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Subject: W61DG Morristown, TN

Sir, is this OK?

Even though W61DG was an out-of-core channel and would cause interference to land mobile allocations in this band, Digital Networks knew they had to get the station back on the air before the one year period. They knew they could not operate the channel 61 after December 31st, so on December 21, 2011, Mark Colombo went there to put the station back on the air.

The transmitter turned on, transmitting for a short time, then had a failure. At this time of the year, it is hard to get replacement parts, so it was doubtful it could be repaired before the end of the year. They had a digital companion channel and it was assumed the digital would be built soon, so a resumption of operation was not filed.

The manufacture of the digital transmitters is creating a new series of low-cost transmitters for Digital Networks and has had a rough time getting a product to operate over a long period of time, therefore, the digital was not built before the March date. The manufacture also caused Digital Networks to lose their Knoxville permit, so Digital Networks refilled to move the Morristown station to Knoxville which is pending.

Keeping this station is not only important to Digital Networks, it is important to the community. Digital Networks is working with Minority Media and Telecommunications Council ("MMTC") in a pilot program that will train minority candidates that are interested in becoming involved in broadcasting. Minority operation and eventual ownership goes hand-in-hand with the FCC's statement about low power TV: ***"The FCC created the Low Power Television service in 1982 to provide opportunities for locally-oriented television service in small communities. These communities may be in rural areas or may be individual communities within larger urban areas. LPTV service presents a less expensive and more flexible means of delivering programming tailored to the interests of viewers in small localized areas than traditional full service/power TV stations. It has created opportunities for new entry into television broadcasting, provided a means of local self-expression and permitted fuller use of the broadcast spectrum"***

It would be a tragedy to the community to lose such a vital training ground like this. Please do not let it happen.

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