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Katherine Pyeatt
2215 Cedar Springs Road #1910
Dallas, TX 75201

In re: INTERFERENCE COMPLAINT
K287AY, Austin, TX
BLFT-20110302AA
Facility ID # 156299

Dear Licensee:

This refers to an interference complaints filed by three listeners of KAJZ(FM), Llano, Texas. A copy of the interference complaints is attached. The complaint allege that K287AY is interfering with the reception of KAJZ(FM).

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 74.1203, K287AY is required to eliminate any actual interference it causes. Therefore, it is necessary for W290BO to submit a detailed report on the attached complaint. For the complaint, the report must include: (1) the name and address of the complainant; (2) specific devices receiving the interference (i.e. type of device, manufacturer's name, model number, and serial number); and (3) any assistance provided by K287AY for each device allegedly receiving the interference and whether such interference persists. Each of the complaints must be addressed individually.

The Commission's Rules regarding FM translators restrict FM translator stations to operate strictly on a secondary basis and limit their service. Section 74.1203(a)(3) states that an FM translator station will not be permitted to continue to operate if it causes any actual radio signal interference to the direct reception by the public of the off-the-air signals of any authorized broadcast station.¹ Actual interference is based on listener complaints indicating that the signal they regularly receive is being impaired by the signal radiated by the FM translator station. Section 74.1203(b) states that if the interference cannot be properly eliminated by the application of suitable techniques, the operation of the offending FM translator station shall be suspended and shall not be resumed until the interference has been eliminated.

¹ An FM translator station creating actual radio signal interference to any authorized broadcast station is obligated to eliminate the interference, regardless of the location where the impaired signal reception occurs.

Within thirty days of this letter, K287AY must take appropriate actions required by the provisions of 47 C.F.R. § 74.1203 to resolve all complaints of interference to fulfill its obligations. Further action on this complaint will be withheld for a period of thirty days from the date of this letter to provide K287AY an opportunity to respond. Failure to correct all complaints within this time may require W290BO to suspend operation pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 74.1203(e) and 74.1232(h).

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James D. Bradshaw".

James D. Bradshaw
Deputy Chief
Audio Division
Media Bureau

Attachment

CC: Bryan King
Jack Mullaney

----- Original Message -----

Subject:FW: Interference on 96.3 FM
Date: Mon, 21 Mar 2011 21:08:11 -0500
From: Mac McClennahan <mac@mcclennahan.net>
To: <info@kajzradio.com>

From: Mac McClennahan [<mailto:mac@mcclennahan.net>]
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 9:06 PM
To: 'info@kajz.com'
Subject: Interference on 96.3 FM

Dear KAJZ,

I just wanted to write you a quick note to ask if there is anything you can do that would fix the interference I now get on my radio when I tune in 96.3 FM. I live in Spicewood, near Lake Travis, and used to be able to get your station clearly all the time. Now there is another station that cuts in and out and makes it difficult to listen...in fact, I've gotten where I don't really listen anymore, because it's just not enjoyable. I formerly was able to hear you not only at my home, but also on County Road 410 between my house and State Highway 71. I also used to be able to listen as I drove towards Austin. I can hear that you're still on, because I get snippets of jazz now & then, but then I get some talk radio station I think comes from the Austin area...they only identify themselves as an AM station, as far as I can tell. I don't listen to AM on the FM dial, and I'm not sure many others do, either.

Anyway, just wanted to let you know that unless you can clear up your signal, I'll be forced to find my music elsewhere – and that's too bad, because I've enjoyed your programming for some time, now.

Thank you,

Mac McClennahan
501 Glendale Rd.
Spicewood, Texas 78669

----- Original Message -----

Subject:Interference

Date: Mon, 21 Mar 2011 13:49:35 -0500

From: Jim Reese <jim@hosemore.net>

To: info@kajzradio.com

Good afternoon.

I've enjoyed listening to KAJZ when I travel into your coverage area, but lately, I've noticed there is an interfering signal coming from an Austin station which is giving me quite a lot of trouble in places where I used to receive your station very well.

I travel between Bee Cave and Llano frequently, and I used to be able to pick up the station starting from the west side of Bee Cave on highway 71 and on into Llano, but I can no longer hear you until I get well west of Bee Cave now. It really doesn't get good until I'm almost to Spicewood. I store my boat on Pace Bend road, and used to get very good reception there. Now the interference is bad enough that I cannot hear the station.

What's up?

Jim Reese

jim@hosemore.net

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Station cuts in and out now.

Date: Wed, 9 Mar 2011 13:40:38 -0600

From: Jim Kipping <jim@jimkippling.com>

To: <info@kajzradio.com>

First let me tell you how much I am glad we have a jazz station to listen too in the Hill Country. I have been a big fan and listener since around 2004 when I started building on my property back when you use to play the big band tunes. Thank you for what you do and playing jazz. No one else does this and you truly provide a service to our community.

I did want to let you know that I can't hear the station as much as I use to because of a talk station bleeding over your station now. I commute to and from Austin every day to our 8 acres in Spicewood on HWY 71, and I use to be able to pick KAJZ up on the west side of Bee Cave, but now I can't. Around the Bee Creek then up the hill past Bob Wire Road, RO Drive, and Crawford your station use to come in great but not anymore.

It will come in as I go down the hill toward the Pedernales river, but once I pull up in front of my gate and property at 23120 HWY 71 W, it is completely gone. When working on my property I find I can use my headset any longer to listen as well.

Needless to say I'm not too thrilled about this as there is isn't a selection of Jazz music on the radio I can tune any longer.

I just wanted to let you know about my concern and I hope you can help because I can't listen any longer with it cutting in and out with another station.

Sincerely,

Jim Kipping
23120 HWY 71 W
Spicewood, TX 78669