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Via Federal Express

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, DC 20554

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Re: *Hodges Media, LLC., FM Translator Station W289CU  
Knoxville, TN Facility ID: 201183  
File No. File No. BLFT - 20181004ABC*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Transmitted herewith, on behalf of 3B Properties, Inc., please find an original and three copies of an Emergency Interference Complaint regarding the above-referenced FM translator station and the above-referenced application.

Please also find enclosed an additional copy of the first page of the Emergency Interference Complaint. Kindly date-stamp that copy and return it in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

If you have any questions or require additional information, kindly contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Kirk Tollett

cc: Service List (via email)

Before the  
**Federal Communications Commission**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

In re Application of	)		
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Hodges Media, LLC	)	File No.	BLFT-20181004ABC
	)	Facility ID No.	201183
	)		
Licensee of FM Translator	)		
W289CU Channel 289	)		
Knoxville, Tennessee	)		

Directed to: The Secretary  
Chief, Audio Division, Mass Media Bureau

**EMERGENCY INTERFERENCE COMPLAINT**

3B Properties, Inc., ("3B"), licensee of Radio Station WIHG(FM), Rockwood, Tennessee, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 74.1203, hereby respectfully submits this Emergency Interference Complaint against the above-captioned FM Translator Station, which is causing extensive harmful interference to listeners' reception of 3B's full power FM station, WIHG(FM) Rockwood, TN (Facility ID 5113) assigned on FM Channel 289C3.

Hodges Media, LLC (HML) is currently licensed to operate W289CU pursuant to FCC License BLFT-20181004ABC. W289CU is currently rebroadcasting WKGN(AM) Knoxville, Tennessee (facility ID 68146).

Pursuant to Section 74.1203, W289CU must immediately cease operations until all complaints of interference can be resolved. Furthermore, unless the interference complaints can be resolved, the license for W289CU must be revoked because its status as a secondary service is required to protect the reception of authorized full power broadcast stations such as WIHG.

3B is the licensee of full power FM radio station WIHG (Facility ID 51113) which operates on Channel 289 as a Class C3 FM facility licensed to Rockwood, Tennessee. Rockwood is part of the Nielsen Rated Knoxville, Tennessee "Total Survey Area" and radio station WIHG has regular "over the air" listeners in Knox County, Tennessee and within the City of Knoxville which are both rated as part of the Knoxville "Metro" Nielsen Rated Radio Market. The interference being generated by the W289CU translator operation is causing an economic hardship on 3B because of the dramatic loss of listenership and coverage area and thus the request for expedited emergency processing from the Commission staff.

Because the center of radiation above mean sea level of the licensed WIHG transmitter site on the Cumberland Plateau is 835 meters (2,740 feet) and the lack of intervening terrain between the tower site and Knoxville (the W289CU radiation center above mean sea level is only 359 meters or 1,178 feet), WIHG places a very listenable over the air signal over much of the City of Knoxville and the entire Southwestern portions of Knox County. The station has consistently had ratings in Knox County over the past 13 years.

Based upon listener complaints, it appears the facility authorized to HML in its construction permit application BNPFT-20180606AAA, commenced operation on Channel 289 (the same channel as WIHG) sometime on or around October 11, 2018. Since that time, 3B has received numerous reports of interference in and around areas of the Knoxville metro area including Cedar Bluff, Farragut, Kingston Pike, Turkey Creek, Campbell Station, Oak Ridge, Solway, Pellissippi Parkway and Farragut. Additionally, major traffic thru ways have been affected including Interstates 40 and 140, US Highway 70 and Highway 62.

According the statements from WIHG listeners attached hereto, the WIHG signal has been replaced over much of the area by a station programming Fox Sports. WKGN(AM) is the only

station in the area calling themselves Fox Sports and the WKGN call letters can be clearly heard on channel 289. These complaints are *prima facie* evidence that the operations of W289CU are causing impaired reception to the regularly used signal of WIHG.

Section 73.1203 (a) of the Commission's Rules provides in pertinent part that "An authorized FM translator or Booster Station will not be permitted to continue to operate if it causes any actual interference to: (1) The transmission of any authorized broadcast station: or ... (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."

Since 3B has demonstrated that interference is occurring to the reception of WIHG, 3B requests that the Commission immediately order HML to suspend operations of FM translator station W289CU and order it cease broadcasting immediately until all interference complaints can be mitigated.

Respectfully submitted,



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Vice President/GM  
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(931)484-1057 x25

November 29, 2018

Complainant Name: Connie Worthington  
Email: [conjwz@hotmail.com](mailto:conjwz@hotmail.com)  
Phone: (865)964-8071  
Home address is : 3749 Harriman Hwy  
Harriman, TN 37784

Work Address: Oak Ridge Federal Credit Union  
8721 Kingston Pike  
Knoxville, TN 37923

Comments: She had been able to listen to WIHG as she traveled to and from work. Now interference from WKGN begins on Highway 62 as she leaves Oak Ridge and increases dramatically once she is on Pellissippi Parkway. She is no longer able to pick up WIHG along I40 between Pellissippi Parkway and Walker Springs Road , or on Kingston Pike at Walker Springs Road.

Complainant Name: Rich Marino  
Email: [RichM921@hotmail.com](mailto:RichM921@hotmail.com)  
Phone: (865)202-0815  
Home address is: 10050 Andrews Pointe Way  
Knoxville, TN 37931

Work Address: Clayton Homes Alcoa  
5000 Alcoa Trail  
Maryville, TN 37804

Comments: Listens to 105.7 The HOG/WIHG as he travels daily to and from work at Clayton Homes of Maryville. He reports receiving interference from Fox Sports Radio (WKGX) beginning along Pellissippi Parkway at Hardin Valley Rd and becomes progressively worse until Fox Sports completely shuts WIHG out as he crosses I40 on to I140. He used to be able to listen to 105.7 The HOG /WIHG out I140 to his work in Maryville, but because of interference from the Fox Sports 105.7 translator signal he can no longer listen to 105.7 The HOG/WIHG. Mr. Marino also stated he attempted to contact WKGX but received no response.

Complainant Name: Brenda Farney  
Email: [peacocks1962@gmail.com](mailto:peacocks1962@gmail.com)  
Phone: (423)223-8071  
Home address is : 106 Turner Drive  
Harriman, TN 37784

Work Address: East TN Tree Service  
1284 Rocky Hill Road  
Knoxville, TN 37919

Comments: Listens to 105.7 The HOG/WIHG as she traveled to and from work at East TN Tree Service . She reports interference from Fox Sports Radio (WKGN) begins at the I40/I75 Split and continues until she passes Pellissippi Parkway and Fox Sports completely shuts WIHG out. She could always hear 105.7 The HOG / WIHG along I40 when she exited on Cedar Bluff Road, traveling to Kingston Pike, then to her work at the corner of Rocky Hill and Northshore. Since WKGN commenced operation on October 11<sup>th</sup>, she can no longer listen to 105.7 The HOG/WIHG.

Complainant Name: Chris Singer

Email: [chrissingerreds@gmail.com](mailto:chrissingerreds@gmail.com)

Phone: (931)787-8170

Home address is: Pleasant Hill, TN 38578

Work Address: Senior Health Specialists

600 Gladstone Road

Lenoir City, TN 37771

Comments: He had been able to listen to WIHG as he traveled to and from work. Now interference from WKGN begins at the I40/I75 split and continues to the Watt Road Exit. The signal clashes with WKGN along Watt Road from I40 to Hickory Creek Road in Farragut.



## Kirk

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**From:** newsdesk@1057thehog.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 01, 2018 4:20 PM  
**To:** Kirk  
**Subject:** Fw: Ninja Form Submission  
**Attachments:** ninja-forms-submission.csv

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

**From:** [WordPress](#)  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 01, 2018 4:09 PM  
**To:** [newsdesk@1057news.com](mailto:newsdesk@1057news.com)  
**Subject:** Ninja Form Submission

**Name:** Stephen Smith  
**Email:** [stephenfsmith@bellsouth.net](mailto:stephenfsmith@bellsouth.net)

**Message:** I am a broadcast engineer and a long-time listener of WHG. I have recently noticed that WKGX in Knoxville has placed an FM Translator on the air at 105.7 MHz which causes considerable interference with your main signal. in the West Knoxville area. The interference becomes noticeable on I-40 about Lovell Road and points east. As a primary licensed broadcaster, under FCC Rules you have the right to complain and have this translator as a secondary service shut down due to its harmful interference to your service area. What is the current situation?

## INTERFERENCE COMPLAINT

Name: Michael Hubbard

Email: michaelxi@comcast.net

Main Contact Number: 865-254-9381

Home Address: 4413 Mt Forest Way  
Knoxville, TN 37921

Work Address: None/Independent Contractor/Delivery

Are you a regular listener to 105.7 The HOG/WIHG(FM)? YES / NO Yes, Until I lost Signal.

Are you experiencing interference when tuning into 105.7 The HOG? YES / NO Yes

Are you experiencing interference while at home, at work or while driving? All of the Above, In Knoxville

Can you describe specific location(s) of the interference and indicate programming or call sign of the other station(s) that cause you difficulty when listening to 105.7 The HOG/ WIHG? I used to be able to listen all over

Knoxville, from East to West. Now, only West of Exit 364. WKGN and WCRK are killing the signal for  
Knoxville listeners. I only hear Sports-Talk to the West, and Classic Rock to the East. I can no longer

enjoy the station in my normal areas of travel.

Would you like the station to take action to fix this interference? YES / NO Yes, Please.

Do you have any personal or business connection of any kind with WIHG, its owners, management, or employees? YES / NO No. I am a listener only.

Do you understand that your complaint will be submitted to the Federal Communications Commission? Yes

Do you have any additional comments that you would like to share with us regarding the interference?

I used to only get interference to the East from WCRK. Now, The station is buried by WKGN all over  
Knoxville. Please restore my ability to listen to WIHG. I want Music, not Talk.

I Michael Hubbard, declare under penalty of perjury the above information is true and  
(Printed Name)  
correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed this 13th day of November, 2018

**INTERFERENCE COMPLAINT**

Name: LARRY ROSENBAUM JR (Butch)

Email: DRPHIBES@GMAIL.COM

Main Contact Number: 865-438-7025

Home Address: 147 High Point Lane  
Oak Ridge TN 37830

Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a regular listener to 105.7 The HOG/WIHG(FM)?  YES / NO

Are you experiencing interference when tuning into 105.7 The HOG?  YES / NO

Are you experiencing interference while at home, at work or while driving? Home & DRIVING

Can you describe specific location(s) of the interference and indicate programming or call sign of the other station(s) that cause you difficulty when listening to 105.7 The HOG/ WIHG? All throughout

Oak Ridge TN, there is interference. It gets worse around the Jackson Plaza Building or once out of the Oak Ridge city limits (cannot pick

Would you like the station to take action to fix this interference?  YES / NO unable station up to hear other station clearly.

Do you have any personal or business connection of any kind with WIHG, its owners, management, or employees? YES /  NO

Do you understand that your complaint will be submitted to the Federal Communications Commission? Yes

Do you have any additional comments that you would like to share with us regarding the interference? No

I, LARRY ROSENBAUM JR, declare under penalty of perjury the above information is true and  
(Printed Name)

correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018

[Signature]  
(Signature)

## INTERFERENCE COMPLAINT

Name: Renni P. Morris

Email: rennimorris@gmail.com

Main Contact Number: 865-386.8125

Home Address: 4253 Kingston Pike  
Knoxville, TN 37919

Work Address: 12733 Kingston Pike  
Knoxville, TN 37934

Are you a regular listener to 105.7 The HOG/WIHG(FM)?  YES / NO

Are you experiencing Interference when tuning into 105.7 The HOG?  YES / NO

Are you experiencing interference while at home, at work or while driving? both

Can you describe specific location(s) of the interference and indicate programming or call sign of the other station(s) that cause you difficulty when listening to 105.7 The HOG/ WIHG? Static on I-75 near the Calhoun exit. Static on I-75 near the Lenoir City exit. Just west of Cedar Bluff exit on I-40/75 I hear two stations simultaneously. As

I near Northshore exit, it switches completely to WKGN.

Would you like the station to take action to fix this interference?  YES / NO

Do you have any personal or business connection of any kind with WIHG, its owners, management, or employees? YES /  NO

Do you understand that your complaint will be submitted to the Federal Communications Commission? yes

Do you have any additional comments that you would like to share with us regarding the interference?

We were regular listeners for years but the reception has gotten too undependable to continue listening.

I Renni P. Morris, declare under penalty of perjury the above information is true and  
(Printed Name)

correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed this 8th day of November 2018

Renni P Morris  
(Signature)

**From:** 105.7 THE HOG! [<mailto:studio@1057thehog.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 30, 2018 11:39 AM  
**To:** Kirk Tollett  
**Subject:** Fw:

**From:** [jander7278@aol.com](mailto:jander7278@aol.com)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 30, 2018 8:13 AM  
**To:** [studio@1057thehog.com](mailto:studio@1057thehog.com)

I just wanted to say I love you radio station and I live in Knoxville and have a cabin in Townsend and I used to get the signal strong in Knoxville and in the cabin in the last few weeks something has happen the signal is weak and other station bleed over have you all done something different as I love listening to you all.

Thanks  
John

## CERTIFICATION

Kirk A. Tollett hereby certifies that;

He is Vice President and General Manager of 3B Properties, Inc., a radio station company based in Crossville, Tennessee;

His qualifications in broadcast matters are a matter of record before the Federal Communications Commission having been presented and accepted on many occasions over the past 35 years;

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury, that the accompanying technical report and exhibits were developed by me personally or under my immediate supervision and that all the information presented therein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed and dated this 29th day of November, 2018.



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Kirk A. Tollett

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Kirk Tollett, do hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Emergency Interference Complaint has been sent this 29<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018 to the following via email:

Radio Station WKGN  
Hodges Media, LLC  
729 Hidden Glen Drive  
Knoxville, TN 37922

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Arlington, VA 22209

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