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Dear Mr. Caton:

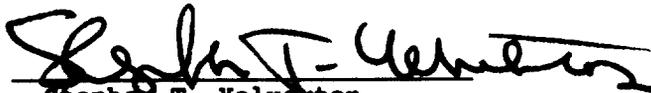
Enclosed for filing on behalf of Ohio Radio Associates, Inc. are an original and eleven (11) copies of its "Supplement to Second Motion to Enlarge the Issues Against Ringer."

Please contact the undersigned in our Washington, D.C. office.

Respectfully submitted,

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In re Applications of:)
)
DAVID A. RINGER)
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 et al.)
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Applications for Construction)
Permit for a New FM Station,)
Channel 280A, Westerville,)
Ohio)

MM Docket No. 93-107
File Nos. BPH-911230MA
through
BPH-911231MB

To: The Review Board

SUPPLEMENT TO SECOND MOTION TO
ENLARGE THE ISSUES AGAINST RINGER

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SUPPLEMENT TO SECOND MOTION TO ENLARGE ISSUES AGAINST RINGER

Ohio Radio Associates, Inc. ("ORA"), by its attorneys, pursuant to Section 1.229 (b)(1) of the Commission's Rules, hereby submits this supplement to motion to enlarge the issues against David A. Ringer ("Ringer"). On May 25, 1993, ORA filed a motion to enlarge the issues against Ringer. That motion raised a tower site availability issue. Although the motion was denied by the Administrative Law Judge in Memorandum Opinion and Order, FCC 93M-394, released June 24, 1993, ORA timely filed exceptions on December 20, 1993. See, ORA exceptions, paras. 82-84. Accordingly, this matter is now properly before the Review Board.

This supplement is based upon information submitted by Ringer in a report concerning the status of his tower site, filed on April 1, 1994. Thus, the supplement is timely filed within fifteen (15) days of the discovery of new information.

ORA requests leave to file this supplement. Although the Commission has stayed or frozen the integration aspect of comparative hearings, the basic qualifying or non-integration aspects appear to remain unaffected. See, FCC Public Notice, FCC 94-41, released February 25, 1994. Because the information contained in Ringer's April 1, 1994, submission raises a tower site qualifications issue, the filing of this supplement is appropriate. In support of its supplement to the motion to enlarge the issues, ORA submits the following comments.

Ringer previously disclosed that he had received a purported tower site agreement in December 1991 from Mid-Ohio Communications, Inc. The December 1991 letter states in pertinent part that Mid-Ohio is "willing to negotiate" and has an "intent to negotiate" with Ringer as to use of its transmitter tower and facilities. Moreover, "mutually acceptable terms" would be negotiated in the future. Within sixty (60) days of the date of the letter, Ringer was required to make a satisfactory showing to Mid-Ohio of his financial qualifications to enter into lease arrangements for the tower and facilities.

In his April 1, 1994, submission, Ringer disclosed a copy of a letter from Mid-Ohio, dated March 2, 1994. Therein, Mid-Ohio confirmed that its December

1991 letter was only a "willingness to negotiate" as to the "possible" lease of the tower site.

Under long-established Commission policy, Ringer did not have "reasonable assurance" of Mid-Ohio's tower site. National Communications Industries, 6 FCC Rcd 1978, 1979, para. 10 (Rev. Bd. 1991), aff'd, 7 FCC Rcd 1703, para. 2 (1992); Progressive Communications, Inc., 3 FCC Rcd 5758, 5759, para. 9 (Rev. Bd. 1988), "reasonable assurance" of the availability of a tower site requires more than a vague "willingness to deal" on the part of the tower site owner; Rem Malloy Broadcasting, 6 FCC Rcd 5843, 5846, para. 14 (Rev. Bd. 1991), the fact that the site owner could foresee no problem in giving a lease does not constitute "reasonable assurance" where lease terms remain to be negotiated, citing William F. and Anne K. Wallace, 49 FCC2d 1424, 1427 (Rev. Bd. 1974); Adlai E. Stevenson, 5 FCC Rcd 1588, 1589, para. 6 (Rev. Bd. 1990), the fact that the site owner has indicated that he will discuss the possibility of a lease at some future date is insufficient, citing El Camino Broadcasting Corp., 12 FCC2d 25, 26 (Rev. Bd. 1968).

A "willingness to negotiate" does not constitute "reasonable assurance." Emission de Radio Balmeseda, Inc., 7 FCC Rcd 8629, n. 4 (Rev. Bd. 1992). Although rent and other details may be negotiated in the future, the basic terms of a tower lease must be negotiated in order to possess "reasonable assurance." Great Lakes Broadcasting, Inc., 6 FCC Rcd 4331, 4332, para. 11 (1991), citing National Innovative Programming Network of the East Coast, 2 FCC Rcd 5641, 5643, para. 11 (1987).

An applicant is required to negotiate with the site owner in order to possess "reasonable assurance." Dutchess Communications Corp., 101 FCC2d 243, 253, para. 14 (Rev. Bd. 1985). Some basic negotiations between the applicant and the site owner must occur in order to constitute "reasonable assurance." Cuban-American Limited, 2 FCC Rcd 3264, 3266, para. 13 (Rev. Bd. 1987), rev. denied, 5 FCC Rcd 3781, para. 2 (1990). Even if a site owner would "favorably consider" use of his property and would at a future date commence "negotiations for finalizing arrangements," this is insufficient. Lee Optical and Associated Cos.

Retirement and Pension Fund Trust, 2 FCC Rcd 5480, 5486, para. 23 (Rev. Bd. 1987).

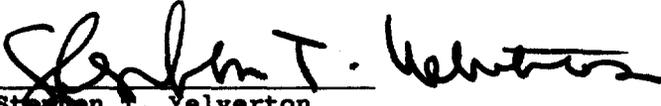
Accordingly, based on applicable Commission precedent, the December 1991 letter from Mid-Ohio did not constitute "reasonable assurance" of a tower site. The March 2, 1994, letter from Mid-Ohio confirms that Ringer's December 1991 tower site arrangements did not meet Commission requirements. Therefore, a tower site availability issue must be specified.

WHEREFORE, in view of the foregoing, ORA requests that its supplement be accepted and that the foregoing issue be specified against Ringer.

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