Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of)	
WRPX, INC.)	Facility ID No. 141819
FM Translator Station W279DD Hudson, WI)))	RECEIVED - FCC
To: Chief, Audio Division, Media	Bureau	AUG 2 4 2017

INTERFERENCE COMPLAINT

Federal Communications Commission Bureau / Office

- 1. Stewards of Sound, Inc. ("Stewards") hereby submits this complaint against WPRX, Inc. ("WPRX") based on interference caused by WPRX's FM Translator Station W279DD, Hudson, WI, to reception by regular listeners of primary station WWIB, Facility ID 63428, Hallie, WI. Stewards is the licensee of WWIB. Both W279DD and WWIB operate on Channel 279, so the interference is co-channel and not resolvable except by modification of the translator's facilities or cessation of operation of the translator.
 - 2. Section 74.1203(a) of the Commission's Rules provides as follows:
 - § 74.1203 Interference.
 - (a) An authorized FM translator or booster station will not be permitted to continue to operate if it causes any actual interference to:
 - (3) The direct reception by the public of the off-the-air signals of any authorized broadcast station.... Interference will be considered to occur whenever reception of a regularly used signal is impaired by the signals radiated by the FM translator or booster station, regardless of the quality of such reception, the strength of the signal so used, or the channel on which the protected signal is transmitted.

¹ The community of license is misspelled as "Husdon" in CDBS Station Search.

- 3. Stewards has received complaints from regular listeners to WWIB that they can no longer receive WWIB because of interference.² The listeners are located in the geographic area between the WWIB and W279DD transmitter sites, so it is apparent that W279DD is the source of the interference. Attached as Exhibit 1 are complaints from ten listeners. Also attached as Exhibit 2 is a map showing where the listeners are located, along with the 60, 50, and 40 dBu contours of both W279DD and WWIB.³ The licensee has confirmed to counsel that the initial complaints were spontaneous and that none of the listeners is affiliated with WWIB or a family member of any WWIB owner or employee.
- 4. In each case, the complaint was initiated by the listener, either in writing or by telephone. WWIB then contacted the listeners to flesh out each of the elements the Commission requires:
 - a. Contact information for the listener.
 - b. Type of device used to listen to the station.
 - c. Date when interference was observed.
 - d. Statement that the complainant is a regular listener.
 - e. Locations where the listener used to be able to hear the primary station but no longer can.

W279DD has been operating with its present facilities since May of 2016; see File No. BLFT-20160502ABR. Stewards starting receiving complaints many months ago, and the complaints indicated that interference started in the summer of 2016. Stewards deferred filing this complaint until it had an opportunity to approach WRPX privately and also had time to document complaints carefully to meet the Commission's requirements for interference complaints. Stewards did call the interference problem to the attention of WRPX's technical consultant, but WRPX has not taken any action to modify the translator's facilities.

The service contours are shown only for informational purposes. Section 73.1203(a) of the Rules explicitly states that interference is prohibited regardless of the primary station's signal strength.

After WWIB completed written narratives of what the listeners said, the reports were submitted back to the listeners, with an opportunity for the listeners to provide additional information; and the listeners then signed the narrative.

5. In sum, the evidence establishes that translator station W279DD is causing interference to reception of WWIB by a significant number of regular listeners to WWIB, WWIB's listeners have complained about the interference and wish to be able to listen to WWIB again, the listeners initiated contact with WWIB, and each listener reviewed and revalidated his/her complaint by supplementing and signing a written report of the details.

6. In light of these circumstances, Stewards requests that the Commission issue a letter directing WRPX to cease operation and not to resume unless and until modified facilities have been authorized and constructed that curtail the reach of W279DD's signal to the east in the direction of WWIB and no longer cause interference to WWIB.

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August 24, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Tannenwald

Counsel for Stewards of Sound, Inc.

EXHIBIT 1

Documentation of 10 Listener Complaints

January 30, 2017 2020-SB-I was once again so very disappointed to punch my 103,7 radio button and get some other station This has been happening for some teme now. How can another station Come on the exact call nepurber ?? il want my WWIB back! Lerida Melson Leldowelle, WI

It was a pleasure to be able to visit with your!

Pat Wahl, Chief Engineer

WWIB/WOGO Radio

2396 Hallie Road

Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Linda Nelson

N6852 490th Street

Beldenville, WI 54003-5501

Dear Linda,

Thank you, again, for being the first to write us in January about the interference you have experienced from the new signal at 103.7. As a follow-up, it was recommended that we contact you for more information which the FCC may request. As I went through these four questions with you on the phone on Monday, I filled out the format below with your answers. I know it's a very busy summer, so could I just ask you to look it over and add to or correct anything to the best of your recollection. Before signing, could you check the box for your current situation if you: (1) ☐ can't listen to WWIB at all anymore, (2) ☐ can get WWIB only sometimes, or (3) ② can get WWIB, but the signal breaks up so much that it's very hard to listen. Feel free to add any personal comments too. This page will be provided to the FCC staff, so your voice is heard:

Device used to listen: Sony "under counter" kitchen radio. Car radio.

Locations you used to listen to wwib: Kitchen, Car.

When interference started: "late spring/early-summer" Hard to say, shortly after heart surgery- in Oct.

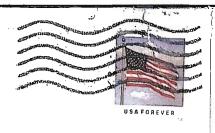
Stating you are a regular listener: "definitely very, very regular" Radio always on wwib except for brief tuning to the River Falls station for morning community announcements.

Additional comments:

Signed: < Date: Thanks,

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WW IB.

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to know this.

Hi Mabel Louise

I mis hearing you.

I do see you at Ournal Legacy 5

concerts . Love & Prayer

Marlys Keefe

Pat Wahl, Chief Engineer

WWIB/WOGO Radio

2396 Hallie Road

Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Marlys O'Keefe

N6869 570th Street

Beldenville, WI 54003-5509

Dear Marlys,

Thank you, again, for your letter back in February about the interference you have experienced from the new signal at 103.7. As a follow-up, it was recommended that we contact you for more information which the FCC may request. As I went through these four questions with you on the phone on Monday, I filled out the format below with your answers. I know it's a very busy summer, so could I just ask you to look it over and add to or correct anything to the best of your recollection. Before signing, could you check the box for your current situation if you:

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Device used to listen: Bose radio.

Locations you used to listen to wwib: Kitchen.

When interference started: "not sure".

Stating you are a regular listener: "looking for old favorites" on Sunday nights.

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Thanks,	ν		

april 13 2017 Shanks so much for speaking with me today. Me very much enjoy listening to WNIB but sometimes we have reciption problems with another station at our home-which Boyceville W1 54725 - God Bless! Karen Adams

Pat Wahl, Chief Engineer WWIB/WOGO Radio 2396 Hallie Road

Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Karen Adams

E1943 1070th Avenue

Boyceville, WI 54725

Dear Karen,

Thank you, again, for your letter back in April about the interference you have experienced from the new signal at 103.7. As a follow-up, it was recommended that we contact you for more information which the FCC may request. As I went through those four questions with you on the phone on Monday, I filled out the format below with your answers. I know it's a very busy summer, so could I just ask you to look it over and add to or correct anything to the best of your recollection. Before signing, could you check the box for your current situation if you:

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Device used to listen: Home stereo system using external antenna.

Locations you used to listen to wwib: Kitchen, on top of fridge.

When interference started: "about a year ago."

Stating you are a regular listener: "listen every day" and have been listening since June, 1982.

Additional comments

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Station broad	asting over another-was very annoying. Just out of uned WWIB in 2 weeks ago. The signal is much server what changed gust that it doesn't break up
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Thanks,	

I received the follow-up form today from Karen Adams. See scan of completed form for details.

I called her at 4:44 pm to ask her to explain her additional comments. She told me that she was unsure how to respond to the box check for "your current situation." She said she still experiences interference, but since, in the last two weeks, she has been able to listen in spite of the interference, she wanted to be completely honest and felt she could not choose option (3).

I am concerned that this change in circumstance for Karen may not have a basis other than temporary reception issues, such as seasonal foliage shielding or atmospheric ducting. Since Karen's interference issue was sustained over a longer period of time, I think this temporary improvement may not disqualify her complaint, but might be held tentatively to be proved out in the coming several weeks. I thanked Karen for her candor.

Pat Wahl

Karen Adams

E1943 1070th Avenue

Boyceville, WI 54725

Dear Karen,

Thank you, again, for your letter back in April about the interference you have experienced from the new signal at 103.7. As a follow-up, it was recommended that we contact you for more information which the FCC may request. As I went through those four questions with you on the phone on Monday, I filled out the format below with your answers. I know it's a very busy summer, so could I just ask you to look it over and add to or correct anything to the best of your recollection. Before signing, could you check the box for your current situation if you:

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Device used to listen: Home stereo system using external antenna.

Locations you used to listen to wwib: Kitchen, on top of fridge

When interference started: "about a year ago."

Stating you are a regular listener: "listen every day" and have been listening since June, 1982.

Additional comments:

4/13/17 phone call from
Roger Castleberg in maiden
Rock, WI with interference at
nos home. He win send us a
letter. 715 448 4876
N860 1909h
Maiden Rock, WI 54250

Pat Wahl, Chief Engineer WWIB/WOGO Radio 2396 Hallie Road Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Roger Castleberg

N860 190th Avenue

Maiden Rock, WI 54750

Dear Roger,

Thank you, again, for your phone call in April about the interference you have experienced from the new signal at 103.7. As a follow-up, it was recommended that we contact you for more information which the FCC may request. As I went through these four questions with you on the phone last night, I filled out the format below with your answers. I know it's a very busy summer, so could I just ask you to look it over and add to or correct anything to the best of your recollection. Before signing, could you check the box for your current situation if you: (1) \Box can't listen to WWIB at all anymore, (2) \Box can get WWIB only sometimes, or (3) \Box can get WWIB, but the signal breaks up so much that it's very hard to listen. Feel free to add any personal comments too. This page will be provided to the FCC staff, so *your* voice will be heard:

Device used to listen: "Long, slender AC/DC type" Car radio.

Locations you used to listen to wwib: Mornings in the bathroom, In the car.

When interference started: "can't remember more than last year or so for sure."

Stating you are a regular listener: "every day" and started listening in 1980.

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Thanks,

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Dear Pat, tween Baldwin receivee) in the house or the car unless we head East far enough. Susje & Denny Monicken

Pat Wahl, Chief Engineer WWIB/WOGO Radio 2396 Hallie Road Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Susie Monicken

222 County Road BB

Baldwin, WI 54002

Dear Susie,

Thank you, again, for your letter on April 15 about the interference you have experienced from the new signal at 103.7. As a follow-up, it was recommended that we contact you for more information which the FCC may request. As I went through these four questions with you on the phone Thursday, I filled out the format below with your answers. I know it's a very busy summer, so could I just ask you to look it over and add to or correct anything to the best of your recollection. Before signing, could you check the box for your current situation if you: (1) acron't listen to WWIB at all anymore, (2) can get WWIB only sometimes, or (3) can get WWIB, but the signal breaks up so much that it's very hard to listen. Feel free to add any personal comments too. This page will be provided to the FCC staff, so your voice will be heard:

Device used to listen: Home stereo with wire antenna. Car & truck radio. Radio

Locations you used to listen to wwib: In the house, garage, basement and in vehicles.

When interference started: "last summer sometime."

Stating you are a regular listener: "almost every day" listening since December of 1975.

Additional comments:

NWIB was our Source for State + area news, events, happenings, family resources, good teaching + info. Now its just gone & was get w D & Vinstead at 103.7 FM. Signed: Ausan C. Monicken Date: Fuly 25, 2017

Thanks, Pai april 19, 2019 SMINT PALE MM 550

Dear Mr Wall, 19 AFR 2017 FM 1 1

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Thank your wilson will

Mr Pat Wall WWIB Radio 2396 Hallie Rol Chippewa Jalla Ulis 54729

Pat Wahl, Chief Engineer WWIB/WOGO Radio 2396 Hallie Road Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Fran Kromrey

2902 60th Avenue

Wilson, WI 54027

Dear Fran,

Thank you, again, for your letter on April 19 about the interference you have experienced from the new signal at 103.7. As a follow-up, it was recommended that we contact you for more information which the FCC may request. As I went through these four questions with Keith on the phone Thursday, I filled out the format below with your answers. I know it's a very busy summer, so could I just ask you to look it over and add to or correct anything to the best of your recollection. Before signing, could you check the box for your current situation if you: (1) and can't listen to WWIB at all anymore, (2) can get WWIB only sometimes, or (3) can get WWIB, but the signal breaks up so much that it's very hard to listen. Feel free to add any personal comments too. This page will be provided to the FCC staff, so your voice will be heard:

Device used to listen: Kitchen counter type radio. Car radio.

Locations you used to listen to wwib: In the kitchen. In the car.

When interference started: Late spring/summer. 2016

Stating you are a regular listener: Fran listening daily, Keith not as much but does listen.

Additional comments:

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and the car in the car as far away as Hudson
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Thanks, We Nort get WOGO either
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Dear Pat

Concerning an overside to the WWIB radio Station. I certainly seel this is an issue for me so I have not been listening to your station. I most certainly have the problem at our home and somewhat in the car. I would love to hear your programing again if that is possible.

Sencirely Brenda Cogbill Box 156 Char Lake WI

715 263 2967

54005

405 Hwy 63 Clear lake

"Rejoice in the Lord always...."

Philippians 4:4 NIV



Pat Wahl, Chief Engineer

WWIB/WOGO Radio

2396 Hallie Road

Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Brenda Cogbill

Box 156

Clear Lake, WI 54005-0156

Dear Brenda,

Thank you, again, for your letter on April 23 about the interference you have experienced from the new signal at 103.7. As a follow-up, it was recommended that we contact you for more information which the FCC may request. As I went through these four questions with you on the phone this morning, I filled out the format below with your answers. I know it's a very busy summer, so could I just ask you to look it over and add to or correct anything to the best of your recollection. Before signing, could you check the box for your current situation if you: (1) can't listen to WWIB at all anymore, (2) can get WWIB only sometimes, or (3) can get WWIB, but the signal breaks up so much that it's very hard to listen. Feel free to add any personal comments too. This page will be provided to the FCC staff, so your voice will be heard:

Device used to listen: Portable radio. Car radio.

Locations you used to listen to wwib: Bathroom in the morning. In the car.

When interference started: "can't remember"

Stating you are a regular listener: "daily basis" for "many years."

Additional comments: y cannot get wwIB at home on the hadio

but traveling north further of get it accasionally in

the car

Signed: Blanda S. Cyplil Date: 7-21-17

Thanks,

5/16/17 phone cau:

Tom Moe in Glenwood City has interference as his farm, 203 Cassel Acres, Glenwood City 54013.

He sald he will send a letter

715 928 2577

-via posser maril-- Recent ed mon, July 31,2017 - Recent ed mon, July 31,2017 Pat Wahl-WWIB I have been a listened to with Radio for over 30 years. I sely or WWIB 103.7 FM for much of My lotal record and information. Decently, since late spring of 2016 it now been more afficient to receive a cleare and strong signal. I live in Genwood Cety, CUI and Jann 3/2 mela WW of Ofenwood city. The interference Comes from a station from the Town Cities. I was able to necesse whith to New Richmond, WI without trouble. Thank for phone#715-928-2511 Thomas E. Mol 203 Cassefacres drive Glenwood City, we 540/5

Monday, July 17, 2017

Pat Wahl, Chief Engineer

WWIB/WOGO Radio

2396 Hallie Road

Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Tom Moe

203 Cassel Acres

Glenwood City, WI 54013

Dear Tom,

Thank you, again, for your phone call back in May about the interference you have experienced from the new signal at 103.7. As a follow-up, it was recommended that we contact you for more information which the FCC may request. As I went through those four questions with you on the phone on Monday, I filled out the format below with your answers. I know it's a very busy summer, so could I just ask you to look it over and add to or correct anything to the best of your recollection. Before signing, could you check the box for your current situation if you:

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Device used to listen: Kitchen counter radio, truck and car radios.

Locations you used to listen to wwib: At the farm, kitchen, truck & car.

When interference started: Since "last June."

Stating you are a regular listener: "am a full-time listener" tuning in since 1981.

Additional comments:

Signed: MMOD MOC

 $_{\text{Date}}$: $/\sqrt{20}$

Thanks,

Jerry Holman 710 Hillcrest St. Baldwin WI 54002 May 25, 2017 Pat Wahl WWIB radio 2396 Hallie Road Chippewa Falls, WI 54729 Hello-Well here goes I'm mad as hell that WDBY is pushing God's peoplé around. It's David and Goliath all over again. WD6 must back down. That's David un.
WD6 & must par.
Sall I have to say.
Sincerely
Jesone R Holman

Jerry Holman 710 Hillcrastst Baldwin, WI 54002

Pat Wahl, Chief Engineer

WWIB/WOGO Radio

2396 Hallie Road

Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Jerry Holman

710 Hillcrest Street

Baldwin, WI 54002

Dear Jerry,

Thank you, again, for your letter on May 25 about the interference you have experienced from the new signal at 103.7. As a follow-up, it was recommended that we contact you for more information which the FCC may request. As I went through these four questions with you on the phone Thursday, I filled out the format below with your answers. I know it's a very busy summer, so could I just ask you to look it over and add to or correct anything to the best of your recollection. Before signing, could you check the box for your current situation if you: (1) can't listen to WWIB at all anymore, (2) \square can get WWIB only sometimes, or (3) \square can get WWIB, but the signal breaks up so much that it's very hard to listen. Feel free to add any personal comments too. This page will be provided to the FCC staff, so your voice will be heard:

Device used to listen: Car radio.

Locations you used to listen to wwib: Doesn't listen in the house, but tunes for us in the car at home and around town. Lives in town, Baldwin.

When interference started: "last year"

Stating you are a regular listener: listens on a "weekly basis."

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Sue Steward <ssteward@wwib.com>

Form Response: Contact 103.7 WWIB

WWIB Radio <forms@wwib.com> Reply-To: DUNNHAVEN86@gmail.com To: studio@wwib.com

Sat, Jul 15, 2017 at 1:18 PM

Contact 103.7 WWIB

Q: E-mail

A: DUNNHAVEN86@gmail.com

Q: Name

A: Barbara Bartz

Q: Question/comment

A: I love your radio station! I MISS YOUR RADIO STATION! I would like to listen to it, but I can not get it anymore. I live near Connorsville WI and south of Downing. I need to hear you guys again. I believe that there are others who would also like to listen. How can I get you on the radio?! Again?! I know live steaming, but my computer shuts off after awhile. Help!

Q: Can this be used on air?

A: Yes

Additional Information Source: google.com

IP Address: 184.158.17.192 Server Time: 2017-07-15 14:18:46

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Dear WWIB,

I love your radio station! I MISS YOUR RADIO STATION! I would like to listen to it, but I can not get it anymore. I live near Connorsville WI and south of Downing. I need to hear you guys again. I believe that there are others who would also like to listen. How can I get you on the radio?! Again?! I know live steaming, but my computer shuts off after awhile. Help!

Thank You,

Barbara Bartz

August 11, 2017

Monday, July 24, 2017

Pat Wahl, Chief Engineer WWIB/WOGO Radio 2396 Hallie Road

Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Barbara Bartz

N12199 County Road Q

Downing, WI 54734

Dear Barb,

Thank you, again, for your email on Saturday about the interference you have experienced from the new signal at 103.7. As a follow-up, it was recommended that we contact you for more information which the FCC may request. As I went through these four questions with you on the phone today, I filled out the format below with your answers. I know it's a very busy summer, so could I just ask you to look it over and add to or correct anything to the best of your recollection. Before signing, could you check the box for your current situation if you either ...

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Device used to listen: "under-counter kitchen, alarm clock radio, stereo, portable, and car"

Locations you used to listen to wwib: kitchen, bedroom and in the car.

When interference started: "summer of 2016"

Stating you are a regular listener: "I have it on 24/7" Started listening 30 years ago.

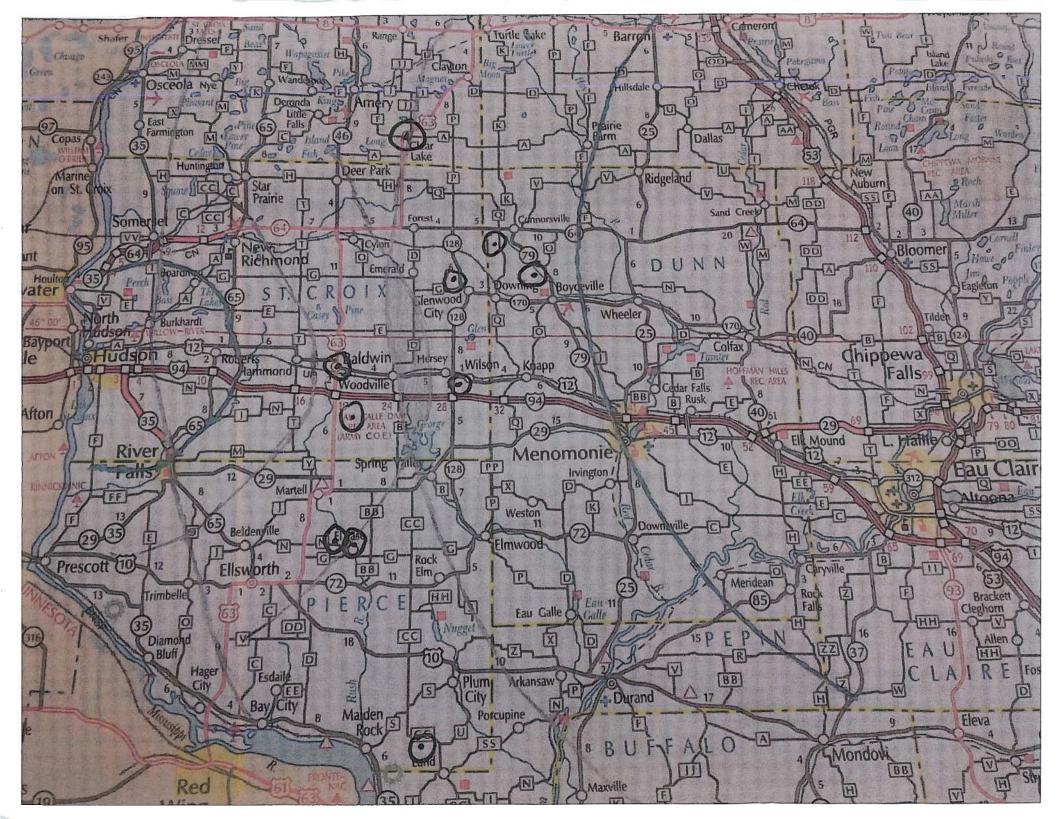
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Thanks,

EXHIBIT 2

Map of Complaint Locations and Service Contours



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Evelyn M. Ojea, do hereby certify that I have, this 24th day of August, 2017, caused to be sent by first class United States mail, postage prepaid, copies of the foregoing "Interference Complaint" to the following:

WRPX, Inc. P.O. Box 25130 St. Paul, MN 55125

James A. Koerner, Esq. 7020 Richard Drive Bethesda, MD 20817 Counsel for WRPX, Inc.

A copy will also be sent by e-mail to:

Robert Gates (robert.gates@fcc.gov) Audio Division Media Bureau Federal Communications Commission Washington, DC 20554

Evelyn M. O ea