

Supplemental Filing Regarding Canadian Interference

On August 8, 2011, the Commission dismissed the present application (File Number BP-20090226AAF), citing the Canadian government's objection "because the proposed 15 mV/m daytime groundwave contour overlaps the CKEG(AM) 0.5 mV/m contour inside Canada, a violation of the U.S./Canadian Agreement."¹

BBC Broadcasting, Inc. ("BBC"), licensee of KRPI(AM), Ferndale, Washington, through counsel, timely filed a Petition for Reconsideration on September 12, 2011. The Petition for Reconsideration highlighted the extensive efforts that BBC has undertaken to eliminate blanketing interference and requested that the Commission provide the applicant with an opportunity to resolve the Canadian interference issue.

Subsequently, on October 21, 2011, Industry Canada informed George Fehlner in the International Bureau that it was withdrawing its objection.² Mr. Fehlner communicated Industry Canada's withdrawal to the Media Bureau that same day.³

In light of Canada's withdrawal of its objection, the Commission should grant the Petition for Reconsideration, withdraw its dismissal of BBC's application, and consider the merits of BBC's request to relocate its transmitter site in order to eliminate blanketing interference complaints in and around its current site in Ferndale.

¹ See Letter from Son Nguyen, Audio Division, Media Bureau to Mark Lipp, Esq., Wiley Rein LLP (Aug. 8, 2011). Industry Canada did not object to the proposed night operation.

² See Email from Ara Tchobanian, Spectrum, Information Technologies and Telecommunications Sector, Industry Canada to George Fehlner, International Bureau (Oct. 21, 2011), attached hereto as Exhibit A.

³ See Email from George Fehlner, International Bureau to Son Nguyen, Audio Division, Media Bureau (Oct. 21, 2011), attached hereto as Exhibit B.