

DECLARATION

I, Neil E. Hopper, declare as follows:

1. I am the President of Immanuel Broadcasting Network, Inc. ("IBN"), the licensee of FM Translator Station W265AV, Woodstock, Georgia, FCC Facility ID 28332 (the "IBN Translator"). IBN is a non-profit broadcaster whose mission is to provide continuous Christian music and Christ centered programming through our 24/7 broadcasts heard in Northwest Georgia, Northeast Alabama and Southeast Tennessee.

2. I have reviewed the Declaration of Nelson Rodriguez attached to the Emergency Petition for Relief filed on behalf of WJES(FM), Maysville, Georgia, FCC Facility ID 198772, regarding the IBN Translator.

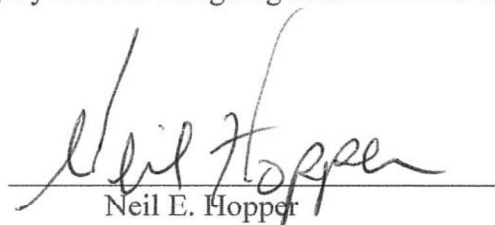
3. While it is the case that I met with Mr. Rodriguez on March 7, 2017, to explore claims of interference by WJES(FM) from the IBN Translator, I do not share in every respect the recollections of Mr. Rodriguez as to the causes of alleged interference to the receipt of WJES(FM) or the intentions of IBN. In particular, I do not agree with the implication of Mr. Rodriguez that IBN is not being cooperative with WJES(FM).

4. IBN has valid doubts as to whether the IBN Translator is causing interference to the receipt by *bona fide* regular listeners of WJES(FM), as claimed by Mr. Rodriguez. An engineering review indicates that WJES(FM) is predicted to receive interference from another source (a full power station), plus, WJES(FM) is predicted to have a stronger signal than the IBN Translator in the areas of expressed concern. That is why IBN asked WJES(FM) to cooperate by turning off its signal briefly in order to monitor the spectrum environment. WJES(FM) has not agreed to such testing. Nevertheless, IBN has asked an engineer to conduct field strength measurements, which can be scheduled when that engineer returns from an out-of-town assignment.

4. Further, the boilerplate language in the identical forms of Interference Complaint filed by WJES(FM) all opine that the interference is from W265AV. Given that the W265AV station identification is broadcast generally just three times a day (in conformance with Section 74.1283(c) of the Commission's Rules), it is more than curious that 40 or so purported regular, unaffiliated listeners could identify W265AV as the source of interference. Indeed, on March 7, Mr. Rodriguez confided to me that all the persons signing Interference Complaints on his behalf were either relatives of Mr. Rodriguez or members of his congregation, doing him a favor. Thus, they are not disinterested, *bona fide* regular listeners of WJES(FM).

5. Nevertheless, given that IBN's further engineering review has been deferred due to the engineer's current lack of availability, IBN has today reduced the effective radiated power of the IBN Translator by approximately twenty percent, on a temporary basis. IBN looks forward to further cooperation with Mr. Rodriguez, including a comprehensive engineering review of the spectrum environment.

I authorize the submission of this Declaration to the Federal Communications Commission. I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statements are true and correct.


Neil E. Hopper

Executed on March 24, 2017