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December 3, 2016

Mr. Peter Doyle, Chief AM Branch
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
445 12TH ST. S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20554

Re: 1800B3-TSN FCC Shuts down and cancels licenses of AM synchronous boosters
PETITION FOR GRANDFATHER CLAUSE

Dear Mr. Doyle:

I received today thru email a courtesy copy of the RECONSIDERATION petition sent to you by WI2XAC after you ordered their AM booster license cancellation and shut down. In its second paragraph Luis A. Mejias licensee of WI2XAC states:

We were never advised that the permit for this booster would only be extended for 5 years. Because of this we proceeded to install the booster and invested over $600,000 in a 5 acres land and tower, etc. related equipment.

Just as in our case, the FCC NEVER stated in any of the multiple construction permits, licenses to cover and/or renewal applications made annually that these installations were meant to be a 5 year experiment. Each broadcaster involved in AM synchronous boosters knew he was running a risk: failing in the attempt to make an AM synchronous booster work. But, being induced by the FCC to invest large amounts of time and money to install multiple AM stations (including directional arrays) to be used as boosters (MO&O 87-6) and later on trying to exterminate the last vestiges of AM boosters to discourage broadcasters is highly pathetic.

If the AM boosters proved to be useful and succesful, as they did, the FCC should praise the work of all people that got involved throughout the years to make it happen. But the story is quite different. The FCC orders a comment period for rulemaking on making permanent AM boosters and gives no dissemination of the notice. In the daily digest it is published by the Consumer Division in a way that no broadcaster would notice an AM rulemaking process is being initiated. Take a look at the headline on the daily digest: (this public notice was posted one day after the comment window began, November 30, 2016, as an Addenda)

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Any broadcaster would look for FCC AM broadcasting news on the headlines of the Mass Media Bureau/AM branch, not in the Consumer Division. The Mass Media Bureau/AM Branch has not not published anything urging broadcasters to participate on it. When the FCC decided to promote the AM revitalization agenda including migration of AM broadcasters to the FM band thru the use of translators the FCC used all the means possible to get people involved. **Obviously now , the intention is to open a rulemaking only to justify the license cancellation letters already sent to the licensees of AM synchronous boosters and to bury forever AM synchronous boosters.** The AM synchronous licensees never deceived the FCC, it is the FCC who pretends to deceive us.

That's why the FCC needs urgently (in less than six months) to erase from any place in the United States, especially on its colonies (Puerto Rico), any vestige of AM booster successful operations. Is really FCC's intention to promote AM boosters when at the same time cancels licenses stating that a costly installation could be used only for five years?

I urge the FCC to reset the beginning date for the Comment Period for a proposed Rulemaking on making AM synchronous boosters permanent, making a real and effective dissemination of the notice.

I urge the FCC to make a GRANDFATHER CLAUSE to let all broadcasters who have already approved licenses in the U.S. and its territories (colonies) to make permanent use of their AM synchronous boosters. The FCC goes against the public interest when cancelling an AM services that communities have had for more than a decade and that they are used to listen for news and information as in the case of WA2XPA, WI2XSO, WI3XSO and WI2XAC. Puerto Rico is in an severe economical crisis where people are migrating to the continental U.S. and hundreds of businesses are closing. Why the FCC interest in making it more difficult to these AM broadcasters?

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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P.S. Would it be fair to say to Thomas A. Edison, the inventor of the incandescent light bulb, well you have invented it and it works but you can only use it for 5 years, after that use a candle again?

c: Hon. Commissioner Ajit Pai

enclosures: PETITION to reconsider letter filed by WI2XAC

BESTOV BROADCASTING, INC.
BESTOV BILLBOARDS
WIAC 740 AM

December 5, 2016

Mr. Peter H. Doyle
Chief , Audio Division
Media Bureau
FCC
Washington, DC 20554

RE: URGENT PETITION
WI2XAC (AM) Ponce, PR
FACILITY ID NO. 132564
FILE NO. BR-20151112XJM

Dear Mr. Doyle:

I respectfully request you to reconsider the decision to shut down our synchronous booster WI2XAC, Ponce, Puerto Rico, dated November 29, 2016 which was addressed to our Washington Attorney, Mr. Francisco Montero.

We were never advised that the permit for this booster would only be extended for 5 years. Because of this we proceeded to install the booster and invested over $600,000.00 in a 5 acres land and tower, etc. related equipment.

This booster has served its communities, plus the advantage that a person driving from San Juan to Ponce across the mountains of Puerto Rico can keep on listening our main 740 KHz signal all the way with no interruption.

Our service, to my knowledge, has never caused any interference to anybody in Puerto Rico or adjacent islands.

Because we consider that your office has made this decision without any valid reason, I respectfully request that a rulemaking should be granted making the booster station WI2XAC a permanent license.

Hoping you will be able to change your decision in the benefit of AM broadcasting, I remain,

Sincerely,

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