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Dear Mr. Johnson:

This is in response to the March 19, 2003, request to withdraw the petition for rule making and Supplement thereto, submitted on behalf of Pappas Telecasting of Opelika ("Pappas Telecasting"), a California Limited Partnership, licensee of Station WSWS(TV), Channel 66, Opelika, Alabama, and permittee for Station WSWS-DT, Channel 31, Phenix City, Alabama. Pappas Telecasting requested the reallotment of its analog channel, as well as its assigned paired DTV channel, from Opelika to Phenix City, Alabama, and modification of its authorizations accordingly. In accordance with the requirements of Section 1.420(j) of the Commission's Rules, you have provided also the declaration of Peter C. Pappas, a principal of Pappas Telecasting, stating that neither he, nor any principal thereof, has received, nor will receive, any consideration in exchange for the withdrawal request.

In consideration of the foregoing, and on the basis of Commission policy which refrains from considering a rule making proposal absent a *bona fide* expression of interest, your request for withdrawal is granted, and the rule making proposal filed on behalf of Pappas Telecasting regarding the communities of Opelika and Phenix City, Alabama, is dismissed.

Sincerely,

John A. Karousos
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