

Statement of Philip C. Guthrie  
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I am the President of The Association for Community Education, Inc., the licensee of three full-service radio stations and 16 translator and booster stations.

KMRO 90.3 FM Camarillo, CA experienced severe shadowing in the city of Santa Barbara since it's construction in 1987. In an effort to eliminate this problem, on February 16, 1997, I filed for a Construction Permit to build an FM Booster Station to fill in this shadowed area.

On September 23, 1997 we received a Construction Permit for this Booster station: KMRO-FM2, Permit file number: BPFT-970303TB.

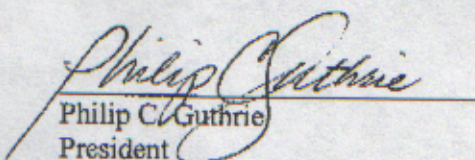
The construction for this station began on August 31, 1998 and was completed as per the Construction Permit on September 3, 1998. The conclusion of the construction was prior to the expiration date on the Construction Permit of March 24, 1999. Since it was built, KMRO-FM2 has been on the air as per the Construction Permit serving Santa Barbara for four years and five months. This booster station has been effective. Through this station we have been able to consistently serve the people of Santa Barbara with a quality signal.

On January 15, 2003, our engineer who was hired subsequent to this construction, reported to me that a copy of the License for this station was not located at the site of the station. Last week he went to the FCC website to check on the station's status and reported to me that KMRO-FM2 appears to be operating under a Construction Permit and not a License.

I immediately did a detailed search of our files to ascertain the status of KMRO-FM2. In checking I was unable to find the License and I immediately notified our attorney to begin to correct this situation.

In doing further checking it now appears that we failed to file the proper paperwork upon the completion of the construction of KMRO-FM2. The attached application is submitted to correct our mistake.

I take full responsibility for this oversight and respectfully apologize for any unintended inconvenience this situation has caused the FCC staff.

  
Philip C. Guthrie  
President

  
Date