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BY ELECTRONIC MAIL

May 5, 2017

Mr. James Bradshaw, Deputy Chief
Audio Services Division
Media Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Interference to WJES

Dear Mr. Bradshaw:

This is further to my previous communications regarding interference to my client's FM station, WJES, Maysville, Georgia, caused by FM translator station W256AV.

I have previously submitted to the FCC signed complaints from 56 members of the public complaining about interference caused by W256AV to their reception of WJES. In response to those complaints, you issued a letter dated April 3, 2017, to the licensee of W256AV, Immanuel Broadcasting Network, Inc. You ordered Immanuel to eliminate the interference that it causes and to submit a "detailed report on each complaint" within 30 days. That 30-day period expired on May 3, 2017.

Immanuel has filed an application for an STA to operate with reduced power, which you have granted. In a letter submitted to the Commission on May 3, 2017, Immanuel states that as of that date, W256AV was being operated at 50% power.

Immanuel's response to this problem has been inadequate and ineffective. The interference persists to the present time. Attached is a new Declaration dated May 5, 2017, from my client, Nelson Rodriguez, the licensee of WJES. He reports that substantial interference to WJES is still being caused by W256AV throughout much of the WJES listening area. By way of directly following up on the prior complaints, Mr. Rodriguez visited a sample of the sites identified by the complainants in February and March (four separate locations) where interference was occurring. Those visits occurred on May 4, 2017. Mr. Rodriguez found that substantial interference was still occurring at each of those sites – even after Immanuel said that its translator was operating with reduced power.

Furthermore, Immanuel was directed in your April 3 letter to submit a detailed report on its efforts to resolve the interference complaint with each complainant. I am not aware that any such report has been submitted, or that Immanuel has made any effort at all to contact the complainants and resolve their interference problems. In the absence of any indication from Immanuel on this point, it appears that Immanuel has exhibited blatant disregard for your directive.

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My client and the members of the public attempting to listen to WJES have suffered enough. We originally raised this matter with the FCC some three months ago. In view of the circumstances described above, I respectfully request that you immediately direct Immanuel to take W265AV off the air until it has satisfactorily resolved these interference problems.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald E. Martin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Donald E. Martin
Counsel for Nelson Rodriguez

Attachment: Declaration of Nelson Rodriguez

cc (via email): Robert Gates
Parul Desai
Marissa Repp

DECLARATION OF NELSON RODRIGUEZ

Nelson Rodriguez deposes and states as follows:

I am the licensee of FM broadcast station WJES, Maysville, Georgia (Facility ID #198772). I filed with the FCC an Interference Complaint on February 3, 2017, and an Emergency Petition for Relief on March 21, 2017, in both of which I presented evidence that FM translator station W265AV is causing interference to WJES. This evidence included signed declarations from 56 listeners to WJES stating that they received interference from W265AV when attempting to listen to WJES at 56 different locations.

On April 3, 2017, the FCC issued a letter to Immanuel Broadcasting Network, Inc., the licensee of W265AV, ordering it to eliminate the interference it was causing to the reception of WJES within 30 days.

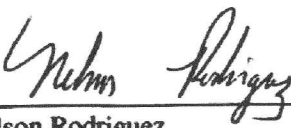
On May 3, 2017, Immanuel submitted a statement to the FCC indicating that as of that date, it had begun to operate W265AV at "50%." Despite that, W265AV continues to cause substantial interference to the reception of WJES throughout much of the WJES listening area.

On May 4, 2017, I visited a sampling of four of the 56 locations named in my previous filings as places where W265AV was causing interference to the reception of WJES. At each of these four locations, I heard the signal from W265AV continuing to cause substantial interference to the reception of WJES.

Here are the addresses of those four locations:

1842 Hawks Ridge Court, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30043
764 Avalon Forest Way, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30044
150 Timber Valley Lane, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30043
405 Philip Boulevard, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30046.

The foregoing statement is based on my personal knowledge, is true and correct, and is given under the penalty of perjury.



Nelson Rodriguez

5/5/17

Date