

Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

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NBC Telemundo Licensee Attention: Margaret L. Tobey 300 New Jersey Avenue NW, Suite 700 Washington, D.C. 20001

L. Brent Bozell III Parents Television Council 325 South Patrick Street Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Re:

WRC-TV, Washington, D.C. File No. BRCT-20040601BDX Facility ID No. 47904

Dear Petitioner/Licensee:

On September 1, 2004, L. Brent Bozell III ("Petitioner") filed a petition to deny opposing the license renewal of Station WRC-TV, Washington, D.C., licensed to NBC Telemundo Licensee ("Licensee"). On October 1, 2004, the Licensee filed an opposition. For the reasons set forth below, we deny the petition to deny.

Background. Petitioner contends that the license renewal application for WRC-TV should not be renewed until indecency complaints against the station are adjudicated.

Section 309(k)(1) of the Communications Act of 1934 (the "Act") states that the Commission shall grant a license renewal application if it finds that (a) the station has served the public interest, convenience, and necessity; (b) there have been no serious violations of the Communications Act or Commission rules and regulations; and (c) there have been no other violations by the licensee of this Act or the rules or regulations of the Commission which, taken together, would constitute a pattern of abuse.¹ The Commission will designate a renewal application for hearing pursuant to Section 309(d)(1) of the Act if (a) the petitioner provides specific allegations of fact sufficient to show that such a grant would be prima facie inconsistent with the public interest² and (b) the allegations, taken together with any opposing evidence before the Commission, raise a substantial and material question of fact as to whether grant would serve the public interest.³

Discussion. With respect to numerous complaints raised by the Petitioner, the Commission has already ruled on the merits of the allegations and concluded that the material was not indecent.⁴ With

³ Astroline, 857 F.2d at 1561.

⁴NBC Telemundo Licensee, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 20 FCC Rcd 4813 (2005); NBC Telemundo Licensee, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 19 FCC Rcd 23025; Complaints by the Parents Television Council Against Various Broadcast Licensees Regarding Their Airing of Allegedly Indecent Material, Memorandum Opinion and Order, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 20 FCC Rcd 1931 (2005); Complaints by the Parents Television Council

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 309(k)(1).

² 47 U.S.C. §309(d)(1); Astroline Communications Co. Ltd. Partnership v. FCC, 857 F.2d 1556 (D.C. Cir. 1988) ("Astroline").

respect to any remaining active complaints, we do not rule on the merits of Petitioner's allegations but have reviewed the facts presented in the petition and conclude that, even if a violation were adjudicated, any such violation would not justify denial or designation of the license renewal application or demonstrate a pattern of non-compliant behavior.⁵

We therefore conclude that the petition does not allege violations that raise substantial and material questions of fact concerning the Licensee's qualifications or would otherwise justify designation of the Station license renewal application for hearing pursuant to section 309(k) of the Act.⁶ Accordingly, it is ordered that the petition to deny filed by L. Brent Bozell III **IS DENIED**.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Kreisman Chief, Video Division Media Bureau

Against Various Broadcast Licensees Regarding Their Airing of Allegedly Indecent Material, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 20 FCC Rcd 1920 (2005).

⁵ EZ New Orleans, Inc., Memorandum Opinion and Order, 15 FCC Rcd 7164 (1999); Eagle Radio, Inc., Memorandum Opinion and Order, 9 FCC Rcd 1294, 1295 (1994).

⁶Id.