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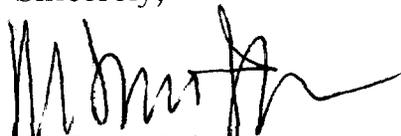
Re: FCC File No. RM-9242
J. Rodger Skinner, Jr.
TRA Communications Consultants, Inc.

Dear Ms. Salas:

Transmitted herewith on behalf of Athens Broadcasting Company Inc. are an original and four (4) copies of its opposition comments with regard to the above-referenced petition for rule making.

A copy of the attached is being forwarded to the petitioner and a certificate of service is attached.

Sincerely,


M. Scott Johnson

Enclosure

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RE: FCC File Nos. RM-9208/RM-9242/RM-9246

Dear Commissioners and the Mass Media Bureau Staff:

Our company is solidly against approval of LOW POWER FM's of any size, power or location.

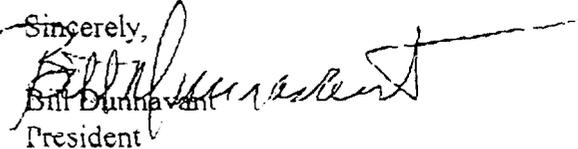
Just look at the 'translator' situation in North Alabama and see how Low Power FM could get out of hand. There are people actually operating translators as 'for profit' centers. In some situations translators are also creating interference to receivable signals therein reducing coverage. The existing FM translator situation in this area is harmful to local radio which serves local needs and interests. As translators are currently a problem, one can only imagine the chaos which would result from the micro-radio or low-power radio requests which are currently under consideration.

Please deny these requests and let's get some sense of responsibility back to broadcastings.

Our company is now going into it's 50th year serving the Athens, Huntsville, and Decatur, Alabama area. We provide significant and valuable broadcast time for local organizations, schools and other groups. In addition, we help raise contributions for charitable organization like the battered and abused women's center, the Children's Advocacy Center, Hospice and others. Plus, we provide the highest level of priority to tornados and local emergencies

Please stop the CHAOS! And, let us continue to serve the area the way the people of the area have counted on for fifty years.

Sincerely,


Bill Dunham
President

Athens Broadcasting Company P.O. Box 369 Athens, Alabama 35611 (205) 233-1414

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Virginia L. Davidson, a secretary in the law firm of Gardner, Carton & Douglas, certify that I have this 27th day of April, 1998, caused to be sent by First-Class U.S. mail, postage-prepaid, a copy of the foregoing "COMMENTS" to the following:

Roy J. Stewart
Mass Media Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 314
Washington, D.C. 20054
(BY HAND)

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