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In re: Snavelly Broadcasting Company, LLC (SBC)
WIXIAM), Jasper, Alabama
Facility Identification Number: 60508
File Number: BP-20090624AAD

Dear Mr. Lepore:

This letter is in reference to: the above-captioned minor change application filed by SBC to increase daytime power from 1 kW to 12 kW, and the September 23, 2009, informal e-mail amendment to supply the ground system description. We noted that a request for waiver of Section 73.24(g) concerning the 1 V/m blanketing contour was included in the application.¹ We will grant the waiver and the application for the reasons shown below.

The applicant requests a waiver of Section 73.24(g) because the daytime 1 V/m contour covers 818 persons, or 3.4 percent of the 23,899 persons within the 25 mV/m contour. In support of the waiver request, the applicant states that: in numerous waiver requests, it has been noted that a 1 V/m field strength does not cause a blanketing problem in a vast majority of receivers; the 7 V/m contour has been shown to cause blanketing interference, and the population within that contour is zero; blanketing interference potential is minimal; and the applicant will correct all blanketing problems. As a result, we find that a grant of waiver of Section 73.24(g) is in the public interest, and is consistent with established Commission policy and outstanding precedents.

Accordingly, the request for waiver of Section 73.24(g) is GRANTED, and the application (File No. BP-20090624AAD) is GRANTED.

Sincerely,



Son Nguyen
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cc: Matt Folkert, DLR, Inc.
David Snavelly, President

¹ Section 73.24(g) requires that the population within the 1.0 V/m contour of a broadcast station must not exceed 1% of the population within the 25 mV/m contour.