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Re: Informal Objection to renewal of License for KWCR-FM,
Licensed to Weber State University. Ogden, UT
RE: The license renewal application for KWCR-FM , Ogden, UT.
Renewal file number: BRED-20130603BDZ

Informal Objection

My name is Jeniffer Rost, I reside at 7245 S. 700 E. #5 Midvale, UT 84047 . I am writing in response to the application for renewal of KWCR – FM. I contend that KWCR’s renewal should be denied based on the fact that they fulfill little to none of their obligation to serve the public interest, convenience and necessity.

1. Playing profane and indecent content

Between 2009 – 2011 I worked in Ogden, Utah where I listened to KWCR on a regular basis. Many times I heard objectionable content on that station, Including profane and indecent lyrics and DJ’s talking about things that children should not hear(between the hours of 6 am and 10 pm).

In May 2010, I heard a song that said the word “fuck” in it twice. Based on this, I called KWCR several times in hopes to talk to someone and there was never any answer. I tried twice to go while I was on lunch to where they are located to speak to them and was only met with a locked door (my lunch was at 1 pm). Finally I attempted to call again and was put in touch with a male who identified himself as Alex Larabee, The Stations Program Director.

I told him what I had been hearing on the station since I had started listening and he informed me that I was a liar and that they have never played such content on that station and that they regularly monitored what their DJ's said and had never heard them say anything objectionable.

After the second time of him calling me a liar, I stated that I was going to call the FCC and let them determine what was and was not with their station. Mr. Larabee proceeded to inform me that contacting the FCC would do me no good because they (the FCC) had been contacted before and that since they are a station for educational purposes that the FCC would never do anything to them because the FCC "let's not for profit stations get away with what commercial radio stations could not."

I never followed through on contacting the FCC after that because I believed what he said.

I no longer work in Ogden since 2011, but I do still listen to KWCR via the Internet. The station had been cleaned up content wise until recently when I started hearing objectionable content again coming from the DJ's who host topical shows.

On Apr 4, 2013, I was listening to "The Nerd Show" and heard the song "Naked Lunch" by Blue Sky, Black Death and Nacho Picasso. This song talked about drugs in it and also alluded to some pretty song sexual things that could be considered (especially according to local community standards) obscene. The song, in one verse says "You at the pub making love to your hand bruh" which is an obvious reference to masturbating in a public setting. In the next verse the song says "I would finger all the girls, tell 'em "smell the poon" "which is obviously a reference to manually manipulating a woman's genitals, then telling them to smell his finger.

On 6/26/2013 I was listening to "The Celestial News Hour." The topic of the conversation that night was the use of marijuana. The dj's talked about how Martha Stewart should make Marijuana Cigarettes and sell them. I am aware from what I have read that the FCC does not specifically prohibit drug references but, the radio station owners do have a duty to self-regulate drug lyrics which speaks directly to whether or not they meet the public interest, in this case, they are not meeting the public interest by promoting the use of illegal drugs.

In that same show, the DJ's of that show also talked about John Wayne Bobbit (The guy whose wife cut off his penis, which was a huge news story sometime in the 1990's) and one of the dj's made a remark about how she (the wife) must have cut it off because she wanted to use it as an "adult toy."

Based on these facts, I believe that this stations renewal should be denied based on the fact that they do not follow FCC Rules and Regulations and that the stations management obviously has no self-regulation, which in my opinion, equals absolutely positively not serving the public interest.

2. Not broadcasting anything informative or of local interest.

After looking up what fulfills public interest for radio stations, I have thought about it and realized that in all the years I have been listening to 88.1 weber FM, I haven't heard anything that would fulfill their duty to serve the public interest other than they play Public Service Announcements every time they play commercials. I have heard the DJ's read news on the air, but it's not even every day and I have not heard them broadcast any news in months and when they do air news, it's not always of local interest, sometimes it all stuff from other parts of the country. They also have a really conservative slant on their news most of the time which makes people not want to hear their news anyway. I have noticed on their website that they are supposed to play Spanish songs at certain times however, any time I've tried to listen to their Spanish programming, it's never on at the times they say it will be. Adding up everything that they claim to do that would serve public interest, especially since some of it never airs, it does not add up to what they really should be doing to serve public interest.

3. Conclusion

Thank you for your time to consider this important matter for the sake of our community. The facts I have presented above should give the FCC serious doubts to renewing the License of KWCR. I may not be the best spoken of our community, but I feel that it is my responsibility to bring this to the attention to the FCC as a matter of protecting the children of our community from a broadcaster who seems to have no interest in regulating what goes out over their sound waves for everyone to be exposed to.

Sincerely,



Jeniffer Rost

Midvale, UT