

Character Issues

A. Involving Meridian Communications of Idaho, Inc.

On August 18, 1999, Meridian Communications of Idaho, Inc. ("MCID"), which is one-third owned by Airen's sole shareholder and includes Suzanne E. Rogers and Brian J. Plant as attributable interest holders, filed a settlement agreement with the Commission, asking the Commission to grant MCID's application for a construction permit on Channel 20 in Idaho Falls, Idaho (*See* BPCT-19950306KF). Four years earlier, on March 6, 1995, The Post Company ("Post"), licensee of Station KIFI-TV, Idaho Falls, Idaho, had filed a Petition to Deny MCID's application alleging financial and real-party-in-interest issues. On December 17, 1999, the Post filed a supplement alleging that (a) MCID had violated the FCC's multiple ownership rules; (b) MCID had made misrepresentations and lacked candor; and (c) MCID was not qualified to be a licensee. On January 27, 2000, Fisher Broadcasting, Inc. ("Fisher"), the licensee of KIDK(TV), Idaho Falls, Idaho, filed comments in support of Post's petition.

By staff letter dated July 22, 2003, the Commission rejected the Post and Fisher allegations and granted MCID's application.

On August 21, 2003, Post filed a Petition for Reconsideration challenging the staff's decision. MCID filed its opposition thereto on September 4, 2003, and a reply pleading was filed by Post on September 15, 2003. On July 21, 2005, the Commission again denied Post's claims in a letter from Barbara A. Kreisman, Chief, Video Division, Media Bureau, to J. Dominic Monahan ("Kreisman Letter").

On August 22, 2005, the successor to Post, NPG of Idaho, Inc., filed an Application for Review of the Kreisman Letter. In responsive pleadings, Meridian demonstrates that NPG lacks standing and offers baseless allegations and factually incorrect assertions in its Application for Review, and that the Application should be dismissed by the Commission. The NPG Application for Review remains pending with the Commission.

B. Involving Rocky Mountain Broadcasting Company

Suzanne E. Rogers and Brian J. Plant hold attributable interests in Rocky Mountain Broadcasting Company ("RMBC"). On February 13, 2004, MMM License, LLC ("MMM") filed a Petition to Revoke and Deny the Licenses, Authorizations and Applications of RMBC relating to RMBC's applications for a TV Translator Station (Ch. 28) (BNPTT-20000828BIK) and a TV Booster Station (Ch. 10), Great Falls, Montana (BNPTVB-20000930BBS). MMM alleged that RMBC lacked financial resources; that it had made material misrepresentations; and

that it had violated the FCC's multiple ownership rules. On March 30, 2004, MMM filed a supplement to its petition. RMBC filed responsive pleadings and the matter remains pending before the Commission.

On January 16, 2004, KRTV Communications, Inc. ("Cordillera") filed an Informal Objection to RMBC's Translator Application alleging a site availability question. On April 1, 2004, Cordillera filed supplemental comments incorporating the allegations of MMM. RMBC filed responsive pleadings and the matter remains pending before the Commission.

RMBC's responsive pleadings to both Cordillera and MMM demonstrate that neither the Cordillera nor the MMM statements in their various pleadings hold any merit and that all should be dismissed by the Commission.