

JUSTIFICATION FOR SILENT STA REQUEST

WMXP-LP, Greenville, SC

Malcolm X Grassroots Movement

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SUMMARY

Malcolm X Grassroots Movement (MXGM) hereby requests authorization to remain silent, while it searches for a new transmitter site and new frequency for WMXP-LP. The station has been displaced by a frequency change and “move-in” by WLTE (FM), Powdersville, SC (FID 170949). WLTE commenced Program Test operations on June 30, 2023.

DETAILS

WLTE is co-channel and 15.8km from WMXP-LP. There is overlap between the two stations within the “new” 70dBu contour of WLTE. WMXP-LP is forced to search for a new frequency that will meet §73.807 spacing requirements. There are no fully-spaced alternative frequencies at the current WMXP-LP site, so the station is also forced to find a new tower site. Efforts are already underway to achieve this goal. A Schedule 318 application will be filed as soon as possible for a new site and new frequency. Meanwhile, WMXP-LP must remain off the air.

Salem Media Group, owner of WLTE, claims that they attempted to reach MXGM before moving WLTE, but didn’t say when. MXGM only became aware of the move-in on July 15, 2023, after Salem filed their July 12 Complaint of Low Power FM Interference. Had MXGM been given an earlier warning, there may have been more and better options for saving WMXP-LP, and the station might have avoided painful off-air time.

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