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RESUME FOR WILSON A. LA FOLLETTE

Wilson A. La Follette is a graduate electrical engineer and is presently employed with the firm of Cohen, Dippell and Everist, P.C., Consulting Engineers, Radio-Television, with offices at 1300 L Street, N.W., Suite 1100, Washington, D.C. 20005. He retired from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in February 1989 after nearly 29 years of service. While at the FCC he held several management and supervisory positions. At the time of his retirement he was an Assistant Chief of the Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission.

February 1989 - Present

Electronics Engineer - Cohen, Dippell and Everist, P.C. In this position he has performed a broad range of engineering work related to radio and television broadcasting services, microwave communications networks, satellite earth stations, engineering measurements and surveys, etc.

1983 to February 1989

Assistant Chief of the Policy and Rules Division of the Mass Media Bureau. He directed the Bureau's international activities and was the primary international negotiator on matters involving broadcasting. He was the Vice Chairman of four U.S. delegations to ITU conferences and was responsible for the development of major broadcasting agreements with neighboring countries.

He provided senior oversight and direction for the Division on engineering matters and frequency management regarding AM, FM and TV broadcasting, as well as auxiliary broadcast communications services such as TV and FM translators, studio to transmitter microwave links, etc. He wrote or directed preparation of a significant number of Rule Making notices dealing with complex engineering matters.

1976 to 1983

Chief of the Engineering Branch (later changed to the Technical and International Branch) in the Policy and Rules Division of the Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission.

Performed engineering studies pertaining to broadcasting and auxiliary broadcasting Rule Making activities to develop technical standards such as AM stereo, FM quadraphonic broadcasting, Television stereo, circular polarization for TV, broadcast auxiliary services such as TV and FM translators, etc. Either performed or directed the writing of new FCC rules related to such activities within the context of FCC rule making proceedings.

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He directed preparations for the First and Second Sessions of the ITU Conference to develop an AM broadcasting plan in the Americas. He was the Vice Chairman of the two U.S. delegations to the two sessions of the Conference.

1974 to 1976

Assistant Chief of the Enforcement Division, Field Operations Bureau, of the Federal Communications Commission.

Among other things the Enforcement Division was responsible for enforcing FCC and international rules and regulations, resolving interference problems between radio services, etc. As delegated by the Chief of the Division, he was generally responsible for the day to day supervision and management of the Division's field enforcement effort. This included the full range of activities performed at FCC field offices and primary fixed monitoring stations. Also included under this overview was the operation of the FCC's three regional FM and TV measurements vehicles which performed detailed analysis of FM and TV emissions, the FCC's five microwave measurements vans, and numerous VHF/UHF monitoring vans. He was the official FCC representative on the U.S. Interagency Committee on search and rescue (ICSAR) and dealt with a wide range of issues regarding communications, radiolocation, etc.

April 1974 to November 1974

Chief of the Monitoring Branch of the FCC.

The Monitoring Branch was responsible for managing and directing the FCC's fixed and mobile monitoring assets that were involved in enforcement of FCC and international rules and regulations, interference resolution, information gathering, and search and rescue. He was responsible for directing the activities of the FCC's 18 primary monitoring stations and five microwave measurements units and mobile monitoring units throughout the U.S., Hawaii, Alaska, and Puerto Rico. This included extensive radio monitoring and measurements, direction finding, and planning for enforcement of FCC rules, resolution of radio interference, search and rescue operations, and information gathering through monitoring for frequency management.

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1968 to 1974

Engineer-in-Charge of the FCC's primary fixed monitoring station in Laurel, Maryland.

He was responsible for the operation supervision of the facility and he performed and directed detailed analysis of complex emissions between 10 kHz and 10,000 MHz, testing of new equipment, and design and development of specialized equipment for monitoring facilities. He was also responsible for managing the FCC's international training program for monitoring. The facility was also extensively involved in enforcement of FCC and international rules and regulations.

1964 to 1968

Staff engineer at the FCC district office in Denver, Colorado.

He performed the full range of field engineering work including:

Inspecting and assessing communications systems and AM, FM and TV facilities for compliance with FCC rules;

Engineering measurements (e.g., antenna proofs, impedance measurements, audio performance measurements, TV and FM emissions analysis, etc.);

Resolution of interference problems between communications systems.

1964

He graduated from the University of Arkansas, June 1964 receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering.

1960 to 1964

He served as an engineering trainee in the FCC field office in New Orleans, Louisiana while attending the University of Arkansas. He received training in the wide range of engineering field work of the Federal Communications Commission.