

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

In the Matter of)	
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ENTERTAINMENT MEDIA TRUST,)	MB Docket No. 19-156
DENNIS J. WATKINS, TRUSTEE)	
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Applications to Renew License:)	
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KFTK(AM) (formerly WQQX(AM)), East St.)	Facility ID No. 72815
Louis, Illinois)	File No: BR-20120709ACP
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WQQW(AM), Highland, Illinois)	Facility ID No. 90598
)	File No. BR-20120709AC0
)	
KZQZ(AM), St. Louis, Missouri)	Facility ID No. 72391
	)	File No. BR-20120921AAW
)	
KQQZ(AM), DeSoto, Missouri	)	Facility ID No. 5281
)	File No. BR-20120921ABA
)	
Application for Consent to Assignment of)	
Licenses:)	
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KFTK(AM) (formerly WQQX(AM)), East St.)	Facility ID No. 72815
Louis, Illinois)	File No: BAL-20160919ADH
)	
WQQW(AM), Highland, Illinois	)	Facility ID No. 90598
	)	File No. BAL-20160919ADI
)	
KZQZ(AM), St. Louis, Missouri	)	Facility ID No. 72391
	)	File No. BAL-20160919ADJ
)	
KQQZ(AM), DeSoto, Missouri	)	Facility ID No. 5281
	)	File No. BAL-0160919ADK
)	
Application for Permit to Construct New Station:)	
)	
W275CS, Highland, Illinois	)	Facility ID No. 200438
	)	File Nos. BNPFT-20170726AEF and
	)	BNPFT-20180314AAO

To: Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Attn: Administrative Law Judge Jane Hinckley Halprin

STATUS REPORT

1. Donald M. Samson (“Trustee”), court-appointed Chapter 7 trustee of Entertainment Media Trust, Dennis J. Watkins, Trustee (“EMT”), by counsel, files this status report in the captioned matter. This report is submitted subject to the pending Petition for Leave to Intervene filed by Trustee in this proceeding on October 15, 2019.

FCC Hearing Proceeding

2. On October 4, 2019, the Presiding Judge denied the Motion for Stay of Proceedings or In the Alternative Extension of Time filed on September 11, 2019 by EMT, However, the Presiding Judge also ordered that discovery in this proceeding be paused until the Media Bureau had an opportunity to act on the then-pending application for involuntary assignment to the Trustee, and directed the Trustee to file a Petition to Intervene upon the grant of the Media Bureau’s consent to the assignment. The Media Bureau granted consent to the involuntary assignment application (File Number BTC-20190916AAA) on October 11, 2019; the Trustee filed his Petition for Leave to Intervene in this proceeding on October 15, 2019. This petition remains pending.

3. On October 29, 2019, the Enforcement Bureau and Mark Kern, Petitioner, filed a Joint Motion for a Prehearing Conference. On November 4, 2019, Trustee filed an Opposition to this joint motion. The motion remains pending. On November 5, 2019, as Trustee finalized this status report, the Enforcement Bureau sought leave to file a Reply in Further Support of Request for Prehearing Conference.

Bankruptcy Matters

4. As the Presiding Judge is aware, the FCC licenses which are the subject of this proceeding are also subject to the ongoing Chapter 7 bankruptcy initiated by EMT on September 11, 2019, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Illinois. Material filings and actions in the past month are discussed here.

5. On October 1, 2019, a hearing was held before the Honorable Laura K. Grandy on the Chapter 7 Trustee's Emergency Motion to Enforce the Automatic Stay and the Objection thereto filed by the United States of America on behalf of the FCC. From the bench, Judge Grandy directed the parties to file responsive briefs and extended the deadline for review of the motion and the objection to October 22, 2019. The parties filed their reply briefs on October 8, 2019.¹ The motion remains pending.

6. On October 16, 2019, Trustee filed a motion seeking order of the Bankruptcy Court for the sale of the bankruptcy estate assets, identifying in that motion two *bona fide* purchasers and proposing auction procedures should two or more purchasers submit a qualifying bid.²

¹ See *In re Entertainment Media Trust*, BK 19-31224, Response of the United States of America to the Memorandum of Law in Support of Emergency Motion to Enforce the Automatic Stay or, in the Alternative, to Issue a Stay Order (Doc. 35) (Oct. 8, 2019); *In re Entertainment Media Trust*, BK 19-31224, Reply to Response of FCC to the Trustee's Emergency Motion to Enforce the Automatic Stay or, in the Alternative, to Issue a Stay Order and Memorandum of Law in Support Thereof (Doc. 36) (Oct. 8, 2019).

² See *In re Entertainment Media Trust*, BK 19-31224, Motion for Order Authorizing the Sale of the Acquired Assets free and Clear of All Liens, Claims, Encumbrances, and Interests, Pursuant to Section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code, or Alternatively, in the Event That the Court Approves a Higher and Better Offer from a Party Not Affiliated with Buyer, Approving the Sale of the Acquired Assets to Such Other Party, and related filings (Docs. 38-43) (Oct. 16, 2019).

7. That same day, EMT filed a motion, later joined by the FCC, seeking dismissal of the bankruptcy.³ Trustee objected to EMT's motion for dismissal,⁴ to which the FCC replied.⁵ The Bankruptcy Court has directed that oppositions to EMT's motion for voluntary's dismissal may be filed through November 7, 2019, and has established November 22, 2019 as the court's deadline for review of these motions and oppositions.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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³ See *In re Entertainment Media Trust*, BK 19-31224, Motion for Voluntary Dismissal (Doc. No. 44) (Oct. 16, 2019); *In re Entertainment Media Trust*, BK 19-31224, Joinder of the United States of America in the Debtor's Motion for Voluntary Dismissal (Doc. No. 49) (Oct. 18, 2019).

⁴ *In re Entertainment Media Trust*, BK 19-31224, Amended Objection to Debtor's Motion to Dismiss (Doc. No. 50) (Oct. 18, 2019).

⁵ *In re Entertainment Media Trust*, BK 19-31224, Reply of the United States to Trustee's Amended Objection to Debtor's Motion to Dismiss (Doc. No. 51) (Oct. 18, 2019).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Davina Sashkin, hereby certify that on this 5th day of November, 2019, a copy of the foregoing Status Report was served by email on the following:

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