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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554
Attention: Audio Division, Media Bureau

Re: Request for Cancellation of Broadcast License
New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority
W285EE, Clinton, New Jersey
Facility ID No. 143452

Dear Ms. Dortch:

WRNJ Radio, Inc., licensee of FM translator Station W284AQ, Hackettstown, New Jersey (Facility ID No. 54698), by its counsel, hereby requests that the Commission cancel the license currently held by New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority ("NJPBA") for the above-listed FM translator Station, which has been silent for well over a year.

Pursuant to Section 312(g) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, "[i]f a broadcasting station fails to transmit broadcast signals for any consecutive 12-month period, then the station license granted for the operation of that broadcast station expires at the end of that period, notwithstanding any provision, term, or condition of the license to the contrary. . . ."¹ See also Sections 73.1615(c)(2); 73.1740(c); and 74.1263(e) of the Commission's Rules.

Station W285EE has been silent for a period in excess of twelve months. See enclosed letters of Nick Straka (Exhibit A) and Lawrence J. Tighe, Jr., (Exhibit B). Also enclosed hereto in Exhibit A are recent pictures of the authorized transmitter site for Station W285EE showing that there is no FM antenna located on the tower.

NJPBA filed the license application for W285EE on the final day of its 3 year period to construct which was November 14, 2007, certifying that the facility was constructed as authorized in the underlying construction permit.² See FCC File No.

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

² The construction permit for W285EE was granted on November 14, 2004. See FCC File No. BNPFT-20030827AGO.



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BLFT-20071114ACA. The Commission's public records reflect that NJPBA did not notify the Commission regarding the cessation of station operations and did not file a request for Special Temporary Authority to operate at variance with the agency's minimum operating schedule requirements.

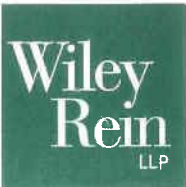
Moreover, NJPBA has recently sold all of its other radio stations to New York Public Radio and WHYY, Inc., including the primary station for W285EE—WNJP(FM), Sussex, NJ (Facility ID No. 48471). *See* FCC File Nos. BALED-20110714ABV; BALED-20110715ABU [Consummation Date--December 5, 2011]. Thus, aside from holding the license for Station W285EE—which was not included in these transactions—NJPBA is no longer in the radio business. *See* Exhibit C. This Exhibit contains the Minutes of September 2011 Meeting of the Board of the Commissioners of NJPBA and a recent email from the Office Manager of NJPBA confirming that, in the summer of 2011, the State of New Jersey eliminated funding for this licensee and, as a result, NJPBA sold all of its radio stations (except W285EE).³

Section 312(g) of the Communications Act and its implementing regulations are clear that a broadcast license automatically expires if the station has been off the air for over a year.⁴ Though Section 312(g) of the Act gives the Commission discretion to extend or reinstate a license that has expired as a matter of law because the station was silent for more than twelve consecutive months, the agency has refused to exercise that discretion where the station was silent for a period extending well beyond a year, as is the case here.⁵

³ While not relied upon as an official source, the Wikipedia report on NJPBA is also provided for additional background information.

⁴ *See, e.g., Eagle Broadcasting Group, Ltd. v. FCC*, 563 F.3d 543, 545 (D.C. Cir. 2009) (affirming Commission's determination that a broadcast license had expired pursuant to Section 312(g) of the Act due to the failure to broadcast for one year); *A-O Broadcasting Corp.*, MO&O, 23 FCC Rcd 603 (2008) (affirming Bureau decision that a broadcast license had expired as a matter of law due to the failure to broadcast for one year).

⁵ *See, e.g.,* Letter from Peter H. Doyle, Chief, Audio Division, Media Bureau, to John Wells King, Esq., K225AG, Dodge City, KS, (rel. Sept. 10, 2010) (refusing to reinstate a forfeited FM translator license where the station was voluntarily taken off the air more than two years and remained silent since that time); Letter from Peter H. Doyle, Chief, Audio Division, Media Bureau, to Erwin G. Krasnow, Esq., KRAM(AM), West Klamath, Oregon, Facility ID No. 71966, (rel. Feb. 24, 2010)



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Therefore, WRNJ Radio, Inc. respectfully requests that the license for W285EE be cancelled as a matter of law pursuant to Section 312(g) of the Communications Act and Sections 73.1740(c) and 74.1263(e) of the Commission's Rules. NJPBA and its counsel of record have been served with a copy of this Request for Cancellation.

If there are any questions concerning this matter, please contact undersigned counsel for WRNJ Radio, Inc.

Sincerely,



Mark Lipp

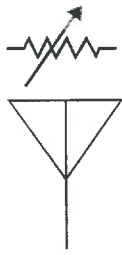
Enclosures

cc: New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority
Margaret Miller, Esq (Counsel to NJPBA)

(Continued . . .)

(finding that the exercise of Section 312(g) discretion was not warranted where a station was continuously off the air for four years and then resumed operations at an unauthorized site).

EXHIBIT A



NS Radio Engineering, Inc.
154 E Prospect Street
Hackettstown, NJ 07840
908.528.6887

December 14, 2011

Dear Sir or Madam:

I hereby certify that in excess of one year, I have monitored 104.9 MHz within the coverage area of translator W285EE, while traveling Rt. 31 in Clinton and have heard no programming or carrier signal. I travel through the area to Trenton, NJ from Hackettstown to a client station at least once per week.

I have been to the transmitter site shown on the license for W285EE and could not find either a transmitting antenna or a receive antenna on the tower.

The property belongs to the state of New Jersey. There also is no required identification sign on the surrounding fence of this site indicating that a translator is located at this tower site.

Please find attached, pictures of the tower and the lack of FM antennas that would normally be found at an FM translator site.

Respectfully,

Nick Straka

President

NS Radio Engineering, Inc.

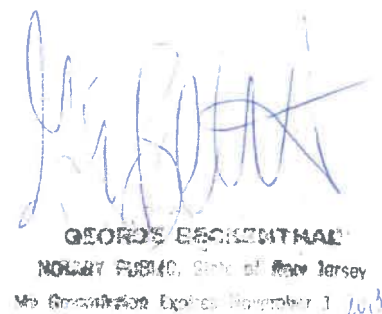






EXHIBIT B

LAWRENCE J. TIGHE, JR., INC.

P.O. Box 1000

Hackettstown, NJ 07840

(908) 850-1111

Lawrence J. Tighe, Jr.
Box 1000
Hackettstown, NJ
07840

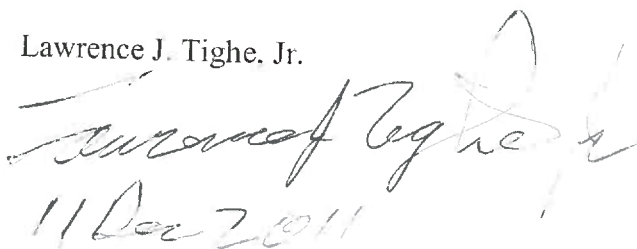
I hereby certify that in excess of one year, I have monitored 104.9 MHz in the area of the translator W285EE and heard no programming or carrier signal.

I have been to the transmitter site shown on the license for W285EE and could not find either a transmitter antenna or a receive antenna. The property belongs to the state of New Jersey.

There also is no required sign on the surrounding fence of this site indicating that a translator is located at this tower site.

Find attached pictures of the tower and the lack of FM antennas that would normally be found at an FM translator site.

Lawrence J. Tighe, Jr.



11 Dec 2011



GEORGE BECKENTHAL

NOTARY PUBLIC, State of New Jersey

My Commission Expires 12/31/2013

EXHIBIT C

**New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority
Meeting of the Board of Commissioners**

**September 13, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.
New Jersey Network, 25 South Stockton Street, Trenton, New Jersey
and via conference call**

MINUTES

**Kent Manahan, Chair, Presiding
NJPBA Two Hundred Fifty-fourth Meeting**

I. Call to Order, Open Public Meeting Notice, Kent Manahan, Chair, NJPBA

Kent Manahan, Chair called the meeting to order. Ms. Manahan read the Open Public Meetings Act statement as follow: In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey, notice of this meeting was filed with the Office of the Secretary of State, posted on the appropriate bulletin boards maintained for such purposes by the New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority (the "Authority"), and distributed by press release to daily newspapers in New Jersey.

Ms. Manahan then requested a roll call. Commissioners present and participating at the meeting were Kent Manahan (via phone); Chair; Dr. Steven Fiske (via phone); Stephanie Hoopes Halpin (via phone); Scott Kobler (via phone); Andrea Cummis (via phone); Phyllis Salowe-Kaye (via phone); Roger Jacobs (via phone); Marshall Jones (via phone); Steven Petrecca, Assistant State Treasurer, Department of the Treasury (on behalf of State Treasurer Andrew Sidamon-Eristoff); and Betty Lou DeCroke, Department of Community Affairs (on behalf of Commissioner Lori Grifa) (via phone). Also participating were Kavin K. Mistry, Deputy Attorney General; Maura Tully, Assistant Counsel, Governor's Authorities Unit; Janice Selinger, NJPBA, Acting Executive Director. Several staff members were present: Judy Goetz (taking minutes), Mary Kate Maloney, Paul Horvath, Ed Rodgers and Grace Bethea. Also on the phone was Dudley Burdge, CWA.

II. Approval of Minutes - July 28, 2010

Ms. DeCroke made a motion to approve the Minutes of the July 28, 2010 meeting. Mr. Petrecca seconded the motion. The motion was approve unanimously with one abstention by Ms. Hoopes Halpin.

III. Resolution Approving the Appointment of an Acting Executive Director

Ms. Manahan asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Janice Selinger as Acting Executive Director. Mr. Jacobs made the motion to approve the Resolution approving the

appointment of Janice Selinger as Acting Executive Director. Ms. DeCroke seconded the motion.

Ms. Manahan made a motion to amend the Resolution. Ms. Manahan asked for the beginning effective date to be changed (fifth WHEREAS clause) to August 30, 2010 and until such time as a permanent Executive Director is appointed or another Acting Executive Director is appointed. Ms. Manahan stated that Janice Selinger has already been given the designation and the authority as the Acting Executive Director as of August 30, 2010.

Mr. Kobler asked, for the record, if this is approved by the Governor's Office and what Mr. Blumenthal's role would be until September 17th. Ms. Manahan stated that both she and Ms. Selinger have been told, together and separately, that as of August 30, 2010, Ms. Selinger is the Acting Executive Director of the Authority and that September 17, 2010 is the final date that Mr. Blumenthal will be on the Authority payroll. Ms. Manahan stated that Mr. Blumenthal is no longer speaking for or on behalf of the Authority during this interim period of time that he remains on the payroll. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion as amended by Ms. Manahan. The motion to approve the Resolution appointing Ms. Selinger as Acting Executive Director, as amended was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority (the "Authority") was created pursuant to the New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority Act of 1968, L. 1968, c. 405, as amended (the "Act");

WHEREAS, Interim Executive Director Howard K. Blumenthal announced his resignation from the position of Interim Executive Director of the Authority as of September 17, 2010;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5 of the Act, the Commissioners of the Authority appoint the Executive Director of the Authority, subject to the approval of the Governor of the State;

WHEREAS, in the absence of an Executive Director and in the desire to provide for the orderly continuation of the activities and functions of the Authority, the Commissioners of the Authority wish to appoint an Acting Executive Director to perform all of the duties and assume all of the responsibilities of Executive Director, until such time as an Executive Director or another Acting Executive Director is appointed by the Commissioners of the Authority;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Authority wish to appoint Janice Selinger, Deputy Executive Director for Production and Acting Chief Operating Officer to serve as Acting Executive Director of the Authority beginning on August 30, 2010 and until such time as a permanent Executive Director or another Acting Executive Director is appointed; and


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE NEW JERSEY PUBLIC BROADCASTING AUTHORITY AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Commissioners of the Authority hereby appoint Janice Selinger, Deputy Executive Director for Production and Acting Chief Operating Officer to serve as Acting Executive Director beginning on August 30, 2010 and until such time as an Executive Director or another Acting Executive Director is appointed by the Commissioners of the Authority.
2. Until the Commissioners of the Authority select and appoint a new Executive Director or another Acting Executive Director, Janice Selinger, Deputy Executive Director Production and Acting Chief Operating Officer shall have all the powers and responsibilities of the Executive Director of the Authority as set forth in the Act and in the By-Laws of the Authority.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately in accordance with the Act.

IV. Resolution Authorizing Certain Action with Respect to Employees

**RESOLUTION OF THE NEW JERSEY PUBLIC BROADCASTING AUTHORITY
AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS WITH RESPECT TO EMPLOYEES**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority (the "Authority") was created pursuant to the New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority Act of 1968, L. 1968, c. 405, as amended (N.J.S.A. 48:23-1 et seq.)(the "Act"); and

 **WHEREAS**, due to the current fiscal crisis facing the State of New Jersey (the "State"), the Fiscal Year 2011 Appropriations Act significantly reduced the appropriation for public broadcasting services based on the determination that the Authority should operate independently and that the State will no longer be in the public broadcasting business as of January 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the State appropriated \$1,898,000 to the Authority for Fiscal Year 2011, representing an approximate fifty (50%) percent reduction in the amount appropriated to the Authority by the State as compared to a year ago; and

WHEREAS, due to the fifty (50%) percent reduction in State funding, the Authority has approved a Fiscal Year 2011 six month budget from July 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010 which provides the Authority with the ability to operate and conduct its business until

December 31, 2010; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide for the orderly transformation from a State entity, the cessation of State-supported fiscal and business operations, including the orderly termination of all of its State employees, beginning on January 1, 2011, the Authority wishes to request the assistance of and delegate certain actions to the New Jersey Department of the Treasury ("Treasury") in order to provide for the orderly termination of its employees, beginning on January 1, 2011; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE NEW JERSEY PUBLIC BROADCASTING AUTHORITY AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Commissioners of the Authority authorize Treasury to take any and all actions necessary to provide for the orderly termination of all employees of the Authority as of January 1, 2011, including, but not limited to, issuing any notices required pursuant to State law, regulation or by any collective bargaining agreement applicable to the Authority's employees and the filing of any document, layoff plan or notice with the New Jersey Civil Service Commission.
2. The Commissioners of the Authority hereby authorize the Acting Executive Director to take any and all actions necessary to assist Treasury in providing for the orderly termination of all employees of the Authority as of January 1, 2011.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately in accordance with the Act.

Mr. Jones made a motion to go into executive session to discuss this Resolution. Ms. Cummis seconded the motion. Ms. Salowe Kaye and Mr. Kobler stated that they believed that this resolution could be discussed in public session. Deputy Attorney General Mistry said it is up to the Commissioners if they preferred to discuss the resolution in public session as executive session is not required. Ms. Hoopes Halpin suggested that the matter be discussed in public session and if necessary, the Commissioners enter into executive session later in the meeting.

Mr. Kobler made a motion to table Mr. Jones motion to enter into executive session. Ms. Salowe-Kaye seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

Ms. Manahan asked Mr. Petrecca to give an explanation for the need for this resolution. Mr. Petrecca stated that as everyone is aware there is a situation where the State has only funded the Authority for a six month period. He also stated that the State is in the process of transitioning the Authority to a new entity effective January 1, 2011 in an orderly manner. Mr. Petrecca stated that the Attorney General's Office and the Governor's Office have looked at the matter from a labor law perspective. He then stated that the Department of the Treasury ("Treasury") sought their guidance and feels that the union

needs to be notified 120 days prior to any action. Mr. Petrecca further stated that if events continue to proceed forward, within 45 days of the date of a layoff action, employees will receive a letter notifying them of a layoff. Mr. Petrecca stated that everyone is well aware that the Legislature is conducting its own review via the legislative commission and may come up with their own recommendations. If conditions change dramatically, the current course of action could be modified or reversed with any notices issued being revoked, however, it is prudent to start addressing certain of the procedural actions that need to be undertaken.

Mr. Petrecca also stated that Treasury has been assisting the Authority in this matter as the Authority does not have a director of human resources.

Ms. Manahan asked Mr. Petrecca as a point of clarification, if this resolution is contingent on the understanding that it would only be effective on the completion of a transfer of the Authority as of December 31, 2010 or January 1, 2011, the dissolution of the PBA and the Foundation for New Jersey Public Broadcasting (the "Foundation") and that a new entity is in operation.

Deputy Attorney General Mistry stated that the resolution is not contingent on future events and that it is inaccurate to use the word "contingent". Deputy Attorney General Mistry stated that the intent of the resolution is to enable an orderly process of notifying employees to begin, if required, in light of the lack of a Human Resources Department or a Human Resources Director at the Authority. Approval of the resolution by the Authority would delegate authorization to Treasury, using the Treasury human resources personnel, who are currently assisting the Authority on human resources matters, to take the necessary steps. The intent of the resolution is that come December 31st if the Legislature comes back and there is legislation either authorizing a transfer or some other measure of disposition, the Authority would be able to satisfy its legal obligations under the collective bargaining agreement with its unionized employees and/or obligations with respect to non-union employees in order to provide them with the proper notification during this time.

Deputy Attorney General Mistry said that once the resolution is adopted it is in effect, but like Mr. Petrecca stated, if there is a resolution to the status of the Authority in some manner before December 31st and if those notices had gone out, those notices could be revoked. The resolution before the Authority does not cement in stone a course of action, but it provides for an orderly process to begin to satisfy notice requirements and layoff plan requirements.

Mr. Kobler stated that he did not believe that the Authority was a party to a collective bargaining agreement. He speculated that if the resolution was not to pass, that the Department of Personnel, Treasury, or the State itself would have the authority with

respect to the collective bargaining agreement to do what is required with respect to the Authority's employees.

Deputy Attorney General Mistry explained that Mr. Kobler is correct in the fact that the Authority is not a direct signatory to a collective bargaining agreement. However, there are two groups of employees that are represented by two separate unions. One is the Communications Workers of America (CWA) and the other is International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE). Those employees are covered by the respective collective bargaining agreements and those agreements require certain notification to be given to those employees if there is a layoff. Deputy Attorney General Mistry stated that the Authority is the "appointing authority" under New Jersey Civil Service Commission regulations, so if there is a layoff plan that needs to be submitted and if notices need to go out it is the Authority's responsibility to do so under those regulations.

Deputy Attorney General Mistry explained that the resolution is being proffered at this time because of a lack of a human resources director at the Authority. There is no practical ability for Authority employees who are not experienced in the area of human resources to pursue this course of action properly and legally. Deputy Attorney General Mistry stated that it is to the Authority's benefit and protection to be able to rely on the expertise of Treasury's Human Resource Department. Mr. Kobler asked if it would have been more helpful to have a resolution that stated that we delegated the human resources function at NJN to the Treasury Department rather than make assumptions in here about what would wind up happening or even writing in a contingency or understanding that there is a contingency. Deputy Attorney General Mistry stated that simply delegating the human resources function to the Treasury would not address the issue at hand.

Ms. Salowe-Kaye asked what the issue is at hand. Deputy Attorney General Mistry explained that the Authority By-Laws require that authorization be given to the Executive Director to lay off more than 10 state employee positions per quarter at the Authority. The Authority would have to take action regardless of who is handling the human resources role and at this time there is no one at the Authority who can carry out that function properly. Deputy Attorney General Mistry stated that since Treasury has been informally assisting the Authority on human resources issues it is to the benefit of the Authority, in this particular matter, that Treasury continue that role and take on these additional duties that the Authority would be delegating to Treasury by approving the resolution.

Mr. Kobler stated that he would have preferred a delegation resolution without the presumptions, but that he appreciates the incredible work that the Treasury has done supporting the Authority. Ms. Manahan suggested a vote with the understanding that this is a process only if the Authority becomes a private entity as of January 1, 2011. Mr. Burdge questioned whether the Authority could vote on a resolution added to the agenda

at the last moment. Deputy Attorney General Mistry stated that the Open Public Meetings Act was complied with properly by the Authority. Ms. Salowe-Kaye asked if there is an issue with the 48 hour notice should the Authority set up a revote at another time. Deputy Attorney General Mistry stated there is not an issue with the 48-hour notice requirement of the Open Public Meetings Act.

Ms. Cummis asked what happens if there is no more funding for the Authority after December 31st and there is no transition to a new entity. Mr. Petrecca stated that then there would be no Authority, no Foundation - there would be nothing. Ms. Cummis asked if this was being set up for that to happen. Mr. Petrecca stated that every effort is being made to effectuate a transfer of the Authority to a new entity and that the Administration is working with the Legislature as much as possible, so that there is an orderly transition as soon as possible in the most transparent manner as possible.

Ms. Manahan called for a vote. The resolution was moved by Dr. Fiske and was seconded by Mr. Jacobs. The Resolution Authorizing Certain Actions with Respect to Employees was approved unanimously, with no abstentions.

V. Other Business

Ms. Hoopes Halpin requested that there be another Authority meeting shortly to discuss various issues. Ms. Hoopes Halpin requested information on Ms. Manahan and Ms. Selinger's testimony for the Legislative Task Force hearings. Ms. Manahan stated that a task force like this has never been done before.. The response that Ms. Manahan has received in pre-discussions with various legislators, and there have been numerous, has been positive. Mostly information has been requested from the Foundation. The Authority has sent, through the Governor's Office, copies of the Authority's half-year budget and some other information. Ms. Manahan stated that she will be speaking about the Authority's mission and her experiences and the Statement of Principles and Recommendations during her testimony before the Legislative Task Force.

Dr. Fiske requested that any minutes and information from the Legislative Task Force be distributed to the Commissioners as soon as possible. Ms. Manahan stated that the hearings will air live and will be stored on the Authority's website.

Ms. Hoopes Halpin stated that it would be nice for the Commissioners to know what is being presented at the Legislative Task Force hearings. Ms. Hoopes Halpin stated that the Authority should have a chance to deliberate on the proposed legislation which has been put forward and over on-going budget concerns. Ms. Manahan said that she would make her testimony available to the Commissioners. Ms. Selinger stated that she would make her testimony available to the Commissioners as well And will focus on the value of the Authority and NJN, as well as the situation being faced today.

VI. Public Comment

Mr. Burdge stated that the resolution was not advertised on Friday, just that the Authority was notified on Friday and he felt that this could be an issue. Mr. Burdge stated that this is not transparency. Mr. Burdge stated that he was stunned that the CWA did not get a call about this resolution being presented to the Authority. Mr. Burdge was concerned that he had not seen the resolution which was voted on.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Jacobs made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Cummis seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously at 9:10 AM.

Jg/km/km

FINAL 12/3/10

Lipp, Mark

From: Larry Tighe [larryradio@att.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2012 11:18 AM
To: Lipp, Mark; Clarence Beverage; Norman Worth
Subject: Fw: 20120118-14690--Radio

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

From: "Gee, Nichol" <Nichol.Gee@treas.state.nj.us>
To: <larryradio@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2012 11:15 AM
Subject: RE: 20120118-14690--Radio

Dear Mr. Tighe,

It was nice speaking with you today. Thank you for your interest in New Jersey Public Broadcasting. To summarize our conversation, as a result of actions taken in the summer of 2011 pursuant to the New Jersey Public Broadcasting System Transfer Act, the State of New Jersey ("State") has greatly reduced its role in the day-to-day operations of public media in New Jersey. Although the State, through the New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority, retained the television broadcast licenses and operating responsibilities for the television broadcast infrastructure, it has entered into a contractual arrangement with Public Media NJ, Inc., a new, New Jersey-based, non-profit company that is a subsidiary of WNET in New York, for the programming, production, fundraising and other activities that constitute the public face of what was formerly known as NJN Public Television. Public Media NJ is branding this operation as NJTV, and it includes many of the characteristics of the former NJN, including a daily news program about New Jersey topics.

As a part of the same initiative, the State is divesting itself of the FM radio broadcasting licenses associated with NJN Public Radio, with a portion of the licenses going to WHYY, Inc. in Philadelphia and a portion to New York Public Radio in New York (operators of WNYC and other stations).

During public hearings that were held regarding the New Jersey Public Broadcasting System Transfer Act, the Treasurer for the State of New Jersey forecasted a savings of approximately \$11 million per year as a result of this restructuring. For more detailed information and to review the agreements between the State and Public Media NJ, New York Public Radio, and WHYY, Inc., please visit our website at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/njn/index.shtml>.

Thank you again for your interest in public media in New Jersey.

Sincerely,
Nichol Gee

Ms. Nichol R. Gee
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NJ Public Broadcasting Authority
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Trenton, NJ 08625-0777
609-984-9449 (4-9449)
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-----Original Message-----

From: larryradio@att.net [mailto:larryradio@att.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2012 10:39 AM
To: Gee, Nichol
Subject: 20120118-14690--Radio

Confirmation #: 20120118-14690
Sent to: Nichol.gee_treas.state.nj.us
This email is a message generated from the NJPBA Contact_us Page
Subject: Radio

** FROM **

Mr. Lawrence J Tighe
20 Thomas Drive
Suite/P.O.Box:
Hackettstown, NJ 07840
County: Warren
Country: US
Phone: 908 850-1111 Ext:

E-mail: larryradio@att.net

** Service Details **

City: none
State:
If you're watching over the air: Select One
Local Cable or Satellite Provider:
Digital Cable: Select One
My Television is a: Select One

** AFFILIATION **

Group: N/A
Relationship: N/A

** MESSAGE **

SUBJECT: Radio

Does NJ still have a department overseeing broadcasting facilities? If so, what is it named and where is it located?

New Jersey Network

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The **New Jersey Network**, or **NJN**, was a network of public television and radio stations serving the U.S. state of New Jersey. NJN was a member of the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) for television and the National Public Radio (NPR) for radio, broadcasting their programming as well as producing and broadcasting their own programming, mostly relating to issues in New Jersey. With studios in both Trenton and Newark, NJN's television network covered all of New Jersey, plus parts of Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut and Delaware. The state radio network primarily serves several areas of New Jersey that were not covered by the Philadelphia and New York City public radio stations.

New Jersey Network ended operations on June 30, 2011. The television network was succeeded by NJTV, and the radio stations were split through two separate outright sales to different public broadcasting entities.

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New Jersey Network



statewide New Jersey

Branding	NJN
Slogan	New Jersey Public Television and Radio
Channels	Digital: see table below Virtual: see table below
Affiliations	defunct
Founded	April 5, 1971 (television) May 20, 1991 (radio)
Last air date	June 30, 2011
Former affiliations	PBS, NPR
Transmitter power	see table below
Height	see table below
Facility ID	see table below
Transmitter coordinates	see table below
Website	NJN.net (http://www.njn.net/)

History

The system was founded in 1968 by an act of the New Jersey Legislature establishing the **New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority (NJPBA)**. New Jersey already had a public television station licensed within the state—WNET, licensed to Newark. However, for all practical purposes, WNET was a New York City station, effectively leaving New Jersey without a public station of its own. With state funding and four UHF licenses assigned years earlier by the Federal Communications Commission, the NJPBA

went to work building the state's public television stations. The first station, WNJT in Trenton, went on the air April 5, 1971, with the other three stations signing on over the next two years. The system was known on-air as **New Jersey Public Television (NJPTV)** until 1981, when it adopted the New Jersey Network identity.

Due to New Jersey being split between the New York City and Philadelphia markets, NJN's television network reached viewers in parts of five states. While this gave NJN one of the largest potential audiences in the country, it also forced it to compete directly with three of the highest-rated PBS stations in the nation—WNET, secondary New York City member station WLIW, and WHYY-TV in the Philadelphia area. NJN spent most of its existence searching to carve out a niche of its own.

One of its solutions had been to air some of the more popular PBS shows on a delayed basis. Another solution has been to focus its efforts on its news operation. The latter worked very well, as NJN and its reporters won many awards for their journalistic efforts. In the 1980s, NJN was the first media outlet to break the "Taggart Affair" political patronage scandal. NJN's newscasts and public affairs programming were co-produced (initially) and simulcast on WNET for that station to fulfill its licensing commitment to Newark.

NJN's radio network began operation May 20, 1991, when WNJT-FM in Trenton signed on;^[1] eight other stations would be established over the following seventeen years.

Transition

In 2008, in the face of a proposed 35 percent cut in funding, NJN officials asked the state legislature for permission to become an independent nonprofit entity. Under this proposal, the state network would likely be transferred to its nonprofit fundraising arm, the NJN Foundation. Two consultants looking into fundraising options say that breaking off from the state would trigger an avalanche of private funding.^[2]

After assuming the office of New Jersey Governor in 2010, Chris Christie voiced his support for transforming NJN into a not-for-profit organization in his March 2010 budget speech.^[3] On October 15, 2010, a bipartisan legislative task force called for a "dramatic reconfiguration" of the state network, but not full privatization. Christie nonetheless moved forward with plans to remove state funding.^[4] On November 17 NJN handed layoff notices to 130 workers, leading to speculation that the state network would shut down on January 1, 2011, when funding from the state would end.^[5] On December 17, 2010, Gov. Christie signed legislation for transferring the state network to independent funding. The legislation also suspended layoffs.^[6]

Endgame

On June 6, the split of NJN's radio and television operations was announced by Gov. Christie. They were as follows:^{[7][8]}

- **Television:** WNET assumed control of NJN's television stations for a five-year term under a new nonprofit entity called **Public Media NJ**. The television network was renamed **NJTV**, and has promised to feature increased coverage of news and issues pertinent to New Jersey, as well as programming from the WNET and PBS libraries. Caucus Educational Corporation, which produces *Caucus: New Jersey*, will serve as a producing partner with NJTV for New Jersey-focused public affairs programming. The deal does not include the station licenses, which will be retained by the NJPBA. As the contracts do not involve license transfers but are

instead tantamount to local management agreements, they do not require approval from the FCC.

- **Radio:** NJN's radio network was divided in a pair of multi-station sales, with New York Public Radio (owners of WNYC-AM-FM in New York City and Newark-licensed WQXR-FM) acquiring four stations and WHYY-FM in Philadelphia obtaining the other five. New York Public Radio used its stations to start a new New Jersey-oriented network, New Jersey Public Radio,^[9] while WHYY used its stations to expand the reach of its existing radio service.^[10] These sales must also be approved by the FCC.

On June 23 the New Jersey State Assembly voted, 45 to 30, in favor of rejecting the WNET/Caucus proposal for transfer of control of the NJN television stations.^[11] The state Senate, however, passed the resolution on June 27 by a 20 to 19 margin, allowing the deal to go into effect as scheduled on July 1.^[12] All 130 NJN employees were either laid off or reassigned, or retired as a result of the system's closure.^[13]

The last scheduled program aired on NJN television was *Theatre Talk*, followed by a previously-aired news report and pre-taped, farewell message by Janice Selinger, NJN's acting executive director.

Television

The NJN television stations were:

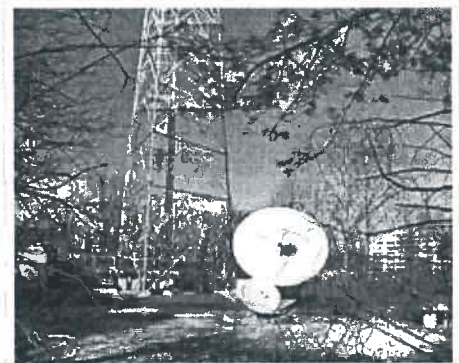
- Camden: **WNJS** (channel 23/RF 22)
- Montclair: **WNJN** (channel 50/RF 51)¹
- New Brunswick: **WNJB** (channel 58/RF 8)
- Trenton: **WNJT** (channel 52/RF 43)

Notes

- ¹ WNJN used the callsign **WNJM** (the *M* standing for **Montclair**) from 1973 sign-on to 1994.

Signal Reach

- WNJS: all of southern New Jersey (including Atlantic City), as well as Philadelphia and Wilmington, Delaware
- WNJN: all of northern New Jersey (including Newark, Jersey City and Paterson), as well as southern New York state (New York City and western Long Island) and southwestern Connecticut
- WNJT: most of central New Jersey (including the city of Trenton, Monmouth, Mercer and Ocean counties)
- WNJB: most of north-central New Jersey (including Hunterdon, Somerset and Middlesex counties)



Montclair station

NJN-produced television programs

- *Another View*
- *Caucus: New Jersey*

- *Classroom Close-up, NJ*
- *Congress Watch*
- *Due Process*
- *Homeless Tails*
- *Images/Imagenes*
- *Inside Trenton*
- *New Jersey Works*
- *NJN Classics*
- *NJN News*
- *On the Record*
- *Reporters Roundtable*
- *Shepherd's Pie* (monologue program hosted by Jean Shepherd)
- *State of the Arts*
- *Tomorrow's Medicine Today* (produced by Medical Missions for Children)
- *The Uncle Floyd Show* (aired in the 1980s)

Digital television

The state network's digital signals was multiplexed:

Sub-channel	Programming
xx.1	main NJN/PBS programming
xx.2	NJN2
xx.3	AudioVision (audio only)

Analog-to-digital conversion

The four NJN stations shut down their analog signals on June 12, 2009,^[14] as part of the DTV transition in the United States. Each of the four NJN stations remained on their pre-transition digital assignments ^{[15][16][17][18]} using PSIP to display virtual channels for each NJN station corresponding to their former analog channel numbers.

Radio

Unlike its television counterpart, NJN Radio covered mainly southern New Jersey, with only two transmitters in the northern part of the state. Due to the crowded state of the noncommercial end of the FM dial in the northeastern United States, the nine stations all operate at relatively low power. Much of the programming came from NPR, with a simulcast of the audio of the television network's *NJN News* following *All Things Considered*.

- **Stations acquired by WHYY, Incorporated:**^[19]

City	Call letters	Frequency
Atlantic City	WNJN-FM	89.7
Berlin	WNJS-FM	88.1
Bridgeton	WNJB-FM	89.3
Cape May Court House	WNJZ	90.3
Manahawkin	WNJM	89.9

■ **Stations acquired by New York Public Radio:**^[20]

City	Call letters	Frequency
Netcong	WNJY	89.3
Sussex	WNJP	88.5
Trenton	WNJT-FM	88.1
Toms River	WNJO	90.3

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