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May 4, 2001

**BY HAND DELIVERY**The Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 --12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554**Re: Smith Television License Holdings, Inc.  
MM Docket No. 00-137  
KOLO-DT, Reno, Nevada**

Dear Madam Secretary:

On behalf of Smith Television License Holdings, Inc. ("Smith"), the licensee of KOLO-TV and permittee of KOLO-DT, both of Reno, Nevada (collectively, the "Station"), enclosed is an original and four copies of Smith's statement of continuing interest for the proposed change in KOLO-DT's allotment.

On March 1, 2001, Smith consummated its proposed acquisition of the Station from Stephens Group, Inc. ("Stephens"), pursuant to prior Commission approval. See FCC File Nos. BALCT-20001010ABB & BALCT-20010129ABC. Prior to that date, on October 10, 2000, Stephens had timely filed a counterproposal (the "Counterproposal") in the above-referenced proceeding, which had been initiated by Sierra Broadcasting Company ("Sierra"), the licensee of KRNVT (TV), Reno, Nevada. In the Counterproposal, Stephens requested that the Commission change KOLO-DT's allotment to Channel 9, and the allotment for KRNVT-DT, Reno, Nevada, be changed to Channel 7 instead of Channel 9. No other party participated in the proceeding.

On February 2, 2001, after further review of Stephens' suggested resolution of the matter, Sierra submitted further comments in which it expressly acquiesced to the Counterproposal. Accordingly, neither Sierra nor Stephens are opposed to prompt grant of the Counterproposal.

Smith hereby confirms that it, too, supports the Counterproposal, and, if adopted, that it would apply to modify KOLO-DT's permit to specify operations on

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Channel 9. Absent the unopposed and clearly beneficial channel change proposal, Smith would be almost ready to begin digital construction now. However, in light of the proposed change, Smith must re-evaluate what will be necessary to complete construction, including where and how to order a VHF transmission system, rather than the UHF transmission system it has obtained. Nonetheless, Smith is ready and willing to begin to take the steps necessary to construct KOLO-DT on its revised allotment promptly upon Commission approval of the proposed change.

Please file-stamp the additional copy of this submission, and return it to the undersigned. Please also direct questions regarding this submission to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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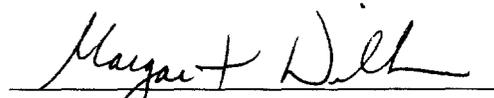
cc: Nazifa Naim, Video Services Division  
J. Dominic Monahan, Esq. (Counsel to Sierra Broadcasting Company)  
KOLO-TV Public Inspection File

## DECLARATION

I, Margaret Williams, declare as follows:

1. I am Assistant Secretary of Smith Television License Holdings, Inc. ("Smith").
2. Smith intends to apply for Commission consent to modify the construction permit for KOLO-DT to specify operations on Channel 9 upon adoption of the counterproposal, as submitted by Stephens Group, Inc., in MM Docket No. 00-137.
3. If awarded the construction permit for Channel 9, Smith intends to construct the permitted facilities, and promptly will take the appropriate steps to arrange to acquire new VHF transmitting equipment upon grant.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the statements made in this declaration are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

  
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Margaret Williams  
Assistant Secretary

May 1, 2001