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## **BY ELECTRONIC MAIL**

May 25, 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:

On behalf of Nelson Rodriguez, licensee of WJES(FM), Maysville, Georgia, I am writing in response to an email received today from Parul Desai regarding interference caused to WJES by the FM translator station W265AV, licensed to Immanuel Broadcasting Network. We appreciate the time and attention that Commission staff has given to this matter. However, today's message was capriciously prejudicial to WJES. Immanuel was given an unrequested and unwarranted six-week extension of time, until June 15, 2017, in which to resolve the outstanding interference complaints against W265AV. This delay in this proceeding places additional excessive stress upon the economic viability of WJES.

Mr. Rodriguez first submitted a group of listener complaints about interference to WJES caused by W265AV on February 3, 2017. Immanuel has been aware of this problem at least since then. Mr. Rodriguez subsequently submitted more listener complaints. Altogether, complaints from 56 individuals were submitted to the Commission. By a letter dated April 3, 2017, the Audio Division directed Immanuel to eliminate all interference caused by W265AV and to report back to the Commission on its efforts with respect to every complainant – by May 3, 2017.

The deadline for Immanuel to respond was three weeks ago. Rodriguez is not aware of any effort that Immanuel has made to eliminate interference with respect to the 56 specific complainants or of any report it may have filed with the Commission. Immanuel has not explained why it failed to meet that deadline and has not requested any additional time. Yet, the Audio Division has gratuitously extended Immanuel's deadline without explanation or justification.

Meanwhile, the destructive interference to the WJES signal has continued to the present. Members of the public attempting to listen to WJES have been precluded from using that service. Furthermore, the flight of advertisers away from WJES because of the station's corrupted signal has jeopardized its very existence. It is now approaching four months since this problem was brought to the Commission's attention. While Immanuel has totally disregarded its obligations under the Commission's rules and the April 3 letter, WJES is dying on the vine. Mr. James Bradshaw May 25, 2017 Page 2

Mr. Rodriguez respectfully requests that you take immediate steps to enforce Section 74.1203 of the Commission's rules. W265AV must immediately cease causing interference to WJES, even if that means the translator must go silent. In view of Immanuel's flagrant disregard for the Commission's rules and the existential crisis that WJES is experiencing, there is no justification for waiting until June 15 for the agency to take action.

We will appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Donald E. Martin Counsel for Nelson Rodriguez

cc (via email): Parul Desai Marissa Repp