

Character Issues

On March 7, 2022, Lowcountry 34 Media, LLC (“Lowcountry”), entered a Consent Decree with the FCC’s Media Bureau (“Bureau”) to resolve the Bureau’s investigation into whether Lowcountry violated the Commission’s rules by abusing the Commission’s licensing process by filing serial minor modification applications to construct and license temporary facilities with the intent of relocating low power television and TV translator stations substantial distances from their original authorized sites. *See Lowcountry 34 Media, LLC*, Acct. No. 202241420002, FRN 0027121466, Order & Consent Decree, DA 22-232 (Media Bureau Mar. 7, 2022). A copy of the Consent Decree is attached hereto.

In the Consent Decree, Lowcountry admitted that its actions were an abuse of Commission processes and a violation of the Commission’s rules. Under the Consent Decree, Lowcountry was required to: (1) pay a \$250,000 civil penalty – which was made on March 18, 2022; (2) enter a 36-month Compliance Plan beginning on March 7, 2022; and (3) relinquish 10 of its licensed stations and 85 of its construction permits. Furthermore, under the Consent Decree, Lowcountry was permitted to: (1) retain control of 47 of its licensed stations and 31 of its construction permits; and (2) assign 23 of its licensed stations and 12 of its construction permits to unrelated third parties.

During the investigation culminating in the Consent Decree, no formal allegations regarding its qualifications as a broadcast licensee, however, were levied against Lowcountry.