

In the Matter of)
)
Amendment of Section 73.202(b),) MM Docket No. 01-67
Table of Allotments,) RM-10084
FM Broadcast Stations.)
(Abingdon and Canton, Illinois)

**REPORT AND ORDER
(Proceeding Terminated)**

Adopted: June 13, 2001

Released: June 22, 2001

By the Chief, Allocations Branch:

1. In response to a petition filed by Abingdon Broadcasters (“Petitioner”), the Commission has before it for consideration the Notice of Proposed Rule Making, DA No. 01-683, released March 16, 2001, seeking the allotment of Channel 252A at Abingdon, Illinois, as that community's first local broadcast service. Petitioner filed comments in which it reaffirmed its support in the allotment of Channel 252A at Abingdon. No other comments were received in response to the Notice.

2. We believe that the public interest would be served by the allotment of Channel 252A at Abingdon, Illinois as it will provide the community with its first local broadcast service. A staff engineering analysis confirms that Channel 252A can be allotted to Abingdon consistent with the minimum distance separation requirements of the Commission’s Rules provided there is a site restriction 12.3 kilometers (7.7 miles) southeast of the community.¹ To accommodate the allotment at Abingdon, we shall substitute Channel 277A for vacant Channel 252A at Canton, Illinois.² Channel 277A can be allotted to Canton in compliance with the Commission’s spacing requirements provided there is a site restriction 9.4 kilometers (5.8 miles) south of the community.³

3. Accordingly, pursuant to the authority contained 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

¹ The coordinates for Channel 252A at Abingdon are 40-42-28 and 90-19-47.

² Channel 252A is listed in the Commission’s Public Notice, DA 00-2232, September 29, 2000, announcing an auction scheduled for February 21, 2001, which was rescheduled from February 21, 2001 to May 9, 2001 (Public Notice released February 21, 2001, DA 01-448). On March 7,2001, the auction was rescheduled from May 9, 2001 to December 5, 2001, for reasons of administrative convenience (Public Notice DA 01-619).

³ The coordinates for Channel 277A at Canton are 40-28-27 and 90-03-01.

Commission's Rules, IT IS ORDERED, That effective August 6, 2001, the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules, IS AMENDED for the communities listed below, as follows:

Community	Channel Number
Abingdon, Illinois	252A
Canton, Illinois	277A, 300B1

4. A filing window for Channel 252 at Abingdon, Illinois, will not be opened at this time. Instead, the issue of opening this allotment for auction will be addressed by the Commission in a subsequent order.
5. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That this proceeding IS TERMINATED.
6. For further information concerning this proceeding, contact Kathleen Scheuerle, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180. Questions related to the application filing process for Channel 252A at Abingdon, Illinois or Channel 277A at Canton, Illinois, should be addressed to the Audio Services Division, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2700.

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