

STATEMENT CONCERNING REQUEST FOR MINOR CHANGE OF CITY LICENSE REQUEST.

(addendum to the Engineering Portion discussion on the issue):

The current licensee of WVOZ-AM Morovis, Puerto Rico, Wifredo G. Blanco-Pi, was the founder of this station back in 1981. By that time Morovis was the second most poor municipality of the 78 municipalities that comprise Puerto Rico. I began the station as a 1Kw, Unlimited station and made power and directional antenna improvements to increase coverage in an attempt to improve the signal at nearby municipalities since Morovis proved me to be insufficient to maintain a viable radio operation.

By 1981 Morovis had only one factory which was the major job provider along with the municipal government. Actually Morovis has no factories and the people work mainly in the municipal government, the limited commercial establishments that exist in Morovis and in the San Juan and/or Manati metropolitan areas.

I decided a decade later to sell the station to Pedro Roman Collazo (Southwestern Broadcasting Corp.). Pedro Roman was born in Morovis and thought he could operate it profitably. However as you will find in the statement being filed and prepared by Angel Roman Lopez, his nephew (who inherited WVOZ-AM) it has not been a profitable station not even for him, for his uncle nor even to a religious group that operated the station for two years. (Please see Angel Roman Lopez, International Broadcasting statement attached)

However, Blanco-Pi decided to purchase back WVOZ-AM Morovis in 2015 since the economical situation in Puerto Rico is extremely bad and the purchase price of the station and its real state property was \$150,000. (much less than the sale price of WVOZ-AM back in 1992 when Blanco-Pi sold it to Pedro Roman Collazo at \$240,000). The purchase price paid by Blanco-Pi recently is really the value of the 3 (three) acres of land and the transmitter/studio building at the site. This site is actually surrounded by homes while when Blanco-Pi founded the station there were no homes around, being just a rural area.

Another reason for Blanco-Pi purchasing back WVOZ-AM although it proved to be a non profitable station was the emotional part of it. It was his first station in Puerto Rico and where he began developing the AM synchronous booster experiments back in 1987. Experiments that later permitted him to develop the WAPA RADIO network along with the AM experimental boosters WA2XPA, WI2XSO and WI3XSO.

Morovis, is a suburban part of San Juan Metro area as is discussed in Section III (Engineering Section) fully. The people of Morovis are used to listen to AM and FM signals from San Juan since there is an expressway between Morovis and San Juan that connects this town to the San Juan Metro area in 30 minutes or less. Many of the residents of Morovis work and shop at the San Juan metro area and the Manati metro area. They move around these metro areas and their hometown while listening to the powerful AM and FM signals that come from the San Juan Metro Area (capital of Puerto Rico).

Advertising agencies believe in using these powerful radio stations that serve Morovis too instead of purchasing advertisement in a local radio station and the local businesses don't have a great income because the people of Morovis tend to shop at San Juan/Manati and Arecibo shopping malls.

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I decided to request WVOZ-AM city license change from Morovis to Aguadilla since Aguadilla and its surroundings used to have the signal of a news/talk information radio station, WAPA-AM thru WI3XSO-AM Aguadilla, P.R., a synchronous booster of WISO-AM sister station of the WAPA RADIO NETWORK.

However, the FCC decided to cancel the license to WI3XSO-AM Aguadilla effective May 7, 2017. This way the northwest part of Puerto Rico will not be adequately informed losing one of the most important information media, specially in natural disasters and/or other emergencies. The Aguadilla Metro and suburban area is much less served than the San Juan Metro and its suburbs by AM/FM media.

The Morovis area will not be deprived of WAPA's network signal since the signal from WAPA-AM and/or WMIA-AM Arecibo, PR. (pending assignment of license to Blanco-Pi) will keep serving the Morovis area and its neighborhood. Many other AM/FM stations from San Juan Metro and Manati Metro areas serve too the area actually served by WVOZ Morovis, P.R.

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