

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20554

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OFFICE OF
MANAGING DIRECTOR

Mr. James Natoli
President
Tuscarawas Broadcasting Company
125 Johnson Dr.
Uhrichsville, Ohio 44683-1017

Re: Request for Reduction of Regulatory Fee
Fee Control # 9809188845199005
Fee Paid: \$600

Dear Mr. Natoli:

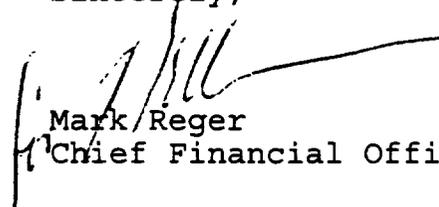
This is in response to your letter requesting a reduction in the Fiscal Year (FY) 1998 regulatory fee for Class D Radio Station WBTC, Uhrichsville, Ohio, licensee to the Tuscarawas Broadcasting Company. You maintain that although Uhrichsville has a population of 8,000 people, you were assessed a regulatory fee for a station serving a population of 35,565 people.

DataWorld, which has a contract with the Commission to calculate service areas and populations, calculated the population within WBTC's city grade service contour. DataWorld verified the technical parameters for WBTC with the data in the FCC AM Engineering Base. DataWorld then calculated WBTC's groundwave coverage predictions for its city grade service contour and imposed that contour on a United States Census map.

In this regard, it should be recognized that the signal from WBTC extends beyond Uhrichsville, and covers the population in surrounding areas. In the absence of documents indicating that DataWorld's calculations of the population within WBTC's service area are in error, your request for a reduction of the FY 1998 regulatory fee for WBTC is denied.

If you have any questions concerning the regulatory fees, please call the Chief, Fee Section, at (202) 418-1995.

Sincerely,


Mark Reger
Chief Financial Officer

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WBTC - 1540 AM RADIO

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September 14, 1998

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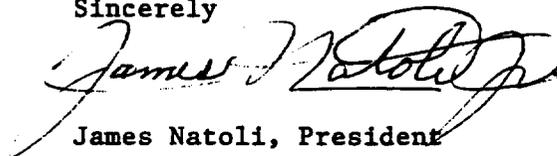
RE: Regulatory Fees

Dear Sir:

In reference to the Regulatory Fee for WBTC AM, we are a daytime station, 250 watts in Uhrichsville, Ohio with a population of approximately 8000, we are listed at a population of 35,565 for a fee of \$600.00. Comparing other stations with an 8000 population, their fee is listed at \$200.00. Last year we paid \$400.00.

Please check this discrepancy and let me know what your final decision is. We have sent in our 1998 Fees (\$600.00), but if you need additional information, please do not hesitate to call me. Your answer will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely


James Natoli, President

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Payment Transactions Detail Report

Date: 10/26/98

BY: FEE CONTROL NUMBER

Fee Control Number	Payor Name	Account Number	Received Date
9809188835199005	TUSCARAWAS BROADCASTING COMPAN 125 JOHNSON DRIVE UHRICHSVILLE OH 44683	0340928945	09/17/98

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
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