

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C.

In the matter of:

Amendment of Part 73 to Permit)
Permanent Licensing of AM) RM -11779
Synchronous Booster Stations)

STATEMENT SUPPORTING PETITION FOR RULEMAKING

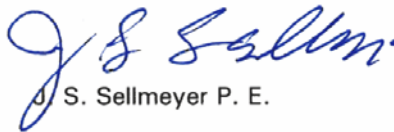
The consulting engineering firm of Sellmeyer Engineering hereby responds to the Commission's November 29, 2016 Public Notice requesting statement in support or opposition to the Petition for Rulemaking with regard to the permanent licensing of AM synchronous booster stations. I support the petition and wish to see the possibilities for improving service to the public by Standard AM Broadcast stations through the use of synchronous booster stations fully implemented by the Commission.

We believe that ample evidence exists in the Commission records in the form of reports of many experimental operations such as the reports of Wifredo Blanco Pi, licensee of Stations WAPA and WISO in Puerto Rico and other domestic stations such as KOB, Albuquerque (now KKOB) which operates a successful synchronous booster station in Santa Fe, New Mexico. WBT, Charlotte, North Carolina operated a successful synchronous booster station at Shelby, North Carolina for many years. The booster station employed a two-element directional antenna which required an operator on site at the booster and was deleted in the 1950's due to high operating costs. A similar booster station was operated for many years at WLLH, Lowell, Massachusetts. Others were constructed in the 1980's in Puerto Rico, Pompano Beach, Florida, Houston, Texas, Crockett, Texas, Kansas City, Kansas, Hilo, Hawaii and East Las Vegas, Nevada. Some of these stations are currently operating.

Those reports coupled with the record of comments in response to the current Petition should be sufficient to issue a new NPRM to complete the record and permanently establish the Synchronous Booster Service. I firmly believe the service should be secondary and should be established under Part 73 of the Rules.

Others who have supplied detailed comments such as AFCCE, DuTreil, Lundin and Rackley, Hatfield and Dawson and Cavell, Mertz & Associates have adequately addressed the limiting technical rules required to protect other co-channel and adjacent channel stations during daytime and nighttime hours. There is a high degree of agreement concerning the parameters which require regulation by the Commission, the details of which need not be repeated here.

Respectfully submitted,


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