

DECLARATION OF STEVE CORMIER

My name is Steve Cormier. I am the General Manager of WVLB, WCVT, WDEV(AM), WDEV(FM) and WEXP(FM) in central Vermont. This declaration is submitted to provide additional information as requested by the Audio Division of the Federal Communications Commission with regards to the pending application for assignment of license of WEXP from Woodchuck Radio, LLC to Mud Radio, LLC, Facility Id. No. 65691 (File No. 00000204784).

I have enjoyed a storied career in broadcasting for over 41 years. I began as an overnight announcer in 1982 and starting in 1986 as morning show host and Program Director for WIZN. From 1997 through 2009 I was Operation Manager for the Clear Channel cluster in Burlington, Vermont and part of the award winner Corm and Coach Program. I subsequently worked as Station Manager for WTSA in Brattleboro before becoming General Manager of the current cluster of stations in 2017. In 2021 I was inducted into the Vermont Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame.

WEXP is part of a five-station cluster located in central Vermont. In January 2020, Woodchuck Radio sold WEXP to Music Guild International, Inc. On July 8, 2021 Music Guild took WEXP silent. Music Guild subsequently assigned the station to Woodchuck Radio in November 2021. As the one-year anniversary for WEXP remaining silent approached, Woodchuck Radio was faced with a dilemma. Either incur significant costs in engineering expenses in resuming operations and finding programming for WEXP or turn in the station's license for cancellation.

Since 2017 Elliot Morgan and his consulting company, Radio Operations International ("ROI") has provided broadcast engineering consulting services for our

five stations. During the second quarter of 2022 Elliott and I discussed the potential sale of WEXP to Mud Radio. Any sale would be dependent upon WEXP resuming operations prior to the one-year anniversary of the station remaining silent. The transmission equipment for WEXP had deteriorated to the point that the transmission equipment would not allow the station to operate with its licensed facilities. A new antenna would be required for WEXP to resume operations if we were to file an Engineering STA. I decided that resuming operations for WEXP pursuant to an Engineering STA while a permanent solution was found for restoring WEXP to licensed operation either with the station's presently licensed facilities or a newly licensed site was the only viable option.

On June 30, 2022, WEXP resumed operations pursuant to an Engineering STA approved by the FCC. Woodchuck Radio thus ensured WEXP would continue to provide broadcast service to the community of Brandon, Vermont. Elliott Morgan provided these services for Woodchuck Radio in his role as consulting engineer for WEXP and the loan of the antenna is temporary. Upon WEXP resuming operations with licensed facilities, the antenna would be returned to Elliott. Neither ROI nor Mud Radio provided Woodchuck Radio with any financial assistance for WEXP to resume operations.

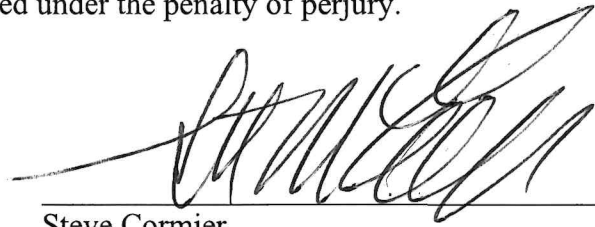
The immediate and primary goal was for WEXP to resume operations before the one-year silent anniversary. With that objective achieved, Eliot and I discussed memorializing in writing the understanding between the parties for the sale and programming of WEXP. We worked on a written Asset Purchase Agreement for the sale and a Local Programming Agreement for programming for WEXP.

Unfortunately, it took longer than anticipated for Woodchuck Radio and Mud Radio to negotiate the APA and LMA. On November 29, 2022, the parties finalized and executed the agreements. On December 5, 2022, the parties filed the assignment application with the FCC.

Between June 8, 2022 and execution of the written LMA on November 29, 2022, Woodchuck Radio and Mud Radio complied with the terms and conditions set forth in the written LMA. Section 5(b) of the LMA states that Woodchuck Radio is responsible for the operating expenses while Exhibit A sets forth that Mud Radio would reimburse Woodchuck Radio for certain of those operating expenses upon Woodchuck Radio submitting Mud Radio a written request accompanied by documentation of payment of those expenses. Sections 9 and 10 establishes that control over programming resides with Woodchuck Radio. Section 9(d) say Woodchuck Radio has the full and unrestricted right to reject programming provided by Mud Radio. Section 10 allows Woodchuck Radio to preempt programming submitted by Mud Radio for programming Woodchuck Radio deems more appropriate concerning events of local, regional or national importance.

Section 9(b) states that Elliott and I will confer periodically regarding Woodchuck Radio's control over Mud Radio's programming. Elliott and I communicate several times a week regarding WEXP, whether via email, texts, telephone or in person. Elliott explained to me the proposed programming Mud Radio would provide WEXP when the station resumed operations, and Woodchuck Radio approved the programming. Woodchuck Radio also approved the public affairs programs and public service announcements that Mud Radio broadcasts on WEXP.

This declaration is submitted under the penalty of perjury.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Cormier', is written over a horizontal line.

Steve Cormier
General Manager
Woodchuck Radio, LLC

May 1, 2023