

WLHN City Of License Change Request

Electronic Applications Radio Service Inc is a non profit group which maintains amateur radio repeaters in Indiana. Our Public Service has been exclusively in this area until 1999 when we began operation of WLHN.

We cannot afford to build, and more importantly, do not have available a 90 acre commercial property with which to rebuild WLHN.

We are requesting in an effort to gain a permanent license a new City of License.

The Licensee is requesting a change from Muncie Indiana to Arlington, Indiana.

Background

WLHN was David Letterman's first radio job while he attended Ball State University in Muncie. WLHN has had an exemplary track record serving the Public for 45 years.

When the station was donated to our non profit group we rebuilt the facilities, purchased EAS equipment, and later rebuilt the antenna system with a unipole type antenna to be able to provide reliable service. Our group and volunteers have invested substantial man hours to rebuild WLHN. We wish to allow our investment of time and money to continue the operation of WLHN and continued service to the communities we serve.

WLHN invested thousands of dollars to make a change several years ago to establish operation in another city on a minor frequency change to 1030Khz. This application has not received approval and others filed for the same frequency.

The Commission has released a report and order addendum related to the Streamlining Rulemaking process which specifically addresses AM stations that have lost their City of License. The traditional process used by Commission Staff in the past would allow for the movement by WLHN as it has lost its transmitter site. Additionally, restrictive zoning laws have made it difficult or impossible to rebuild the former array on 90 acres.

The licensee requests waiver of Rules to allow the City of License change and to establish a permanent array.

Muncie Vs Arlington

Both cities are within an Indianapolis adi Arbitron survey area. Muncie is a much large community and Arlington is a substantially smaller community with a Post Office and several smaller businesses.

By moving the service from a larger city to a smaller city we are able to eliminate interference to thousands of persons by placing the station in an area where the population is less dense. The station is operated by a non commercial entity and will provide continuing service to the rural communities it will serve.

Muncie is well served by several stations including WLBC, WMDH, WERK, WURK, WJPB-LP, WHBU AM, and others.

The Licensee requests the Commission allow it to change City of License and Establish a new permanent array at the location presented serving Arlington, Indiana.

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