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RM-9419

Re: DA 98-2527, RM 9419 C O M M E N T S

Submitted by John J. (Joe) Tibiletti, on behalf of self, and Radio Station KTXN-FM, Victoria, Texas. These entities totally approve of the essence of the submission of RM-9419, on behalf of ACAMBA, and Bryan Smeathers. As a pioneer FM broadcaster, I appreciate the handicap that we operated under as the only FM station in a town of then 33,000. For a number of years I was associated with a daytime am station which was a 10 kilowatt directional with 3 towers on 1130 kilohertz. The need for being there for the listeners we can readily relate to as to weather and local emergencies, such as oil spills, traffic pile ups. Recently a flood inundated the city of Cuero, Texas, population 7,000, which had its 50-year plus operations local am station given back to the Commission to please a latecomer who wanted to increase its power. The city had to rely on a station from 27 miles out KVLT in Victoria to get messages to the public. The aftermath of the warning with no where to go to be locally broadcast was 12 plus feet of water in many homes --some 1/4 of the city homes were destroyed and declared unfit to inhabit, about the same for local businesses--many of which were long time operations who have decided not to re open... Much of the damage could have been avoided if a full time am/fm signal was available locally. Another city located some 24 miles to the south-east of Victoria, is Port Lavaca, whose lone am station was moved up to Houston two years ago...there is no local broadcasting in this county of over 20,000 people, as is the same in De Witt County, the home of Cuero. In short I wish to be on record as having night time operations on fm to supplement the limited broadcast schedules of many local am broadcasters. I also speak for a number of other broadcasters, who are fearful of an application-itis attack (applications filed from outside for their local area) wish to remain anonymous. In fact, at one time there was a daytime preference, and I was a consultant to the JB Broadcasting Co. of Texas, which won an fm channel as the only local station and a daytimer, over a television station which was placing a grade b signal over the city of proposed license. It should be a preference in this order for translators to be dubbed FMTR, daytimer with no other local service -- 60 dbu fm, or 5 mv/m am, daytimer with competition, then am full timer with night diminished service of any type. It is not felt that this should be a part of the I B O C proceedings, mm doc 98-93, or rm-9242. Further the translators should be assigned only where part 74 of the rules can be fulfilled, namely for co, first, second, and third adjacent channel operations in compliance with the procedures provided within. COMMENT SUBMITTED BY JOHN J. (JOE) TIBILETTI, PRESIDENT, KTXN-FM, 2618 fm 1685, VICTORIA, TEXAS, 77905, February 2, 1999

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