

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20554

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OFFICE OF
MANAGING DIRECTOR

Jim Keane, President
Station KAPS-AM
Post Office Box 70
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Re: Station KAPS-AM
Mount Vernon, Washington
Fiscal Year 2002 Regulatory Fee
Fee Control No. 0209268835804005

Dear Mr. Keane:

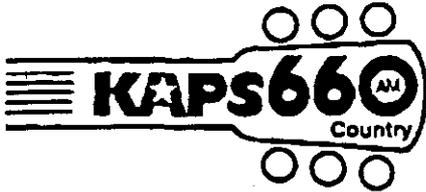
This is in response to your request dated-stamped received September 24, 2002, filed on behalf of Station KAPS-AM, Mount Vernon, Washington, for a reduction in the \$2,525.00 fiscal year (FY) 2002 regulatory fee paid by Station KAPS-AM. Our records reflect that Station KAPS-AM paid the \$2,525.00 FY 2002 regulatory fee.

In your request, you argue that the regulatory fee established for Station KAPS-AM, a Class B AM station, should be reduced because although the FCC regulatory fee schedule indicates that the station serves 552,586 people, Mount Vernon and Skagit County have only approximately 26,000 and 102,000 people, respectively. You assert that the 552,586 population count probably includes the Seattle area and Whatcom County where the signal for KAPS-AM is "barely audible." You state that the signal is barely audible in the Seattle area because the "ground conductivity is half of what the mp3 map says it is." You state that the signal is barely audible in Whatcom County because "of the mountainous terrain and the ground conductivity is only 1 whereas the mp3 map shows 4." You also state that the station "broadcasts at only 1kw at night." You further assert that because the station is a stand-alone AM station, the regulatory fee is "a hardship."

The fiscal year 2002 regulatory fee for Station KAPS-AM is the fee established for a Class B AM station serving a population of 400,001 to 1,000,000. *See Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2002, Report and Order*, 17 FCC Rcd 16,177, Attachment D (2002). Based on your contention that the population served by Station KAPS-AM had been incorrectly calculated, we requested a population recalculation for Station KAPS-AM, which determined that the correct population figure for the station is 552,586. The fee established for Station KAPS-AM is therefore correct. Your generalized assertion that the signal for Station KAPS-AM is "barely audible" in the Seattle area and Whatcom County provides no basis for a departure from our routine approach and does not persuade us to reduce the station's FY 2002 regulatory fee. The methodology established by the Commission for assessing radio regulatory fees is based

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Office of the Managing Director
FCC
445 12th Street, S.W., Room 1-A625
Washington, D.C. 20554
Att: Regulatory Fee Waiver/Reduction Request

This request is for a reduction in Regulatory Fees for radio station KAPS-AM in Mount Vernon, Washington. Mount Vernon has a population of approximately 26,000 people and Skagit County has a population of about 102,000 people.

The FCC Regulatory fee schedule shows we serve 552,586 people. This must include people south of us in the Seattle, Everett areas. Our signal is barely audible in the Seattle area as the ground conductivity is half of what the mp3 map says it is.

The figure probably includes people north of us in Whatcom County. We are barely audible in that area also because of the mountainous terrain and the ground conductivity is only 1 whereas the mp3 map shows 4.

Being a stand alone am station, this excessive amount is also a hardship.

For these reasons and the fact that we broadcast at only 1kw at night covering an even smaller area, we are requesting a reduction in regulatory fees.

Kindly address any questions to me at:

(360 424-0660)

KAPS
P.O. Box 70
Mount Vernon, Wa. 98273

Jim Keane, Pres.

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P.O. Box 70 Mount Vernon WA, 98273



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To: Roland Helvajian

Company:

Fax: 202-418-2826

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From: Jim Keane

Phone: 360-424-0660

Fax: 360-424-1660

Date: 9-24-2

Here is the request for Reduction
in Regulatory fees that we discussed
yesterday - thank you for taking it
to the proper department -
Jim Keane

Payment Transactions Detail Report

Date: 01/15/2003

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