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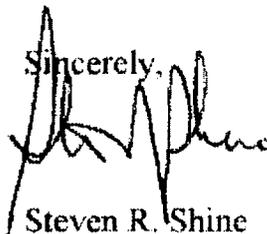
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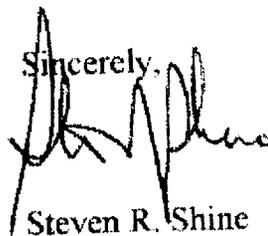
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

In the Matter of

Amendment of Sections 74.1231  
74.1231, 74.1233, 74.1284 of the  
Commission's Rules

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RM-9419

## COMMENTS

Northeast Indiana Broadcasting, Inc. ("Northeast"), by its attorney, hereby submits its comments in the above-captioned rule making proceeding.

These comments are filed in support of the proposal advanced by the American Community AM Broadcasters Association ("ACAMBA") requesting amendment of the Commission's Rules to permit standard broadcast (AM) station licensees to become licensees of FM translators and to rebroadcast their AM signals on FM translator stations as a fill-in service.

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Northeast is the licensee of standard broadcast station WAWK, Kendallville, Indiana. which has been on the air since 1955. WAWK broadcasts during the day on 1140 kHz with power of 250 watts and with pre-sunrise and post sunset authorizations. In the wintertime, WAWK is restricted to signing on as late as 8 a.m. and signing off as early as 5:15 p.m.

As Kendallville's only local standard broadcast station, WAWK provides essential local news and public affairs programming serving its city of license and the immediate surrounding environs.<sup>1/</sup> Attached to these comments are items of local interest which illustrate the significance of the station's impact on the community. However, the effort that WAWK makes to serve its community as a truly local radio station is severely impeded by its restricted operating hours. The night-time loss of service to its community, particularly during the winter months, represents an unnecessary handicap, both on the station and its local listeners who rely on WAWK for immediate local news, including events affecting public safety, school closings and other emergencies. Although Northeast believes it is unnecessary to continue the restrictions imposed on daytime broadcasters, particularly with the technological advances occurring in broadcasting and the alleged diversity of voices now available, the use of translators to permit standard broadcast stations to rebroadcast their signals at nighttime seems an obvious public service benefit.

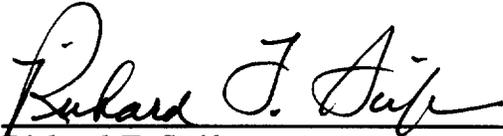
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<sup>1/</sup> Station WBTU(FM), is licensed to Kendallville, but operates with power of 50 kilowatts on 93.3 MHz in the Fort Wayne market.

At minimum, Northeast strongly urges the Commission to institute rulemaking promptly to explore this worthwhile proposal which is aimed at assisting those broadcasters which peculiarly provide truly local community service under a severe handicap.

Respectfully submitted,

**Northeast Indiana Broadcasting, Inc.**

By:  \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*\* ICEA CONFERENCE \*\***

Barb Mulholland, the Executive Director of the Chamber, was in Indianapolis on Thursday & Friday of last week, February 17 & 18 participating in the winter Indiana Chamber Executives Association Conference. She served on a panel Friday entitled "Maximizing Management within Chamber's less than \$100,000 budgets". She shared our program of works, how our Chamber is financed and our achievements, with other Chamber's throughout the state. Our Chamber has a great deal to share and has an excellent reputation at the state level.

**\*\* THANKS W A W K \*\***

On behalf of the Kendallville Chamber of Commerce we wish to thank WAWK Radio for the community service to our area by informing us all of the weather updates, the school delays and closings and the meeting cancellations. We are fortunate to have a local radio station in our area, one we can count on to keep us informed of happenings in our area without listening to all the cancellations of Northeast Indiana and Northwest Ohio. Now that one of our worst weather winters is hopefully behind us, we need to take the time and recognize what it means to us to have a local radio station, reporting in local conditions and happenings. Don, Mike, Steve and all other staff - our hats are off to you. Thank you for a job well done.

**\*\* BUSINESS UPDATE \*\***

Hayden's Rental Center has added a new service to their business and is now a Ryder Truck dealer, serving Kendallville and the surrounding area. Hayden rents the trucks out for round-trip moves or just one-way trips. They try to have several different sizes available for the customers convenience. The trucks are less than four years old, automatic, air-conditioned, and very well maintained. They are also inspected every 4,000 miles and are very easy to drive.

**\*\* CHAMBER COMMITTEES \*\***

It is not too late to let the Chamber know that you would like to serve on a committee of the Chamber for 1994. Over 150 Chamber members will serve on our committees and Task Forces for 1994.

## Kendallville Chamber of Commerce

228 S. Main Street  
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Phone (219) 347-1554

June 4, 1993

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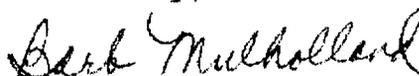
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Our community relies entirely on our local radio station for the broadcasting of home sporting events and local news. It is very important to us.

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We thank you for this consideration.

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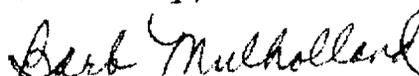
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Certificate of Service

I, Denise A. Branson, secretary in the law firm of Richard F. Swift, hereby certify that on this 10th day of February, 1999, true and correct copies of these COMMENTS were sent via First Class U.S. Mail to the following:

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