

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

In re:)
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Imani Communications Corporation, Inc.)
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[D]WFBZ(FM), Selma, Alabama) Facility ID No. 18739

To: The Secretary
Attn: The Chief, Audio Division, Media Bureau

**PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION
OF TERMINATION OF OPERATING AUTHORITY
AND DELETION OF CALL SIGN**

Imani Communications Corporation, Inc. (“Imani”), by its attorney, pursuant to §1.106 of the Commission’s rules, hereby respectfully requests reconsideration of the April 6, 2012 letter of the Chief, Audio Division, Media Bureau, which terminated the operating authority of station WFBZ(FM), Selma, Alabama and deleted its call sign. As demonstrated herein, the licensee had prepared and filed a timely license renewal application but had inadvertently failed to follow through with the payment of the requisite filing fee. Moreover, the station has been providing an extremely valuable and unique service to its listeners, the continuation of which is strongly favored by the public interest.

As the Commission’s CDBS Electronic Filing System will verify, Imani did file a timely renewal application for WBFZ, which still bears file no. 20111201RAP. However, its status is designated “NOT PAID,” thus indicating that timely payment was not made. Consequently, the application was never processed. The licensee first became aware of this problem upon learning of the subject April 6 letter. Had an earlier indication been provided, the licensee would have

been able to cure the problem prior to expiration of its current license. Instead, having heard nothing from the FCC, the licensee assumed that the application process was complete. Further evidence of its good faith mistake lies in the fact, also documented in the CDBS Electronic Filing System, that in preparation for filing its license renewal application it had timely filed a Broadcast EEO Program Report on FCC Form 396 (file number 20111201QZY). That report did not require payment of a filing fee, and so its CDBS status is shown as "FILED."

In any event, Imani promptly retained undersigned counsel and has now refiled its license renewal application (FCC File No. 20120418AAD) (and paid the requisite filing fee), and has filed this petition for reconsideration. It also has filed a concurrent request for special temporary authority to resume operation pending processing of this petition and the application (FCC File No. 20120418AAF).

Immediately upon becoming aware of the letter, Imani ceased broadcasting over WBFZ. This is causing great deprivation among its listeners, who depend upon WBFZ as a multiple-format station geared towards the total expression of the black socio-economic, cultural, political, and spiritual experience in the black belt. In particular, for so long as the station remains silent, its listeners no longer will be able to receive the following regularly-scheduled programs which contribute greatly to the essential information available to the community:

Faya's Fire

This program airs Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. and features local attorney and community activist Faya Rose Toure' who educates the public on the significance of history and the need for social change. She shares her unique insights on becoming one's best self and teaches the importance of the principles of nonviolence.

GDC Files

This program airs on Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Hosted by Rev. & Malika A. Sanders Fortier, this program inspires the general public to get actively engaged in securing democracy by letting elected officials know how the general public feels about everyday issues impacting their daily lives. The program rests on the fundamental belief that "We the People" are the balance of power for our American Democracy.

A Public Conversation

This program airs on Monday and Wednesday from 12:00-2:00 p.m. and on Friday from 12:00-3:00 p.m. Previously designed and hosted by the famous late attorney, JL Chestnut, this program is continued with the founder's emphasis on community engagement. The program engages community discussion on being disenfranchised or powerless within a racially charged environment. Callers are encouraged to share their thoughts on any subject. The program is widely known for the instruction from the historic teaching corner which is played on some Fridays for what WBFZ has identified as the "brain-trust" of the late attorney as it asks the bequeathed and proverbial question: "What is on your cotton-pickin, pea pickin, corn shuckin, knee jerk, misguided mind?"

Law Lessons

This program airs each Wednesday from 2:00-2:30 p.m. Hosted by attorney and Alabama State Senator, Hank Sanders, this program addresses a variety of legal issues with a notable conversational style. Callers are frequently encouraged to seek legal advice while the host gives perspective as an attorney with over 40 years of legal experience.

Sunday School Lesson

This program airs on Sunday from 8:30-9:00 a.m. and features Senator Hank Sanders and Dr. Margaret Hardy who both give a review of the Sunday School Lesson. This show is widely listened to throughout the 16 counties which represent the coverage of WBFZ. The weekly lesson is often shared in a historical context with relevant illustrations involving the daily experience of talk show hosts and this is extremely important to the people of the black belt.

Nda Black

This is a thirty minute talk show about matters of financial hygiene. Callers are encouraged to call in with questions and comment about the financial concepts which are discussed on the show. The show airs on Tuesday and Thursday from 2:00-2:30 p.m.

True Selma

This program is provided as part of the station's emphasis to sustain community involvement featuring local people within the community who have a desire to see government work in the City of Selma. The program features a local minister, Rev. Eziekel Pettaway, community commentator, Lydda Chatman, and the board is run by Johnny Leashore who is an ex-council person from the Selma area. Complicated questions involving financing and community development are addressed in this community program.

A Christian Conversation •

This program is broadcast on Sunday evening from 5:00-6:00 p.m. and features talk show host Malika Sanders and co-host Latia Parker. The show focuses on biblical scripture and how to apply scripture to some very challenging life situations. Callers are encouraged to share their opinion and concern on the topics discussed along with any concern expressed about specific scriptures.

Sunday Shows

Sunday morning and afternoon have two other shared slots for community ministry from 11:30-12:30 and 4:30-5:00 p.m. These slots include broadcasts of the Beloved Community Church of Selma, Dr. Ray of Mississippi, and the Forever Faithful broadcast.

Public Service Announcements

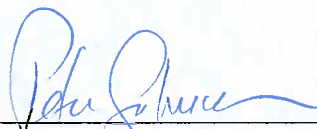
On each day of the week, the station makes a tremendous commitment to get out messages that involve both the church and general community. It has provision for community announcements be read every hour and many events i.e., parades, church announcements, school activities, rights of passage, governmental, water board, trash pick-up, and many other events and activities, are read over the airways of the station.

For the foregoing reasons, we respectfully submit that the Media Bureau should reconsider its April 6 letter and reinstate the operating authority and call sign of station WFBZ so that it may resume its unique and valuable service to Selma area listeners.

Respectfully Submitted,

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STATEMENT UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

Franklin B. Fortier states under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct of his personal knowledge:

1. I am the General Manager of station WBFZ(FM), Selma, Alabama.
2. I have read the foregoing Petition for Reconsideration. The facts stated therein are correct.


Franklin B. Fortier

April 17, 2012