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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: KHFT(TV), Hobbs, New Mexico
MB Docket No. 05-317
TELEVISION STATION SECTION 339(a)(2)(D)(vii) WAIVER REQUEST

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Ramar Communications II, Ltd. ("Ramar"), licensee of television broadcast station KHFT, Hobbs, New Mexico (Albuquerque DMA), by its attorneys and pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's Public Notice, DA 05-2979, released November 17, 2005 ("Public Notice"), hereby requests a waiver to prohibit digital testing pursuant to the Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act of 2004 (the "Act").

The Public Notice sets forth the criteria under Section 339(a)(2)(D)(viii) of the Act which must be met by stations requesting a waiver. As set forth below, Ramar satisfies one of these criteria.

Ramar satisfies criterion (IV) -- "the station experiences a substantial decrease in its digital signal coverage area due to the necessity of using a side-mounted antenna." Attached hereto is the Declaration of Tee Thomas, KHFT(TV)'s Chief of Engineering, which makes clear that KHFT(TV)'s current digital facility operates with a side-mounted antenna, which in turn

leads to a decrease in KHFT(TV)'s digital signal coverage area.[1] KHFT(TV) therefore meets this waiver criterion, and a waiver is requested accordingly.

Should there be any questions regarding this matter, please direct them to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Dennis P. Corbett

DPC:rjc
Attachment
cc: Nazifa Sawez, FCC

[1] Should the Commission require any additional information concerning the impact of side-mounting on KHFT(TV)'s digital coverage, Ramar will provide it.

DECLARATION

Tee Thomas hereby declares under penalty of perjury as follows:

1. I am Chief of Engineering for KHFT(TV), Hobbs, New Mexico.

2. KHFT(TV)'s digital facilities presently operate with a side-mounted (ERI AL8) antenna close to the top of the tower structure with a .7 meter face. The antenna extends beyond the tower top along with 2 (two) other broadcast antenna (antenna 1 ERI AP16 29 antenna 2 ERI AL 8 45). All three antennas are mounted in close proximity to each other. The effect of mounting multiple antennas within close proximity to each other along with tower structure creates an effect of distorting the radiation pattern of all the antennas. This pattern distortion can produce a substantial loss of signal for KHFT's digital antenna at varying radiation angles.

Tee Thomas

Tee Thomas

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Date