

Two excerpts from PUBLIC AND BROADCASTING 2008 by the Federal Communications Commission.

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" ... when a station is to be sold (technically called an assignment of the license), its licensee is to undergo a major transfer of stock or other ownership, or control (technically called a transfer of control), or the station proposes major facility changes. The applicant is required to publish a series of notices in the closest local newspaper, containing information similar to that noted above regarding renewal applications, when it files these types of applications. Upon receipt of the application, the FCC will issue a Public Notice and begin a 30-day period during which petitions to deny these applications may be filed.

"As with renewal applications, you can also file an informal objection to these types of applications, or any other applications, at any time before we either grant or deny the application."

If Public Notice Information for the WMFE-TV assignment filing with the FCC was published for a series of days in the Orlando Sentinel, the area's daily newspaper, it was not revealed in many key word searches performed in the newspaper's Classified and Public Notice information databases.

If it had been published and brought to the attention of newspaper readers, print or digital, it is possible more assertive actions might have been taken by many people who, from the press release and news reports, assumed there was nothing they could do to express their opinion on the proposed assignment of the non commercials educational NCE television license to Daystar Corporation. Seeing the words "sale" many people assumed the sale of WMFE -TV was finalized, it was a done deal.

The lack of complete and upfront information by WMFE-TV on this proposed sale is why this assignment should be denied. The atmosphere of this transaction is dark and cloudy.

The mysterious use of funds profited from such a sale to pay bills or fund public radio leaves many people and organizations, who invested in WMFE-TV for more than 40 years, distrusting of this proposed transaction.

The request is to deny the assignment of WMFE's non commercial TV license to Daystar Corporation. The FCC should mandate any future sale attempts by WMFE of the television license to be transparent with all information presented prior to any signing of a contract to sell, to individual donors, corporate and not for profit and the public with a statement with evidence validating why the sale is necessary with evidence why other options are not feasible.