

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20554

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OFFICE OF  
MANAGING DIRECTOR

Mr. David R. LePage  
General Partner  
Woonsocket Broadcasters, Limited  
1 Social Street  
Woonsocket, RI 02895

Re: Request for Reduction of Regulatory Fee  
Fee Control # 9709248835431001

Dear Mr. LePage:

This is in response to your request for a reduction of the Fiscal Year 1997 (FY 1997) regulatory fee for Radio Station WOON, Woonsocket, Rhode Island, licensed to Woonsocket Broadcasters, Limited. Please excuse our failure to respond to your request in a more timely manner.

You argue that the population within WOON's coverage area has been overstated because the Commission failed to consider interference from adjacent channel Radio Station WRIB, Providence, Rhode Island.

WOON was credited with coverage of 901,052 people within its daytime protected service contour. The calculations used to determine the protected contour, however, did not consider the effect of the ground conductivity from the WRIB antenna. Under these circumstances we will grant WOON's request for reduction of the regulatory fee and the station's FY 1997 regulatory fee will be based on coverage of 267,000 people, as claimed by the licensee. However, the effects of that ground conductivity on WOON's FY 1998 regulatory fees will be mitigated, because the FY 1998 fees are based on the population within WOON's city grade contour.

WOON will be assessed an FY 1997 regulatory fee of \$800, the regulatory fee for a Class C AM Radio Station with a protected service contour encompassing 267,000 people. WOON paid a \$1,200 FY 1997 regulatory fee and it is entitled to a refund of \$400.

Mr. David R. LePage

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A check, made payable to the maker of the original check, and drawn in the amount of \$400, will be sent to you at the earliest practicable time. If you have any questions concerning the refund, please contact the Chief, Fee Section at (202) 418-1995.

Sincerely,

  
Mark Reger  
Chief Financial Officer

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SEPTEMBER 17, 1997

TO: SECRETARY, FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
FROM: DAVID R. LePAGE, GENERAL PARTNER, WOONSOCKET B' CSTRS  
RE: PROTEST PAYMENT OF '97 REGULATORY FEES

DEAR SECRETARY,

PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,225 IN FULL AND TIMELY PAYMENT OF THE REGULATORY FEES WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED TO PAY UNDER PROTEST AND REQUEST THE COMMISSION REVIEW THE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH WILL CLEARLY INDICATE A MISCALCULATION BY THE COMMISSION OF THE FEES THIS LICENSEE IS JUSTLY LIABLE FOR. CLASS C STANDARD BROADCAST STATION WOON (1240KHZ) SUFFERS SEVERE AND CONSTANT INTERFERENCE FROM SECOND ADJACENT CHANNEL WRIB (1220KHZ) LOCATED AT PROVIDENCE. MAPS ON FILE WITH THE COMMISSION DATING BACK TO 1960 AND THE AGREEMENTS AMONG THE THEN DESIGNATED "CLASS IV" STATIONS SHOW CLEAR AND WELL DEFINED INTERFERENCE BETWEEN WRIB AND THIS LICENSEE'S WOON (FORMERLY WWON) COVERING ALL OF METROPOLITAN PROVIDENCE AND EXTENDING NORTHWARD TOWARD OUR CITY OF LICENSE, WOONSOCKET, FOR A DISTANCE THAT INCLUDES THE COMMUNITIES OF PAWTUCKET, NORTH PROVIDENCE, AND THE SOUTHERN SECTIONS OF LINCOLN.



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WHILE THIS LICENSEE IS NOT COMPLAINING TO THE COMMISSION ABOUT THIS INTERFERENCE, OWING TO THE AGREEMENTS MADE BY THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE US, WE ARE PREPARED TO PROVE TO THE COMMISSION THAT THESE AREAS OF GEOGRAPHY WHICH ARE INCLUDED BY THE COMMISSION IN CALCULATING OUR FAIR SHARE OF REGULATORY FEES, ARE COMPLETELY UNREACHABLE BY OUR SIGNAL BECAUSE OF THE EXCELLENT GROUND CONDUCTIVITY OF THE WRIB ANTENNA BEING INSTALLED 200 FEET OUT INTO NARRAGANSETT BAY AT PROVIDENCE VERSUS THE MUCH POORER GROUND CONDUCTIVITY HERE INLAND AT WOONSOCKET.

TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN OUR ARGUMENT, REFERENCE FM STATION WWKX LICENSED TO WOONSOCKET. THIS STATION IS RECEIVABLE IN OVER TWICE THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA AS WOON, (IT USED TO BE OUR FM STATION) AND DOES BUSINESS AS A PROVIDENCE RADIO STATION, YET IT'S POPULATION FIGURE IS 786,626 VERSUS WOON'S 901,052. THERE IS SOMETHING TERRIBLY WRONG WITH THE POPULATION ESTIMATES HERE.

CONSIDER ALSO THAT THE \$1,225 FEE CHARGED TO WOON IS ROUGHLY 1% OF WOON'S PROJECTED 1997 GROSS INCOME AND THE \$1,825 ASSESSED TO WWKX IS .1% OF THEIR ESTIMATED GROSS. AND PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THE POTENTIAL EARNING POWER OF AN AM VERSUS AN FM STATION.

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I REQUEST THE COMMISSION REDUCE WOON'S REGULATORY FEES  
TO MORE ACCURATELY REFLECT OUR ACTUAL POPULATION FIGURES  
WHICH WE ARE PREPARED TO PROVE ARE 267,000 BASED ON 1990  
CENSUS FIGURES. MAY I HEAR FROM THE COMMISSION IN WRITING ON  
THIS MATTER AT IT'S EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS,



DAVID R. LEPAGE, GENERAL PARTNER

Class C AM

901,052 \$ 1,200  
425,000 \$ 800  
286,727 \$ 800  
267, - \$ 800  
147 \$ 400  
150,000 ← 612

# Payment Transactions Detail Report

Date: 10/16/97

*Jerry*

BY: FEE CONTROL NUMBER

Fee Control  
Number

Payor  
Name

Account  
Number

Received  
Date

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Payment Amount	Current Balance	Seq Num	Payment Type Code	Quantity	Callsign Other Id	Applicant Name	Applicant Zip	Bad Check	Detail Amount	Trans Code	Payment Type
\$1,225.00	\$1,225.00	2	MUB7	1	KM6172	WOONSOCKET BROADCASTERS LIMITE	028953136		\$25.00	1	PMT
\$1,225.00	\$1,225.00	1	MGE7	1	WOON	WOONSOCKET BROADCASTERS LIMITE	028953136		\$1,200.00	1	PMT
<b>Total</b>		<b>2</b>							<b>\$1,225.00</b>		