

Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

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In Reply Refer to: 1800B3-PPD

Immanuel Broadcasting Network, Inc. P.O. Box 1000 Cartersville, GA 30120

In re: W265AV, Woodstock, GA File No. BLFT-20140915AAD Facility ID No. 28332

Interference Complaint

Dear Licensee:

This refers to the interference complaint filed by Nelson Rodriguez on February 3, 2017 (Complaint).¹ The Complaint alleges that W265AV is interfering with the reception of WJES(FM), Maysville, Georgia.

Pursuant to 47 CFR § 74.1203, W265AV is required to eliminate any actual interference it causes. Therefore, it is necessary for W265AV to submit a detailed report on each complaint even if the complainant might have been addressed in a previous proceeding. For each complaint, the report must include: (1) the name and address of the complainant; (2) specific devices receiving the interference (i.e. type of device, manufacturer's name, model number, and serial number); and (3) any assistance provided by W265AV for each device allegedly receiving the interference and whether such interference persists. Each of the complaints must be addressed <u>individually</u>.

The Commission's Rules regarding FM translators restrict FM translator stations to operate strictly on a secondary basis and limit their service. Section $74.1203(a)(3)^2$ states that an FM translator station will not be permitted to continue to operate if it causes any actual radio signal interference to the direct reception by the public of the off-the-air signals of any authorized broadcast station.³ Actual interference is based on listener complaints indicating that the signal they regularly receive is being

² 47 CFR § 74.1203(a)(3).

¹ Mr. Rodriguez filed an Emergency Petition for Relief on March 21, 2017, which included additional listener complaints. On March 24, 2017, Neil E. Hopper, President of Immanuel Broadcasting Network, Inc. (IBN), filed a Declaration stating IBN's concerns about the listener complaints, and IBN's plans to conduct an engineering review, but in the meantime IBN has reduced the effective radiated power by about 20%. On March 28, 2017, Mr. Rodriguez filed a Supplement to Emergency Petition for Relief, which included additional listener complaints.

³ An FM translator station creating actual radio signal interference to any authorized broadcast station is obligated to eliminate the interference, regardless of the location where the impaired signal reception occurs.

impaired by the signal radiated by the FM translator station. Section 74.1203(b)⁴ states that if the interference cannot be properly eliminated by the application of suitable techniques, the operation of the offending FM translator station shall be suspended and shall not be resumed until the interference has been eliminated.

Within thirty days of this letter, W265AV must take appropriate actions required by the provisions of 47 CFR § 74.1203 to resolve <u>all</u> complaints of interference to fulfill its obligations. Further action on this complaint will be withheld for a period of thirty days from the date of this letter to provide W265AV an opportunity to respond. Failure to correct <u>all</u> complaints within this time may require W265AV to suspend operation pursuant to 47 CFR § 74.1203.

Sincerely,

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