

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

In the Matter of	)	
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Amendment of Section 73.202(b),	)	MM Docket No. 00-43
Table of Allotments,	)	RM-9833
FM Broadcast Stations.	)	
(Ebro, Florida)	)	

**REPORT AND ORDER  
(Proceeding Terminated)**

**Adopted: May 17, 2000**

**Released: May 26, 2000**

By the Chief, Allocations Branch:

1. In response to a Petition for Rule Making filed by Washington County Communications (“Washington County”), the Commission has before it for consideration the Notice of Proposed Rule Making, DA No. 00-553, released March 10, 2000, seeking the allotment of Channel 236A at Ebro, Florida. Washington County filed comments reiterating its intention to apply for Channel 236A at Ebro. No other comments were received in response to the Notice.

2. The Notice was issued in response to Washington County’s proposal to provide a first local broadcast service to the community of Ebro, Florida. In view of Ebro’s small size, Washington County was requested to provide additional information that Ebro is a *bona fide* community, as that term is defined for purposes of Section 307(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, for allotment purposes. The Notice stated that Ebro is an incorporated community in Washington County with its own zip code and post office that the U.S. Census credits Ebro with a population of 255 people. In addition to the information proved in its petition for rule making, Washington County argues that Ebro has the community characteristics that the Commission equates with community status for allotment purposes.<sup>1</sup> Washington County provided additional names and addresses of local businesses, addresses for the City Hall, fire Department and Ebro Community Center, names and addresses of the local churches and a letter from Ms. Sally Young, Mayor of Ebro. Mayor Young stated that the Florida Department of Environmental Protection has recently approved the construction of the Ebro athletic complex, showing that Ebro is a growing community. Mayor Young explained that people residing within the city limits of Ebro consider themselves to be residents of Ebro, supporting the businesses, churches and service organizations in the community.

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<sup>1</sup> In the petition for rule making, Washington County stated that the community’s major employer is the Ebro Greyhound Park, employing 175 people, Ebro has a local government, grocery store, motel, restaurant, tire and oil store, taxidermist, tackle and bate shop and a recreation park called “Obie Morrell Roe”.

3. We believe the public interest would be served by the allotment of an FM channel at Ebro, Florida, providing the community with its first local broadcast service. We further believe that Washington County has provided sufficient information to conclude that Ebro contains sufficient indicia to conclude that it is a community for allotment purposes. Channel 236A can be allotted to Ebro, Florida, in compliance with the Commission's spacing requirements with a site restriction 3.3 kilometers (2.0 miles) northwest of the community.<sup>2</sup>

4. 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 Commission's Rules, IT IS ORDERED, That effective July 10, 2000, the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules, IS AMENDED for the community listed below, as follows:

Community	Channel Number
Ebro, Florida	236A

5. A filing window for Channel 236A, Ebro, Florida, will not be opened at this time. Instead, the issue of opening a filing window for the channel will be addressed by the Commission in a subsequent order.

6. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That this proceeding IS TERMINATED.

7. For further information concerning this proceeding, contact Kathleen Scheuerle, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180. Questions related to the application filing process for Channel 261A at Cedar Key, Florida, should be addressed to the Audio Services Division, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2700.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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<sup>2</sup> The coordinates for Channel 236A at Ebro are 30-28-15 NL and 85-53-45 WL.

