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REFERENCE: Notice of Proposed Rule Making on SHAV, Docket No. 98-201

Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to make comment and point out to the FCC the need for network programming to be made available to people who use Satellite reception and cannot otherwise receive network programming, specifically ABC, NBC and CBS. My mailing address zip code is 98823 and by someones definition, means the Spokane Broadcasters, specifically KREM, CBS; KXLY, ABC; and KHQ, NBC will not give me a waiver to receive network programming over satellite, even though 5 months a year I live 1600 miles from zip code 98823. My winter months are spent in remote areas in southern California and Arizona where over the air network programming is not always available.

I understand the importance to the above mentioned broadcasters that they include me in their area dominant influence, (ADI) but they need to understand and I believe they do, that 98823 is not even in their grade A or B coverage area. The only possible way for me to receive network programming at my home address at 98823 is through Television translator service rebroadcasting the networks from Spokane. The problem is further complicated when the High definition TV channels come on the air as the translator signals I now watch will be eliminated to make room for the broadcasters to transmit both analog and digital signals.

My conclusion to all of this is the broadcasters desire to include me in their ADI, when I am not, is a false determination of who is watching their picture. It is beyond my understanding why I am deprived of a needed service when that service can be available, and whether I receive it or not is solely determined by Broadcast stations so remotely located from my present location, they could not possibly give me their programming unless I had the option to receive a satellite signal from them.

It is my hope and desire that through SHAV Docket No. 98-201, the FCC will make provisions for people who live in a recreational Vehicle (RV), traveling throughout the United States, and cannot use high gain antennas to pick up distant Television Signals, will have means to get network programming through Satellite reception.

Regards,


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