

# *APPLICATION FOR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT*

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PROPOSED NEW FM TRANSLATOR STATION  
WATERLOO, IOWA  
FACILITY ID: 156471  
106.9 MHz / 0.250 kW ERP / ND

E-STRING WIRELESS, LTD.

AUGUST, 2013

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The following engineering statement and attached exhibits have been prepared for **E-String Wireless, Ltd** ("E-String"), applicant for a new FM translator station to serve Waterloo, Iowa, and are in support of their amendment to application for construction permit.<sup>1</sup>

This application is being filed as the long-form application for the original short-form engineering proposal submitted during the Commission's 2003 Translator Auction 83 window. The original short-form proposal was assigned FCC File No. BNPFT-20030317HOM. Following the close of the window, the short-form proposal was found to be mutually exclusive with several other applications in the region.

During the settlement window, E-String amended the short-form proposal to extricate its application from the MX group. Under this amendment, E-String proposed a change in the site location and a change in the channel of operation. The changes proposed were minor in nature, and the technical parameters proposed under this long-form application are identical to those proposed in the settlement amendment.

The proposed facility would operate on channel 295 with an effective radiated power of 250 Watts at a center of radiation of 354 meters AMSL.<sup>2</sup> A non-directional antenna is proposed for use by the facility. The proposed primary station for the translator is KWVI(FM) at Waverly, Iowa.<sup>3</sup> Exhibit E-1 illustrates the predicted 60 dBu service contour of the proposed translator along with

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<sup>1</sup> The Facility ID for the proposed translator facility is 156471.

<sup>2</sup> The average terrain for the proposed facility is determined by the 180 degree true radial on which the average elevation is 257.0 meters AMSL. Terrain was sampled from the FCC 30-second terrain database.

<sup>3</sup> The Facility ID for KWVI(FM) at Waverly, Iowa is 84063.

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the 60 dBu service contour of KWVI(FM). E-String has obtained consent to translate KWVI(FM) from American Family Association, the licensee of that NCE facility.

The proposed facility would not preclude LPFM licensing opportunities within any of the Appendix A markets. The closest two Appendix A markets to the proposed facility are the Des Moines and Quad Cities markets. Exhibit E-2 demonstrates that the proposed site location is outside the grid buffer of both markets.

The proposed facility would comply with the provisions of Section 74.1204 of the Commission's Rules. Exhibit E-3 is a tabular allocation study for the proposed facility. This study demonstrates that the proposed facility would meet the contour overlap requirements to all authorized and proposed facilities with the exception of BNPFT-20030311AMV at Waterloo, Iowa. This tabular study is graphically depicted in Exhibit E-4.

Although normally prohibited contour overlap between the proposed facility and the Starboard Media Foundation application under BNPFT-20030311AMV would exist, no interference would occur between that facility and the proposed facility. These two translators would be co-located on the same registered tower. Both applications specify identical values for the effective radiated power, and differ only slightly in vertical elevation. Since there is a 1:1 ratio between the effective radiated power of the two facilities, no condition exists in any region where the ratio of the field strength between the two facilities would approach, let alone exceed, 40 dB. As a result, no interference is predicted to occur to either facility.

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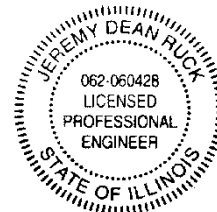
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The proposed facility would not create a significant environmental impact, and is exempt from environmental processing. The facility would utilize an existing tower that is registered with the Commission. In addition, the facility would not constitute an RF exposure hazard to the general public.

The Commission's *FM Model* software package predicts a maximum power density at ground level of  $0.724 \mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$  at a distance of 72 meters from the base of the tower. This value is sufficiently low to categorically exclude the proposed facility. E-String certifies that it will coordinate with all other users of the site to ensure that workers and other personnel having access to the site are not exposed to levels of radiofrequency radiation in excess of the applicable safety standards. Such coordination will include, but is not necessarily limited to, a reduction in transmitter power or cessation of operation.

The preceding statement and attached exhibits have been prepared by me, or under my direction, and are true and accurate to the best of my belief and knowledge.



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BNPFT20030317HOM

Latitude: 42-29-56 N

Longitude: 092-15-51 W

ERP: 0.25 kW

Channel: 295

Frequency: 106.9 MHz

AMSL Height: 354.0 m

Horiz. Pattern: Omni

Vert. Pattern: No

Prop Model: None

**KWVI**

BLED20060417AFI

Latitude: 42-47-21 N

Longitude: 092-14-22 W

ERP: 20.00 kW

Channel: 205

Frequency: 88.9 MHz

AMSL Height: 400.0 m

Horiz. Pattern: Directional

Vert. Pattern: No

Prop Model: None

Exhibit E-1

Service Contour Comparison

NEW - Waterloo, Iowa

E-String Wireless, Ltd.

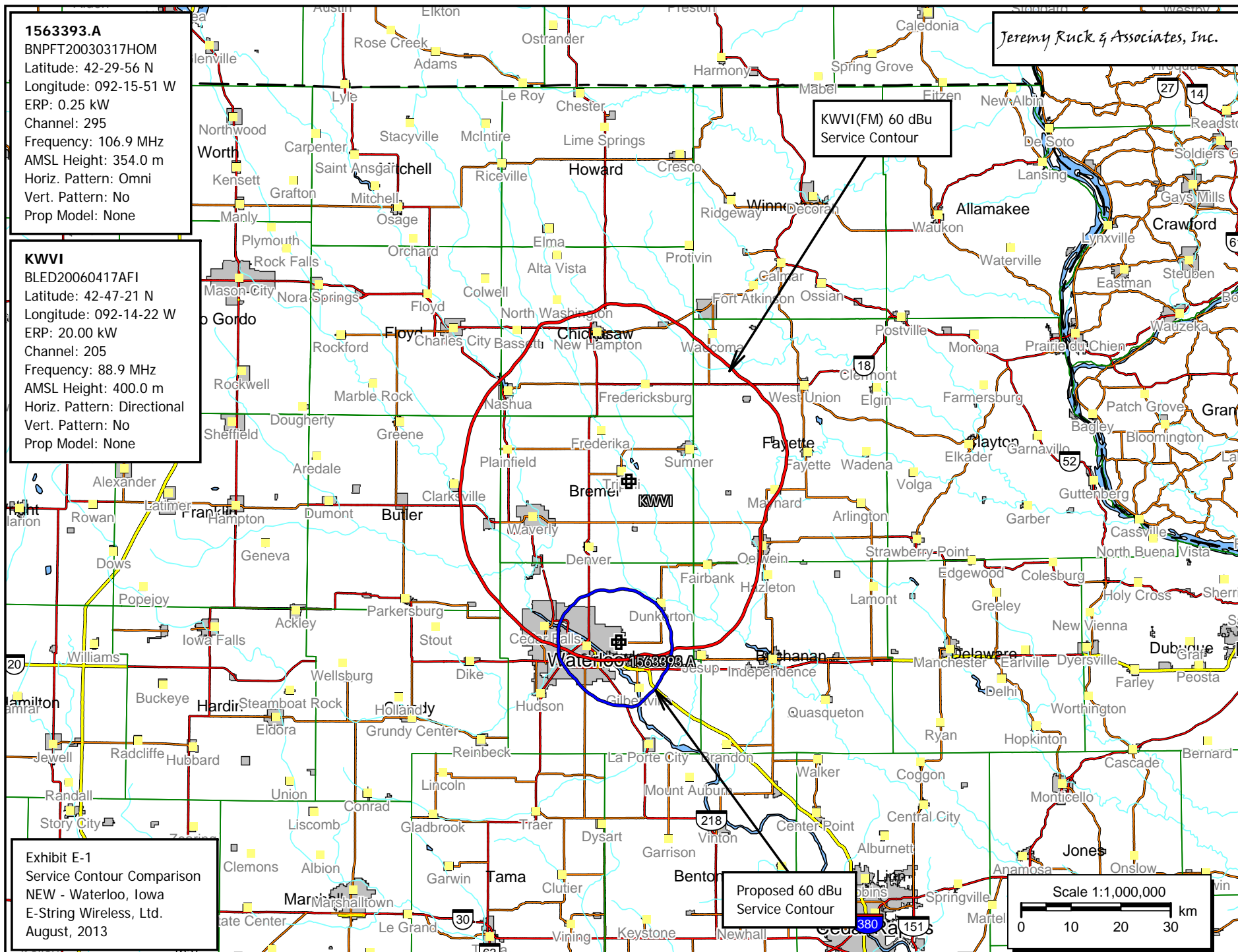
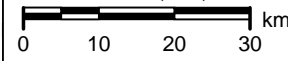
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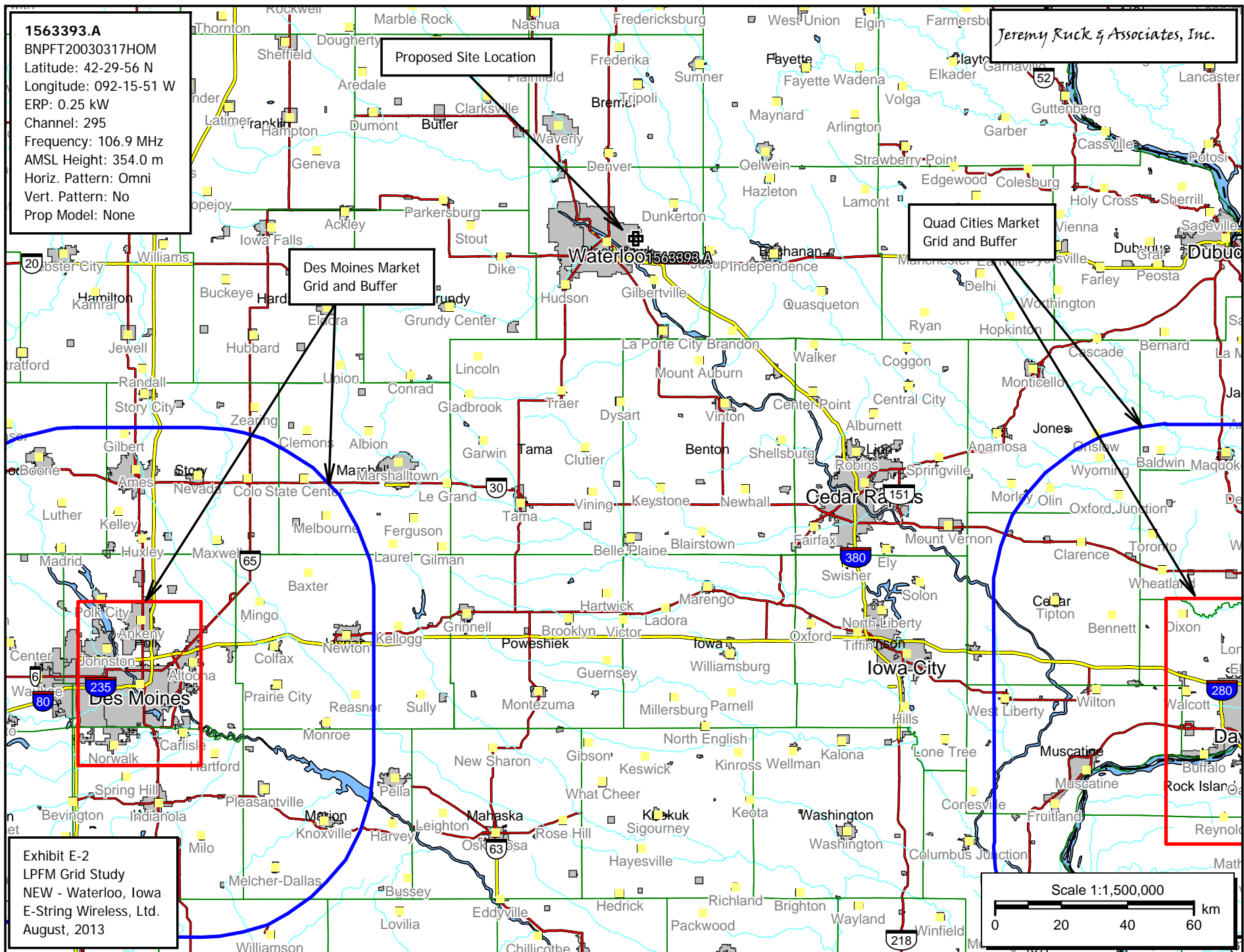
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KWVI(FM) 60 dBu  
Service Contour

Proposed 60 dBu  
Service Contour

Scale 1:1,000,000





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Exhibit E-3 - Tabular Allocation Study

REFERENCE CH# 295D - 106.9 MHz, Pwr= 0.25 kW, HAAT= 0.0 M, COR= 354 M DISPLAY DATES  
42 29 56.0 N. NEW - Waterloo, Iowa DATA 08-28-13  
92 15 51.0 W. Average Protected F(50-50)= 7.09 km SEARCH 08-28-13  
Omni-directional

CH CITY	CALL	TYPE ANT STATE	AZI <--	DIST FILE #	LAT LNG	PWR(kW) HAAT(M)	INT(km) COR(M)	PRO(km) LICENSEE	*IN* (Overlap in km)	*OUT*
295C0 Rochester	KROC-FM	LIC_CN MN	353.7 173.6	119.91 BLH7076	43 34 15.0 92 25 37.0	100.000 338	178.9 755	76.7 Cumulus	-69.8*	7.3 Li censi ng LI c
295D Waterloo	1563393	APP_C_ IA	0.0 0.0	0.00 BNPFT20030317HOM	42 29 56.0 92 15 51.0	0.250	35.9 354	10.6 E-string Wireless, Ltd	-46.5*	-46.5*
293D Waterloo	634414	APP_C_ IA	270.0 90.0	0.02 BNPFT20030311AMV	42 29 56.0 92 15 52.0	0.250 86	1.1 362	11.1 Starboard Media Foundation	-13.3*	-12.2*
294C2 Grinnell	KRTI	LIC_CN IA	203.5 23.2	84.11 BLH19930601KB	41 48 16.0 92 40 09.0	50.000 150	79.3 443	53.4 Newton License Co, LI c	-7.4	13.1
296A Vinton	KRON	LIC_CX IA	140.9 321.1	50.08 BMLH20051025ABI	42 08 56.0 91 52 50.0	4.700 113	42.9 366	27.8 George S. Flinn, Jr.	-4.7	4.9
293D Waterloo	636316	APP_C_ IA	257.4 77.3	13.51 BNPFT20030313AJP	42 28 20.0 92 25 30.0	0.250 69	1.1 347	11.9 Friendship Communications,	0.1	0.5
293D Parkersburg	650089	APP_C_ IA	297.3 116.9	47.67 BNPFT20030317LKR	42 41 39.0 92 46 58.0	0.250 78	1.1 376	12.6 Family Stations, Inc.	34.2	33.6

Terrain database is FCC NGDC 30 Sec , R= 73.215 qualifying spacings or FCC minimum Spacings in KM, M= Margin in KM  
In & Out distances between contours are shown at closest points. Reference zone= West Zone, Co to 3rd adjacent.  
All separation margins (if shown) include rounding.  
Ant Column: (D= DA Standard, Z= DA 73.215, N= Not DA 73.215, \_= Omni), Polarization (C,H,V,E), Beamtilt(Y,N,X)  
\*\*\*affixed to 'IN' or 'OUT' values = site inside protected contour.



