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In re: WMKL-FM, Hammocks, FL
Facility ID# 61087
Call Communications Group, Inc.
BMPED-20070521AIL

Dear Applicant:

This letter is in reference to the above-captioned minor change application, as amended September 17, 2008, to modify the community of license, effective radiated power, class, antenna height, and location. WMKL also requests waiver of the contour overlap provisions of 47 C.F.R § 73.509. For the reasons stated below, we grant WMKL's waiver request and the application.

Waiver Request

An engineering review of the application reveals that WMKL's proposed facilities would result in prohibited contour overlap with the construction permit (BNPED-20071012AFQ) and the application (BMPED-20080207ABT) for the second-adjacent channel station WPDJ(FM), Trailtown, FL, in violation of § 73.509. Specifically, the proposed protected contour (60 dBu) totally encompasses the interfering contour (100 dBu) of WPDJ's construction permit and application. WMKL recognizes this violation and requests waiver of the contour overlap provisions of § 73.509.

In support of the waiver request, WMKL states that it will not cause interference to WPDJ. WMKL also claims that the grant of this waiver will extend its overall coverage area by 3,753 square kilometers, an increase of 176%. In addition, WMKL believes that it will provide new service to an estimated 59,907 persons. WMKL also indicates that this benefit heavily outweighs the potential for interference in a total area that constitutes 0.3% of the station's proposed service area. Moreover, WMKL cites *Educational Information Corporation*, 6 FCC Rcd 2207 (1991), as evidence of the Commission's willingness to consider waivers of such overlap in certain instances. Finally, WMKL considers the affected area to be *de minimis* and, when considered along with the increased service area, concludes that waiver of § 73.509 is warranted in this case.

Discussion

WMKL's request to receive second-adjacent channel overlap is similar to the request submitted by WCPE(FM), Raleigh, NC in the *Educational Information Corporation* case. In that case it was stated that:

The Commission has long recognized the unique characteristics of the noncommercial service and the need for flexibility to respond to the growing demand for such service. We are also more sensitive today to the increasing limitations within the reserved band which reflect the increased demand for service over the last 30 years. For these reasons, we are now inclined to grant waivers of second or third adjacent channel overlap in circumstances such as WCPE's, where the benefit of increased noncommercial educational service so heavily outweighs the potential for interference in very small areas. However, because of the concern for the ability of the stations causing interference to make any future changes in their own facilities, as discussed below, we believe that the waiver of interference received must be granted with the acknowledgement that future modifications proposed by the affected licensees will not be construed as a *per se* modification of the waiver recipient's license.

Accordingly, in light of the Commission's policy on this matter, the requested waiver of 47 C.F.R. § 73.509 will be granted.

Conclusion

We have afforded the request for waiver of §73.509 the "hard look" called for under *WAIT Radio v. FCC*, 418 F.2d 1153 (D.C. Cir. 1969), and find that the facts and circumstances presented in the applicant's justification is sufficient to establish that grant of the requested waiver would be in the public interest. Accordingly, WMKL's request for waiver of § 73.509 IS HEREBY GRANTED. Furthermore, application File No. BMPED-20070521AIL IS HEREBY GRANTED subject to the following condition:

Further modification of WPDJ, Trailtown, FL (Facility ID# 171713) will not be construed as a *per se* modification of WMKL's construction permit (BMPED-20070521AIL).

(See *Educational Information Corporation*, 6 FCC Rcd. 2207 (1991)).

The authorization is enclosed. These actions are taken pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 0.283.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodolfo F. Bonacci", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rodolfo F. Bonacci
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cc: Robert J. Robbins