

mm 87-268



7669 South 45 Rd.
Cadillac, MI 49601

Phone (616) 775-9813 • 775-0330

EX PARTE OR LATE FILED

Fax (616) 775-1898 • 775-2562

March 26, 1997

Federal Communications Commissions
1919 M. Street North West
Washington D.C. 20554
Chairman Reed Hundt #814

Dear Chairman Reed Hundt,

As a small Market Broadcaster, I have as many concerns as you have about the future of Broadcast Television, but none any greater than the disadvantage of giving current VHF powerhouse stations the continued advantage over present UHF stations in each market.

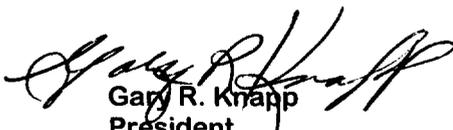
When we applied for our first License back in the late 1980's, we were informed that only UHF stations were available to apply for, and that all VHF stations with better coverage areas were all allocated in the market. After running our station for the past ten years, we have realized the severe advantage the VHF power stations have over the smaller UHF stations. The VHF coverage area is far greater, but our Electric Bills are greater for UHF stations. It is discriminatory that the VHF stations have had more power in the past, but now you have the golden opportunity to put every station on the same playing field at the same level.

When HDTV was first announced we thought it would be great in that all stations would be UHF, and that VHF stations would begin to understand what it was like to broadcast on the UHF Band. But now once again the mighty VHF stations want to have a continued advantage over us in this new medium.

How can a current UHF station compete with a former VHF station in the market if they continue to be given more power advantages over us? It seriously diminishes the competitive value we have in our market in vying for the number one position.

We ask that you seriously review this process in building this new medium that is sure to be around for many years to come and allocate the channels with fair power so that all stations can achieve in the Market Place, or it will continue to be a market offering the haves and the have nots.

Sincerely,


Gary R. Knapp
President
GRK Productions
Joint Venture

No. of Copies rec'd 0 + 1
List ABCDE

FOX 33
WGKI

7669 South 45 Rd. • Cadillac, MI 49601

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSIONS
1919 M. STREET NORTH WEST
WASHINGTON D.C. 20554
CHAIRMAN REED HUNDT #814

