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HBI Radio Bemidji, LLC
C/O Hubbard Broadcasting, Inc.
3415 University Avenue, West
St. Paul, MN 55114

In Re: K235BP, Bemidji, MN
Facility ID # 152419
BPFT-20161027ACT

Informal Objection

Dear Applicant:

The staff has under consideration: (1) the above captioned application; (2) the Informal Objection of BPFT-20161027ACT filed by Thomas Dale District 7 Planning Council (Thomas Dale) on December 16, 2016 (3) all related pleadings. For the reasons set forth herein, we grant the Informal Objection and dismiss the application BPFT-20161027ACT.

Thomas Dale, licensee of WFNU-LP, St. Paul, Minnesota, filed an Informal Objection stating that the proposed translator application will cause interference to listeners of WFNU-LP. We are considering this Informal Objection as a 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.

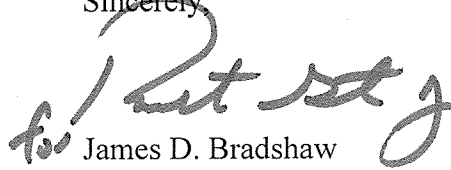
¹ The best method is to plot the specific addresses on a map depicting the translator station’s 60 dB μ contour.

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

The petitioner submitted documentation from listeners that certified and they are listeners of WFNU-LP and live, work or travel within the 60 dBu contour of proposed translator. A plot of the listener's locations was not submitted but the addresses of several listeners³ are well within this contour. Since the Petitioner has demonstrated that there are listeners within the proposed 60 dBu contour of proposed K235BP, the application is dismissed.

Accordingly, the Informal Objection filed on December 16, 2016 by Thomas Dale District 7 Planning Council IS HEREBY GRANTED, the application BPFT-20161027ACT IS HEREBY DISMISSED. These actions is taken pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 0.283.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "for James D. Bradshaw". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the left of the typed name.

James D. Bradshaw
Deputy Chief
Audio Division
Media Bureau

CC: Julie Censullo
David O'Connor

³ The locations where Johnatan Riddle, Sarah Peters and Antoine Seaton Martinneau listen to WFNU-LP are well within the proposed 60 dBu coverage contour.