

Multiple Ownership Compliance

The instant application seeks consent to the assignment of the FCC licenses for KFNB, Casper, Wyoming (Facility ID 74256), KFNE, Riverton, Wyoming (Facility ID 21613), KFNR, Rawlins, Wyoming (21612) and KLWY, Cheyenne, Wyoming (Facility ID 40250) from Wyomedia Corp. (“Wyomedia”) to Front Range Television LLC (“Front Range”) pursuant to the Asset Purchase Agreement submitted with this application.

KLWY is licensed to Cheyenne, Wyoming, within the Cheyenne-Scottsbluff designated market area (“DMA”); no parties to this application hold any attributable interests within the Cheyenne-Scottsbluff DMA. Accordingly, Front Range’s proposed ownership of KLWY complies with the multiple ownership rules.

KFNR is licensed to Rawlins, Wyoming, which is located within Carbon County, Wyoming, part of the Denver, Colorado DMA; no parties to this application hold any attributable interests within the Denver DMA. Accordingly, Front Range’s proposed ownership of KFNR also complies with the multiple ownership rules.

Both KFNB and KFNE are licensed to communities that are part of the Casper-Riverton DMA. KFNE, together with KFNR, have historically been operated as satellites of KNFB, and accordingly both stations are treated by Nielsen as being part of the Casper-Riverton, DMA.¹ This application seeks continued operation of KFNE and, to the extent necessary, KFNR as satellites of KFNB. The Commission has long approved of the operation of KFNE and KFNR as satellites of KFNB. In 2009, the Commission granted an application seeking approval for the combined ownership of KFNB, KFNE, and KFNR, including operation of KFNE and KFNR as satellites of KFNB (*See* BALCT-20070329AFO, granted February 10, 2009)). Continued common ownership was again approved in 2010 (*See* BTCCDT-20100319AEG). Applicant submits that continued satellite waiver is appropriate, as no material changes have occurred since the Commission’s previous approval of the stations’ operation as satellites.²

In BTCCDT-20100319AEG, the applicant showed that had been no historical overlap of the stations’ Grade B service contours, although with the DTV transition, there was minimal overlap of the stations’ noise-limited service contours.³ Both Rawlins and Riverton were, and continue to be, very small communities (2018 estimated populations of 8,658 and 10,996, respectively)⁴ in one of the nation’s smallest DMAs. No other full-power television station is licensed to either of the communities of Rawlins or Riverton. The other Big 4 network affiliates in the DMA all also utilize satellite stations of low-power television stations to provide over the air service to these remote, underserved areas.

¹ For multiple ownership compliance purposes, the Commission looks to a station’s community of license instead of its Nielsen assignment, although as set forth herein, both KFNR and KFNE would qualify for continued satellite exception to the multiple ownership rules. *See* Schurz Communications, Inc., *Opinion*, 31 FCC Rcd 1113 (2016).

² *See* Streamlined Reauthorization Procedures for Assigned or Transferred Television Satellite Stations, 34 FCC Rcd 1539 (2019).

³ In the 2010 transfer of control application, applicant demonstrated that there was no overlap between the NLSC’s of KFNR and KFNE themselves, and that there were only 34 persons residing in the area of overlap of KFNB and KFNE, and only 10 persons residing in the area of overlap of KFNB and KFNR.

⁴ *See* https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/community_facts.xhtml