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Reston Translator, LLC
11140 Glade Drive
Reston, VA 20191

In Re: W252DC, Reston, VA
Facility ID # 138737
BPFT-20181212AAK

Informal Objection

Dear Applicant:

The staff has under consideration: (1) the above captioned application; (2) the Informal Objection filed by Somar Communications, Inc. on January 3, 2019; (3) all related pleadings. For the reasons set forth herein, we dismiss the Informal Objections and grant the application BPFT-20181212AAK.

Petitioner filed an Informal Objection that the proposed application will cause interference to WSMD(FM), Mechanicsville, Maryland in violation of Section 74.1204(f). In order to provide convincing evidence under Section 74.1204(f) that grant of the translator construction permit “will result in interference to the reception” of an existing full-service station, an opponent must provide, at a minimum: (1) the name and specific address of each listener for which it claims credit; (2) some demonstration that the address of each purported listener falls within the 60 dB μ contour of the proposed translator station;¹ (3) some evidence, such as a declaration from each of the claimed listeners, that the person listens to the full-service station at the specified location; and (4) evidence that grant of the authorization will result in interference to the reception of the “desired” station at that location. The “undesired-to-desired” (“U/D”) signal strength ratio methodology may be used to demonstrate the potential for interference under Section 74.1204(f).² Section 74.1204(f) requires the objector to show that a specific U/D signal strength ratio is exceeded at the location of a *bona fide* listener of the desired station to establish that interference will result.

¹ The best method is to plot the specific addresses on a map depicting the translator station’s 60 dB μ contour.

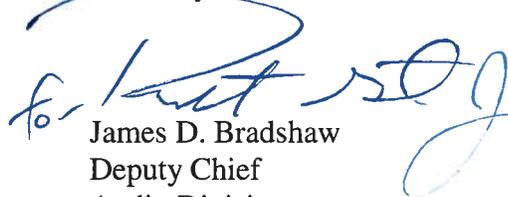
² See *The Association for Community Education, Inc.*, FCC 04-155, Para. 13, (rel. July 8, 2004).

The Petitioner failed to submit signed declarations from the listeners and the specific locations where the listener listens for WSMD(FM) within the 60 dB μ contour of the proposed facility therefore, the Informal Objection is dismissed.

Please note, Section 74.1203(a) states that should the translator commence operation and cause interference to the reception of input signal of any FM translator, even to the input to another translator, the translator will be required to eliminate the interference or cease operation.

Accordingly, the Informal Objection filed on January 3, 2019 by Sonar Communications, Inc. IS HEREBY DISMISSED, the application BPFT-20181212AAK IS HEREBY GRANTED. These actions is taken pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 0.283.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "for [unclear] [unclear]", written over the typed name and title.

James D. Bradshaw
Deputy Chief
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CC: Todd Steiner (email)