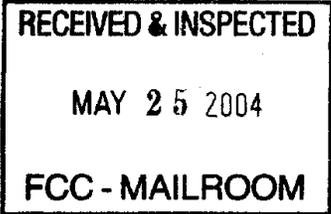


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Ms. Dortch:

Please accept this as my public comment on Rulemaking Petition #10960 (RM-10960). I am writing to voice my objection to the series of rule changes being sought by First Broadcasting Partners, L.L.C. concerning FM and AM radio facility modifications and allocations.

First some background. First Broadcasting Investment Partners recently purchased three FM radio stations in the Cincinnati, Ohio, area: WOXY in Oxford, Ohio; WAXZ in Georgetown, Ohio, and WAOL in Ripley, Ohio. Two of these stations are licensed to Brown County, Ohio (WAXZ and WAOL), which is where I make my home. The sale was announced on First Broadcasting's website on January 28, 2004.

Then on March 23, 2004, the Federal Communications Commission received two petitions for rulemaking concerning these allotments. They were filed by the owners who sold the above mentioned stations to First Broadcasting.

In one the summary reads as follows:

*"This petition is filed on behalf of Balogh Broadcasting Company, Inc., licensee of Station WOXY(FM), Oxford, Ohio, Richard L. Plessinger, Sr., licensee of Station WAXZ(FM), Georgetown, Ohio, and Dreamcatcher Communications, Inc.,*

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licensee of Station WRAC(FM), West Union, Ohio. Specifically, Petitioners requests that the Commission amend the FM Table of Allotments to (i) delete Channel 249A at Oxford, Ohio and allot 249A at Mason, Ohio as that community's first local service; (ii) delete Channel 249A at Georgetown, Ohio and allot Channel 249A at Salt Lick, Kentucky as that community's first local service; and (iii) delete Channel 276A at West Union, Ohio and allot Channel 276A at Georgetown, Ohio. If this petition is granted, the communities of Mason, Ohio, and Salt Lick, Kentucky (with a combined population of 22,358) will receive their first local service. If this petition is granted, Petitioners will file applications respectively for Channel 249A at Mason, Channel 249A at Salt Lick, and Channel 276A at Georgetown, and will construct the facilities as authorized."

The second petition begins as follows:

"Richard L. Plessinger, Sr., licensee of WAOL(FM), Ripley, Ohio hereby submits this Petition for Rule Making, which proposes to delete Channel 258C3 at Ripley, Ohio and allot Channel 258A at Amelia, Ohio as that community's first local service. If this Petition is granted, Plessinger will file an application for Channel 258A at Amelia and construct the facilities authorized."

These two petitions, as filed, collectively have the potential to affect seven (7) different communities. The process to modify the FM Table of Allotments should necessarily be a "major" modification. First Broadcasting issued a press release on RM-10960 saying its proposed change would permit FM station community of license changes through a minor modification. It further states the proposed change would simplify the procedure for moving a community's sole local service to a new community.

It is clear to me that these proposed modifications are clearly designed to make it easier for large companies like First Broadcasting Partners to move radio stations closer to urban areas. WOXY, WAXZ and WAOL are what I would consider small market stations. The above mentioned petitions for Rule Making would move WAOL and WOXY closer to the Cincinnati urban area, and thus fetch higher advertising dollars and larger audiences for First Broadcasting.

In the process Brown County, Ohio, which now has two radio stations will be left with none. While WRAC proposes to change its community of license to Georgetown, Ohio, its staff and studios will most likely remain in West Union, Ohio. Even if the studios are re-located, then West Union will be left without a local radio station.

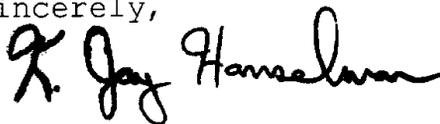
All of these stations have served the Southwest Ohio area for a number of years. They provide programming and news coverage that will likely be lost if the frequencies are moved to different communities. It is clear companies like First Broadcasting are trying to get into the Cincinnati market by buying outlying stations and then seeking modification to move them closer to an urban area. While that might help their shareholders, it does nothing for communities like Georgetown, Ripley and West Union. Similar changes to the FM Table of Allotments are also pending in Hillsboro, Ohio, and Wilmington, Ohio. These too would move long established local radio stations closer to bigger cities.

From the F-C-C website I downloaded a consumer facts sheet on Broadcasting and Localism. It states: *Broadcasters are considered public trustees, afforded their spectrum so that they may serve the needs and interests of their communities of license. The obligation to provide such local service is fundamental.* By granting First Broadcasting's proposed changes for FM and AM radio facility modifications and allocations, the F-C-C could be opening the door for large company's to steal "local" radio stations from communities that have been well served by their stations for years.

This to me is a classic battle between corporate giants and people like me who value the service of local radio stations. Again FM station community of license changes should be a major modification, not just a simple, minor one like First Broadcasting is proposing.

I therefore request that you turn down RM-10960.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Jay Hanselman". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Kameron J. Hanselman