



Champaign. WCIA is a CBS affiliate and WCFN is a My Network station. When Nexstar acquired these stations in 2003, WCFN operated as a satellite of WCIA. Nexstar has separated the stations and now provides totally separate programming for WCFN, including a 9:00 p.m., locally-produced half-hour newscast, Mondays through Fridays. Only through a combined main studio can a station such as WCFN – a My Network affiliate in a mid-sized market – afford to produce and broadcast local news. If the Commission forces Nexstar to maintain and staff a separate studio in Springfield for WCFN, the cost would adversely affect the station's programming and community service.

Another one of Nexstar's stations is WDHN, Dothan, Alabama. Dothan is the 172<sup>nd</sup>-ranked DMA. WDHN's main studio/office is in Webb, Alabama, which is a few miles outside of Dothan. What possible purpose would be served by forcing WDHN to relocate to Dothan? In a TV market of this size, every dollar is critical. The costs of such relocation – particularly right after the costs of the transition to digital – would affect all other aspects of the station's service to the public, which currently includes 16 hours a week of local news programming. And yet, while WDHN is licensed to Dothan, it serves the entire Dothan market. People who might want to visit the station are just as likely to live outside Dothan than in it.

Nexstar requests that the Commission reject the proposal to re-institute the pre-1987 requirement that a station's main studio be located within its community of license.

Respectfully submitted,

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