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Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of)
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WRPX, INC.)
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FM Translator Station W279DD)
Hudson, WI)

Facility ID No. 141819

Received-FCC

OCT 31 2018

To: Chief, Audio Division, Media Bureau

Bureau / Office

RENEWED INTERFERENCE COMPLAINT

1. Stewards of Sound, Inc. (“Stewards”) hereby submits this renewed interference complaint against WRPX, Inc. (“WRPX”) based on interference caused by WRPX’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. This renewed complaint is based on the translator’s newly constructed facilities.

2. Stewards filed an interference complaint with respect to W279DD on August 24, 2017. After a cycle of pleadings, the Media Bureau directed the translator to cease operation. *Letter to James A. Koerner, Esq.*, ref. 1800B3-KV, dated June 11, 2018.

3. WRPX subsequently applied for, and on July 13, 2018, was granted, a construction permit to modify the translator facility to include a directional antenna, with the main lobe oriented away from WWIB, File No. BPFT-20180627AAB. Stewards did not file an objection to the construction permit application, because until the translator began operating with the new directional antenna, there was no way to determine whether actual interference would still be

caused to reception by WWIB's regular listeners. The directional facility was subsequently constructed and licensed under File No. BLFT-20180801ABO, granted September 12, 2018.

4. After the modified translator facilities were placed into operation, Stewards sent questionnaires to the listeners who had previously complained about interference. Some responded that reception of WWIB had improved. However, four listeners continued to complain of inability to receive WWIB. Their locations are in Boyceville, Wilson, Downing, and Baldwin, Wisconsin, with one listener also complaining about reception in Hammond.

5. Attached are the questionnaires returned by the four listeners who continue to be unable to receive and listen to WWIB, including the name and address of each listener. Also attached is a map showing locations of the communities where complaining listeners live or travel. A second map shows that all the locations but Hammond are located within the WWIB 54 dBu contour.

6. In light of the foregoing, Stewards submits that the directionalization of the translator's antenna has not resolved all listener complaints¹ and that WRPX must be directed again to cease operation, reduce power overall, or at a minimum to reduce power further in the direction of WWIB.

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October 31, 2018

¹ All complaints must be resolved. See *Letter to Arohi Media, LLC*, ref. 1800B3-IB, Audio Division, dated August 30, 2018.

EXHIBIT 1

Documentation of 4 Remaining Listener Complaints

Pat,

Just a note of request. Could you please play some old hymns throughout the day. Those new songs are like rap music and are just noise. The old hymns tell a story of Jesus' love. There are a lot of country music singers who have made

ing to wwib at 103.7 FM?

ference.

Date: _____

I sometimes receive wwib at 103.7 with occasional or regular interference.

Date: Aug. 25, 18 Saturdays are the worst.

I cannot receive wwib at 103.7 FM due to regular interference.

Date: _____

Name: Fran Kromrey Address: 60th Ave Wilson WI 59029

Your response will REALLY make a difference!

I really have to work with my radio to get a
clear sound, no matter where I put the radio
in my house.

My email address: (optional) _____

I do not publish or share email addresses. Call or text any time: 715-559-6577.

Do you continue to experience interference when listening to wwib at 103.7 FM?

Yes !!

() I now receive wwib at 103.7 FM without any interference.

Date: _____

I sometimes receive wwib at 103.7 with occasional or regular interference.

Date: 9-5-18

It has changed very little.

() I cannot receive wwib at 103.7 FM due to regular interference.

Date: _____

Name: Karen Adams Address: E1943 1070th ave
Boyceville WI
54725

Your response will REALLY make a difference!

My email address: (optional) _____

I do not publish or share email addresses. Call or text any time: 715-559-6577.

Thank you for the letter. I am glad there is still hope to get this resolved.

Do you continue to experience interference when listening to wwib at 103.7 FM?

YES !!

() I now receive wwib at 103.7 FM without any interference.

Date: _____

There was a small window when I did receive 103.7 w/out interference

() I sometimes receive wwib at 103.7 with occasional or regular interference.

Date: _____

I was so excited & now I cannot get it anymore even in the car there is no other music interference

() I cannot receive wwib at 103.7 FM due to regular interference.

Date: 8-1-18
& before !!

not sure on dates

just blank silent & garbled very garbled from 103.7

Name: Barb Bartz Address: N12199 Co Rd A
Downing WI 54734

Your response will REALLY make a difference!

It seems we had good reception for about a week. Now it is static & cannot get it to come in at all - travelling to Boyceville from here very broken - some/very little reception broken w/ silence - which used to be broken w/ their radio station. So it worked

My email address: (optional) dunbarhaven86@gmail.com & now does not work again

I do not publish or share email addresses. Call or text any time: 715-559-6577. WWIB

So frustrating - this radio station makes a huge difference for my spiritual well being!!

I have been a listener since the late 70s so this is very frustrating

Do you continue to experience interference when listening to wwib at 103.7 FM?

Can't listen to WWIB = yes
WDGY is interfering

() I now receive wwib at 103.7 FM without any interference.

No Date: Sept 4, 2018

~~()~~ sometimes receive wwib at 103.7 with occasional or regular interference.

Date: Sept 4, 2018

~~()~~ cannot receive wwib at 103.7 FM due to regular interference.

Date: Sept 4, 2018

Name: Jerry Holman Address: 710 Hillcrest St.
Baldwin, WI 54002

Your response will REALLY make a difference!

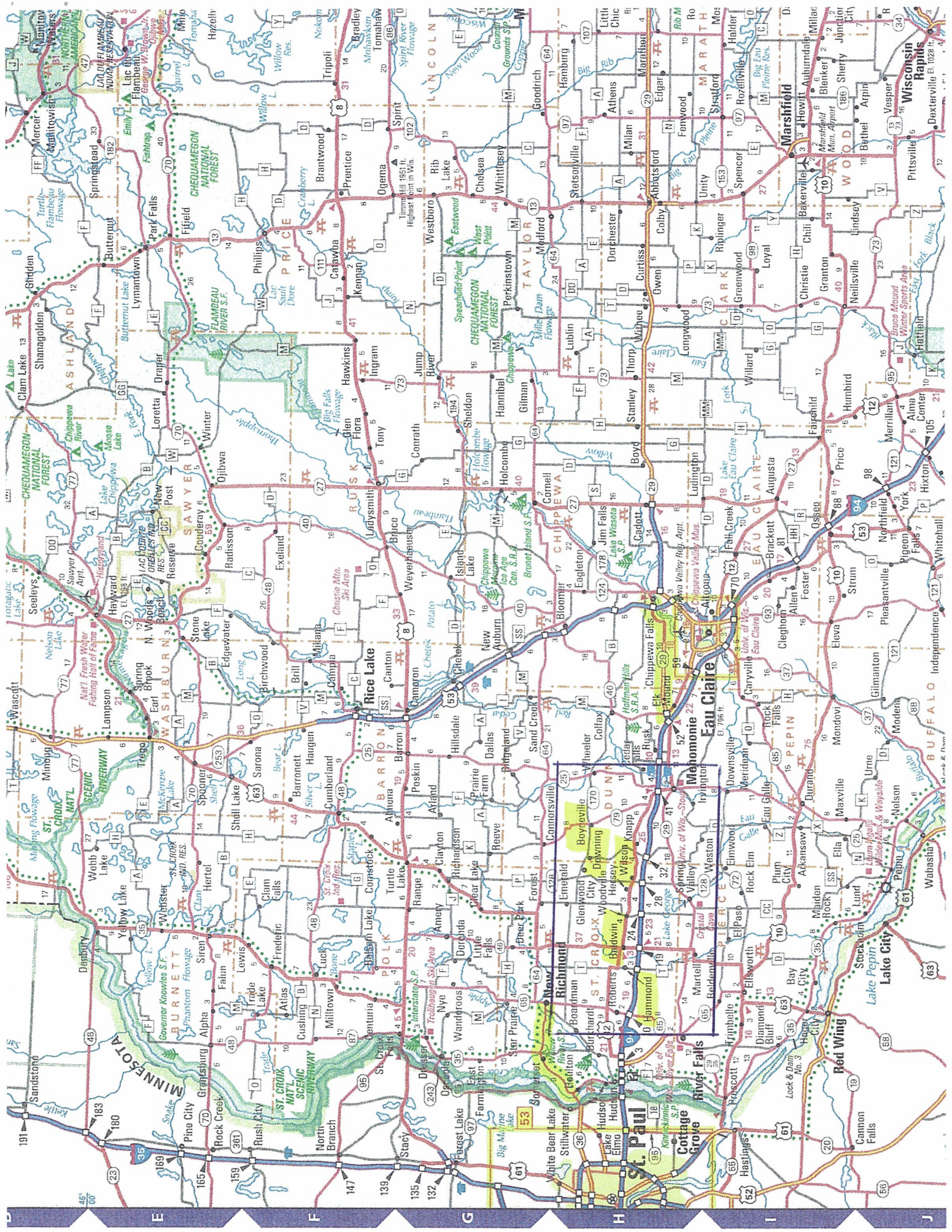
In Hammond there is interference
In Woodville little interference

My email address: (optional) _____

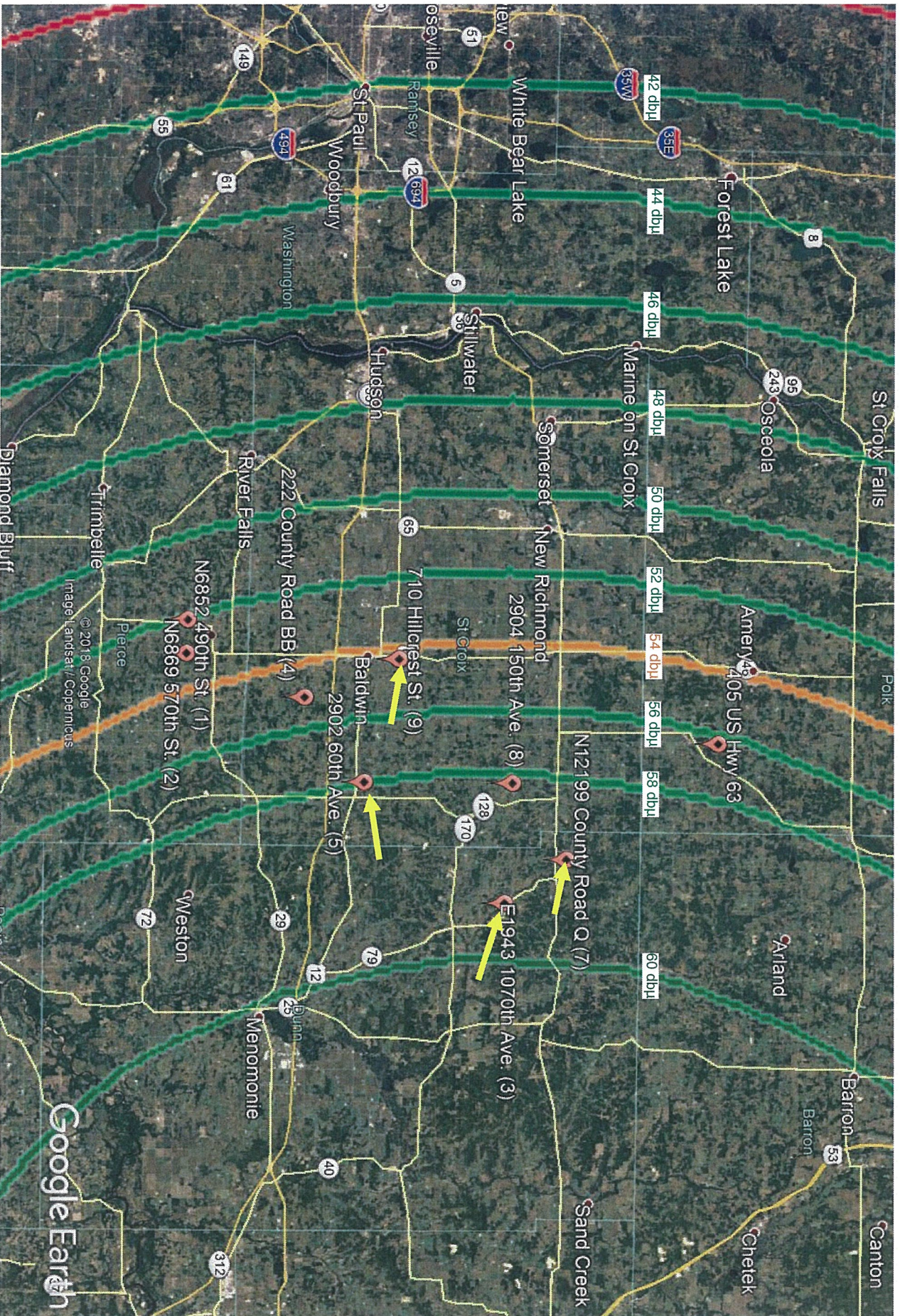
I do not publish or share email addresses. Call or text any time: 715-559-6577.

EXHIBIT 2

Maps of Complaining Locations and Service Contours



Aerial photo of the WWIB Contours (Close-Up)



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Evelyn M. Ojea, do hereby certify that I have, this 31st day of October, 2018, caused to be sent by first class United States mail, postage prepaid, copies of the foregoing "Renewed Interference Complaint" to the following:

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Counsel for WRPX, Inc.

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

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