



October 18th, 2019

Reference:

Filing Comments regarding NPRM in MB Docket Nos. 19–193 and 17–105, FCC 19–74, adopted and released on July 30, 2019

Attention:

Federal Communications Commission
Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554

The Bridge of Hope, Inc. owns and operates WKNZ FM which is licensed to Harrington Delaware. WKNZ operates on channel 204 (88.7 FM) at a 25 kilowatt effective radiated power utilizing a VERTICAL only antenna system. WKNZ is restricted to vertical only transmissions due to the F.C.C. rules part 47 CFR section 73.525 regarding TV Channel 6 protection.

The NPRM 19–193 and 17–105 address the TV channel 6 protection rules and proposes a sunset on July 13, 2021 for these restrictions to be removed. The Bridge of Hope FULLY supports and encourages this NPRM be adopted into the current rules. The TV channel 6 protection rules are outdated and do not apply for the protection of modern digital TV transmissions.

WKNZ has experienced numerous incidents where listeners utilizing horizontally polarized antennas have difficulty receiving WKNZ. This puts WKNZ at a disadvantage in regards to other radio stations in Delaware and the surrounding areas. By sunseting this rule, WKNZ will apply for a construction permit to install a circular polarized antenna to better serve our listeners.

The Bridge of Hope is locally owned and operated. Our studios are in Milford Delaware. We are actively engaged in our communities and consider WKNZ to be a local radio station as the F.C.C. intended with the grant of our license. We have been on the air for 9 years and we intend to continue to invest in radio and our local communities. We hope you will take this into consideration when reviewing why this NPRM should be adopted into the rules.

Sincerely,

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