

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am most displeased with your relegating WJLP-TV from Virtual Channel 3.1 to Virtual Channel 33. I cannot receive WJLP now because my digital TV tuner can't distinguish between WJLP Virtual Channel 33 and WCBS-TV Digital 33 - and defaults to WCBS-TV.

My WJLP reception was perfectly fine when it was at Virtual 3.1. There was no interference or distortions from any other broadcasters. I do not have cable TV and depended on WJLP for my local news and weather alerts. No other station - certainly none of the NY stations - provide as comprehensive coverage of Monmouth County, NJ news, public affairs and weather.

Moreover, the reassignment of WJLP to Virtual 33.1 appears arbitrary and capricious. Your staff must have known of the inherent WJLP- WCBS conflicts at that frequency. Frankly, it all appears spiteful and falls in line with your agency's history of acceding to the whims and fancies of entrenched, better capitalized broadcasters.

This is not the first time the FCC ruled against a fledging Monmouth County broadcaster. 60 years ago theater owner Walter Reade, Jr. tried launching WRTV, Asbury Park as VHF channel -8 but instead was forced by your agency to UHF channel 58. WRTV went dark after about a year because TVs didn't even have UHF dials back then. As a result we in this region for the past 60 years have had to tolerate little to no attention from NY stations when it comes to local TV news, weather and public affairs.

Accordingly, I object to your reassigning WJLP from Virtual 3.1 and I whole-heartedly object to your reassigning WJLP to Virtual 33.1. Clearly your technical people must have known of the WCBS overlap on 33.1 and that it eliminates WJLP reception for viewers like me. Please explain how and why that particular reassignment was made and I urge you to immediately return WJLP to its rightful position of Virtual 3.1

Very truly yours,
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