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OFFICE OF
MANAGING DIRECTOR

Mr. Al Lobeck
General Manager
Radio Station WIBW
P.O. Box 1818
Topeka, KN 66601-1818

Re: Request for Reduction of Regulatory Fee
Fee Control # 9809178835452006
Fee Paid: \$2,000

Dear Mr. Lobeck:

This is in response to your request for a reduction in the Fiscal Year (FY) 1998 regulatory fee for AM Radio Station WIBW, Topeka, Kansas, licensed to Morris Communications Corporation.

You argue that it is unfair to charge WIBW the full regulatory fee because the station is required to go off the air from 12:30 to 5:30 P.M. each weekday afternoon, so that educational station, KKSU, Manhattan, Kansas can broadcast on the same frequency.

WIBW goes dark for 5 hours each weekday afternoon to permit the operation of educational station KKSU. The 25 hours during which WIBW is off-the-air, represents approximately 15% of WIBW's total broadcast week. We will therefor grant WIBW's request to reduce WIBW's FY 1998 regulatory fee by 15% or \$300, which represents the share of the broadcast week that WIBW is dark.

Accordingly, a check made payable to the maker of the original check, and drawn in the amount of \$300 will be sent to the licensee at the earliest practical time. If you have any questions concerning the refund, please call the Chief, Fee Section, at (202) 418-1995.

Sincerely,


Mark Reger
Chief Financial Officer

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October 5, 1998

Mr. Mark Reger,
Chief Financial Officer
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: 1998 Regulatory Fees
WIBW (AM) Topeka, KS

Dear Mr. Reger:

Thank you for responding in your September 29, 1998 letter which addressed the issue of reconsideration of regulatory fees paid in 1997.

The purpose of this letter is to request reconsideration of the 1998 FCC Regulatory Fees charged to WIBW (AM). These fees have been timely paid according to instructions.

WIBW operates at 580 KHz with 5,000 watts, directional at night. 1998 Regulatory Fees were the maximum \$2,000. As you may recall the reason why we feel this fee is unfair, is that WIBW AM is required by F.C.C. license to be off the air each weekday afternoon from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. when the 580 frequency is occupied by KKSU, licensed to Manhattan, KS. For five hours each weekday WIBW is dark.

As you mentioned in your September 29, 1998 letter, this amounts to 15% of the broadcast week that the station is not able to broadcast. We therefore request a 15% (\$300) reduction in the regulatory fees as was granted in 1997.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this concern.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Al Lobeck", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Al Lobeck
General Manager
WIBW AM-FM

enc: September 29, 1998 letter

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