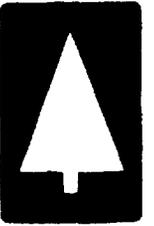


WHITE PINE TELEVISION DISTRICT No. 1



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Reference Docket #87-268

Please be aware that the loss of UHF TV channels 60 through 69 will adversely effect the licence of television translators, especially in several western states.

In our own case, we are 250 miles, 270 miles, and 320 miles (three different directions) from over-the-air broadcast television, and further isolated by mountain ranges which routinely reach 9000 to 11000 feet in elevation.

Without our mountain top translators, we would have no broadcast TV.

Originally, We were licenced with channels 70 through 83, which we were forced to abandon when those frequencies were removed from television service.

We urge you to leave the existing UHF TV channels as they are. There will certainly be great demand for channel space as Advanced TV comes of age.

If all commercial stations must broadcast two standards, old and new, they must have spectrum to do so, or "go under".

By analogy, We are all afloat in the same sea. Only the size of our boats (and our passenger loads) differ. So, PLEASE-- S.O.S.!!

Sincerely,

R. E. Swain, Chairman

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Dear Sir:

I have been informed FCC is proposing to sell off channels 60 to 69. Sun Lakes TV has been authorized to use channel 62 and we will be needing six more channels to provide television coverage for our area. We are located in eastern Washington State where there are now a large number of translators in service which makes it difficult to select the needed channels that the FCC will authorize us to use. We need more channels available not less.

To free up channels, I propose the FCC authorize the use of booster amplifiers in certain areas for use by translator operators. With todays technology single and multi-channel booster amplifiers can be designed to provide good television signals without interference to other television stations.

We are outside the B range of all the major television stations in eastern Washington. Because of terrain shielding we could use booster amplifiers and free up the channels we would otherwise need to provide the desired television coverage. There must be many areas like ours where booster amplifiers could be used effectively and not cause interference problems.

Sincerely;

Robert R. Mattie

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FCC MAIL ROOM

Secretary, FCC
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RE: Docket number 87-268

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Dear Secretary,

I appeal to you not to give channels 60 to 69 of the UHF spectrum to cellular phone companies.

I live in a rural community in Washington state. I have no access to cable television and do not have a satellite system. Our local translator station has been a lifesaver for our sanity in the winter when the children can not go outside because of the cold and early darkness. We seldom watch television but we do rely on the stations provided by our translator for our news, major networks and especially PBS. These channels are #63, 65, 67, and 69. Our children watch channel 67 (PBS) almost exclusively.

Our translator station is a non profit operation and we support it with our donations. It is important to us to have this service continue to be available.

Cellular phone companies are for profit companies. If they want to have new UHF stations, let THEM foot the cost for new equipment and changes. Our translator has already done it once.

I know it is difficult to comprehend how many people rely on translator stations 60 to 69 for their only source of television. When I lived in Houston, for example, I had no idea that people in this situation even existed. Now I am one of them, as are all my neighbors and most of my close associates.

Once again I appeal to you require the Cellular companies to use the lower stations that are currently being offered as an alternative to the translator stations. Our non profit translators can not afford to make this change and we will be left with no television.

Sincerely,

Kerri Harris

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Re: MM Docket 87-268

Dear Sirs:

I presently serve as clerk for this TV District. We depend on channels 55 to 69 to serve our district with the coverage of most major networks and PBS. We hope to expand to networks not presently covered.

Our TV District includes parts of Lake County and Flathead County in Northwestern Montana. We serve 5,000 paying customers at a cost of \$500 per year, and reach about 10,000 more homes outside the boundaries of our tax district. Loss of these channels would essentially eliminate "free" TV coverage for the entire area.

Please don't take television away from our somewhat remote area.

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Yours truly,
Betty M. Stevens