

A PLEADING BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

HISTORY:

For many years this TV Club had relied on engineer Kenny Youngquist to prepare and submit all FCC applications. Kenny, however, has been unable to perform these duties for the past few years because of poor health. George Fitzgerald is the local technician who has kept the translators running and indeed did the digital conversions several years ago. Since Kenny Youngquist was not able to complete any FCC applications, George contacted Dr. Byron St. Clair to file the License to Cover applications. Byron passed away before he was able to do the filings and George assumed that Byron's daughter, Susan Hansen, would follow through and file them. Apparently, she was not aware of the situation, so the applications were never completed or filed.

COMMUNITY:

The small town of Jordan, MT (Population: 356, as per the 2020 Census), depends on these stations for news, weather, and emergency information. Jordan is the County seat of Garfield County which is a farming and ranching community. This population, living on the open prairie of Eastern Montana, is especially dependent on weather and emergency warnings.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

In light of the fact that those responsible for the maintenance of these translators attempted to comply with all of the Commission's Rules, they failed to followup with those they entrusted to keep the licenses up to date and accurate. We therefore file this pleading and ask the Commission to re-instate these ***digital*** licenses. This action is certainly in the public interest, especially in such a rural environment. Indeed, the stations were operating digitally in accordance with their Construction Permits and the Rules, they just failed to follow through on the people the entrusted to file the necessary paperwork (License to Cover) to finalize their CP's.

INSURANCE:

To insure that errors such as these do not happen in the future, I will personally oversee their operating parameters along with their legal and technical filings before the Commission for a period of five years. In addition, during that time period, I will locate someone knowledgeable and capable of performing this duty in a reliable and capable manner.

Respectfully,

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