

TECHNICAL STATEMENT AND WAIVER REQUEST  
K271CR CASA GRANDE, ARIZONA, CH. 258D  
MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY TRANSLATORS, LLC  
FCC FORM 349  
MAY 2018

This Technical Statement is made in support of a modification of FM translator station, K271CR at Casa Grande, Arizona, facility ID 146671. K271CR seeks to remain at its present tower site and remain a “fill-in” for KLVA(FM) Maricopa, Arizona, facility ID 2749. K271CR seeks to make technical changes to lower its antenna height from 850 Meters Height Above Mean Sea Level to 843 Meters and modify its directional antenna pattern. K271CR also seeks to change its channel of operation from channel 271D to 258D. This request is being made since K271CR began operations on channel 271D on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018, it has received numerous listener interference complaints to full power co-channel station KAHM(FM) Spring Valley, Arizona, facility ID 61510. The licensee of KAHM(FM), Phoenix Radio Broadcasting, LLC, has also filed an Informal Objection against the license application of K217CR, BLFT-20180418AIA (See Figure 7 attached). K271CR ceased operations on channel 271D on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to eliminate the interference being caused to KAHM(FM) and has filed for a Silent STA, BLSTA-20180502AAX. By this application, it is respectfully requested that the Commission waive §74.1233(a)(1) which defines a minor change application by an FM translator station as “changes to first, second or third adjacent channels, or intermediate frequency channels”. A channel search of all available minor change channels would require a drastic reduction of present coverage by K271CR. A channel search of all available non-reserved channels revealed that channel 258D would produce the best coverage for

K271CR without creating any prohibit overlap with other existing or proposed facilities.

The following will show that the new proposed operation of K271CR on channel 258D will meet all of the Commissions technical requirements for an FM translator station.

The new proposed operation of K271CR specifies a maximum Effective Radiated Power of 0.25 kilowatts (250 watts). It will operate with a directional antenna with an “off the shelf” type antenna, or a BEXT LOG-R with vertical only polarization. The antenna will be mounted on an existing non-registered tower, with an overall height of 33 meters above the ground. The antenna will be mounted with a Center of Radiation of 14 meters above the ground, and 843 meters Above Mean Sea Level. The coordinates of this tower are located at N 33° 00' 11", W 111° 40' 26", NAD 27.

Figure 1 is a detailed interference study conducted on channel 258D with the new proposed facilities. It shows that the new operation of K271CR will not cause any interference to any existing or proposed FM stations on any of the pertinent same channel or adjacent channels to channel 258D with the exception of second adjacent channel station, KESZ(FM) Phoenix, Arizona, facility ID 40992, operating on channel 260C.

Figure 2 shows the predicted 75.2 dB $\mu$  contour at the K217CR transmitter site. The worse case interference contour towards KESZ(FM) would therefore be 115.2 dB $\mu$ .

Figure 3 shows the coverage area for the worse case 115.2 dB $\mu$  interference contour F(50-10) and shows that there is no population in the area of interference. The 115.2 dB $\mu$  interference contour will extend 191.8 meters from the K271CR antenna. Figure 4 shows is a Satellite map showing the area around a 192 meter radius from the tower site. The applicant, Mountain Community Translators, LLC, respectfully requests a waiver of C.F.R. 74.1204(d) of the Commission's rules based on the fact that there is no

population within the area of predicted interference. There are no homes nearby the proposed existing tower site, which is privately owned with private access. The transmitter building is uninhabited and does not have indoor plumbing. The area around the tower base is fenced. There are two locked gates at the base of the mountain which prevent public access to the transmitter site which is known as the Sacaton Mountain Communications site. There are other communication shelters and towers at this site, but they are un-occupied as well. Should any unforeseen actual interference be caused, the licensee will immediately cease broadcasting with K271CR until such interference can be eliminated.

Figure 5 is the proposed directional antenna data for the new operation of K271CR on channel 258D.

The proposed operation of K271CR Casa Grande, Arizona will be considered a “Fill-In” operation for KLVA(FM) Maricopa, Arizona. KLVA(FM) operates with 50 kilowatts at 150 meters HAAT on Channel 288C2. Figure 6 shows that the proposed 60 dB $\mu$  contour for the proposed K271CR will not extend beyond the 60 dB $\mu$  contour of KLVA. Since this is a “Fill-In” translator, the maximum ERP will not exceed the maximum permissible ERP of 250 watts in any azimuth.

Since K271CR will remain at its current transmitter site, it can be assumed that there will be overlap between the two facilities as required.

It was found that the new proposed operation of K271CR Casa Grande, Arizona on channel 258D, will satisfy all of the required commission rules and regulations for an FM translator station.







K271CR  
BLFT20180418AIA  
Latitude: 33-00-11 N  
Longitude: 111-40-26 W  
ERP: 0.25 kW  
Channel: 258  
Frequency: 99.5 MHz  
AMSL Height: 850.0 m  
Elevation: 829.0 m  
Horiz. Pattern: Directional  
Vert. Pattern: No  
Prop Model: None

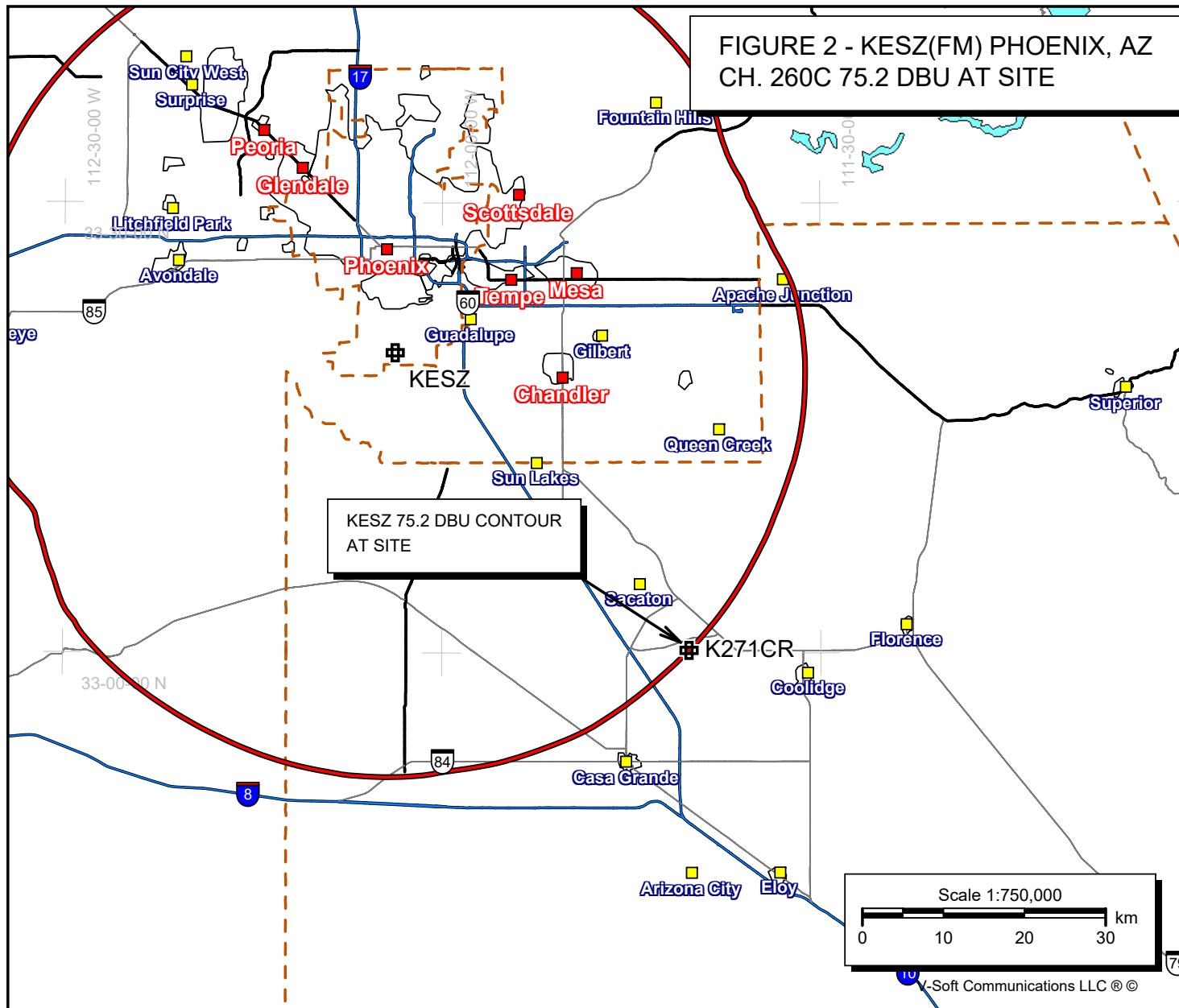
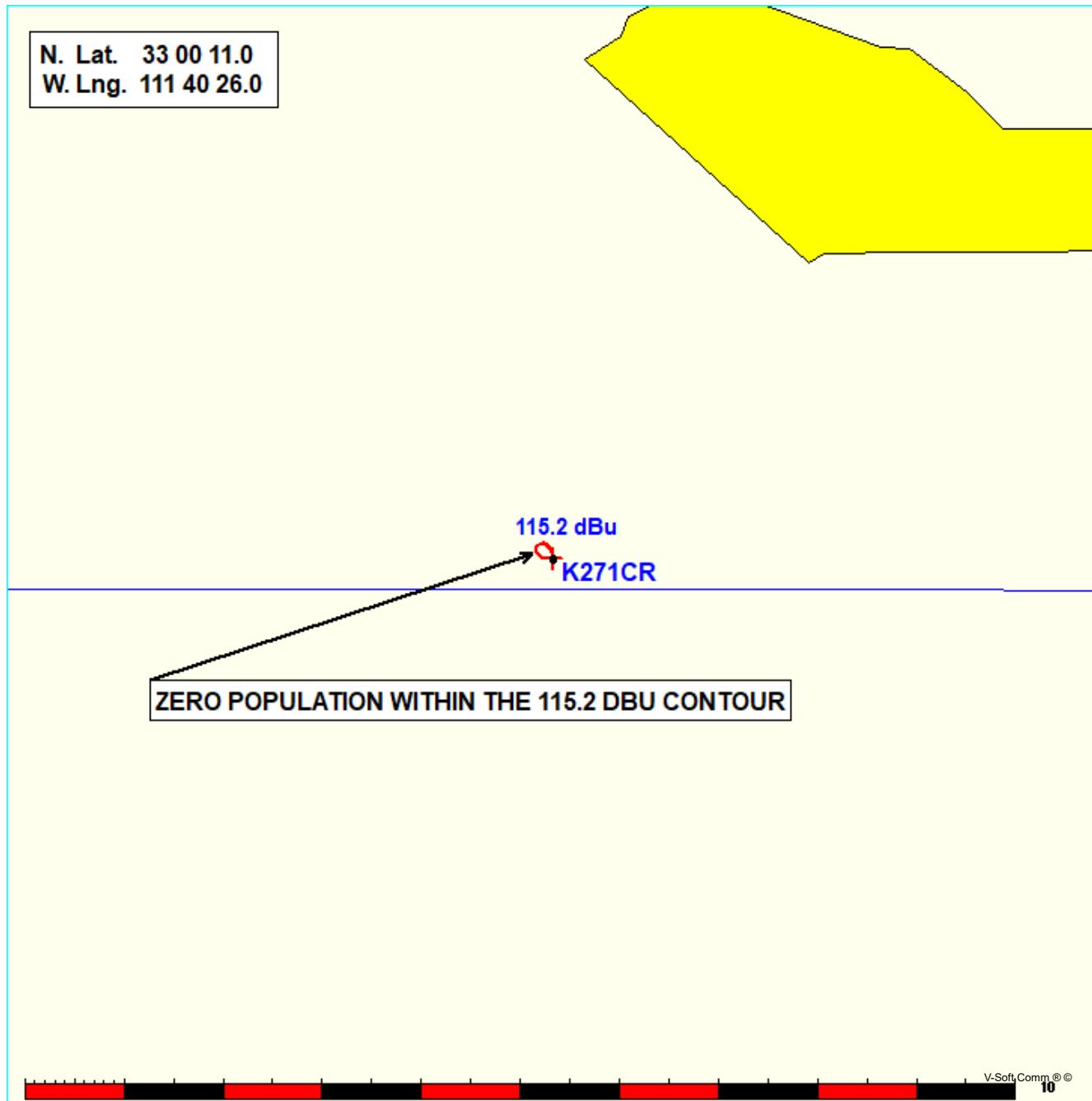


FIGURE 3 - PREDICTED 115.2 DBU CONTOUR  
K271CR CASA GRANDE, AZ, CH 258D

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K271CR CH258 D , 0.25 kW, 394.6m HAAT, 843.0m COR AMSL  
Interference Contour = 115.2 dBu. Population = 0





33°00'10.7"N 111°40'28.3"W

FIGURE 4 - SATELLITE MAP OF SITE





FIGURE 6 - FILL IN MAP WITH KLVA(FM)  
K271CR CASA GRANDE, AZ, CH 258D

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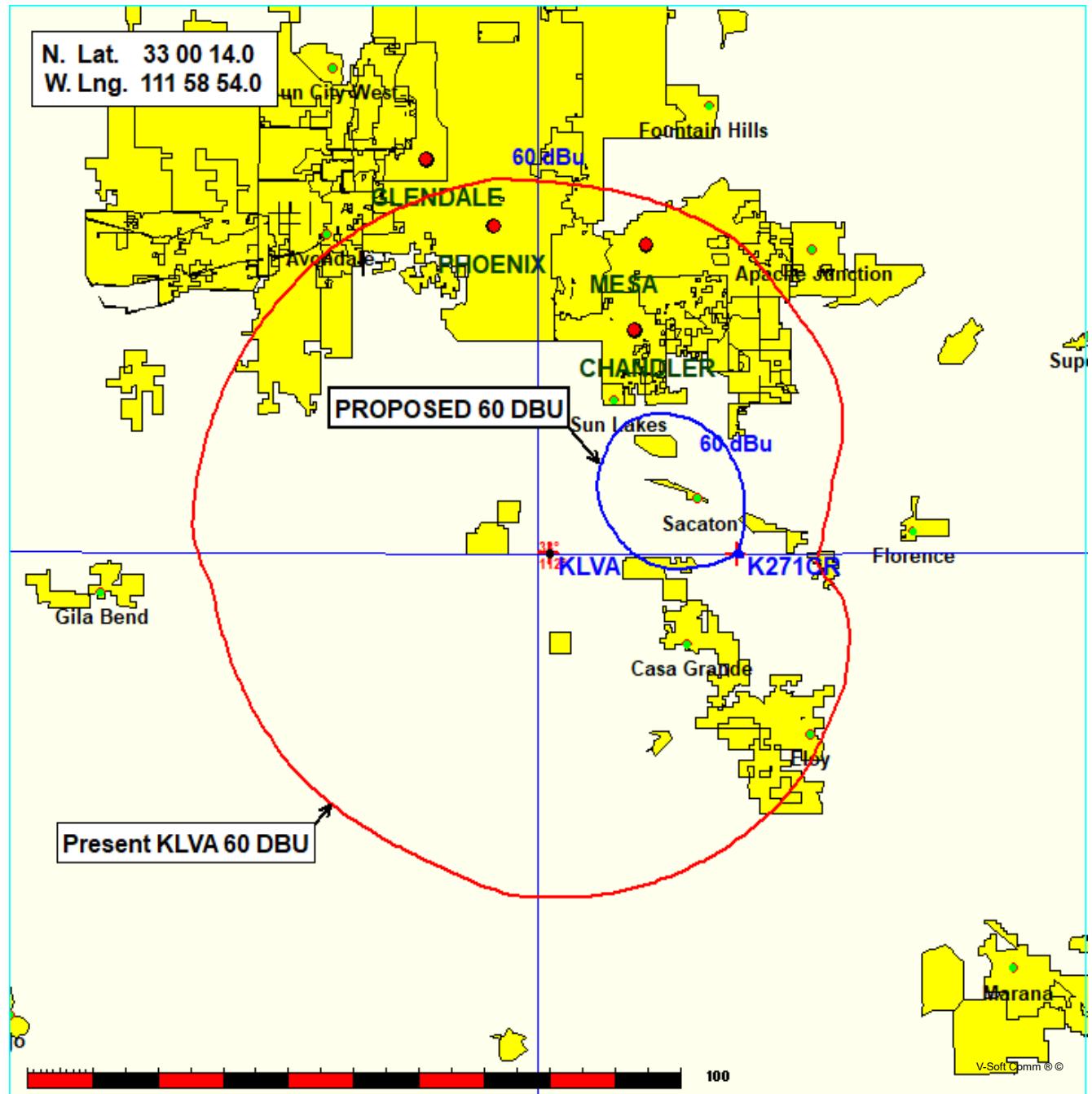


FIGURE 7 - INFORMAL OBJECTION FILED AGAINST K271CR

Before the  
**Federal Communications Commission**  
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of )  
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**MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY )**  
**TRANSLATORS, LLC**      )      File No. BLFT-20180418AIA  
FM Translator Station K243BP      )      Facility ID No. 146671  
Casa Grande, AZ                  )

To: Office of Secretary  
Attn: Chief, Audio Division, Media Bureau

**Informal Objection and Interference Complaint**

Phoenix Radio Broadcasting, LLC (“Phoenix”), licensee of full-power radio station KAHM(FM), 102.1 MHz, Prescott, Arizona, by its attorney, hereby objects to the above-captioned application filed by Mountain Community Translators, LLC (“Mountain”) for a license to cover modifications to FM translator station K243BP (the “Application”).<sup>1</sup>

Mountain filed the Application on April 18, 2018,<sup>2</sup> and just one day later, listeners of KAHM(FM) began calling the station complaining that “K-Love”<sup>3</sup> programming had begun interfering with their reception of KAHM(FM). In fact, as of today, Phoenix has received at least

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<sup>1</sup> The modifications to K243BP included an increase in power and a change of frequency from 96.5 MHz to 102.1 MHz (*i.e.*, the same frequency as KAHM(FM)). *See* File No. BMPFT-20170718AGR, *further modified* by File No. BMPFT-20180302ABA.

<sup>2</sup> The K243BP construction permit, File No. BMPFT-20180302ABA, contained a condition requiring Mountain to file a license application prior to commencing program test operations.

<sup>3</sup> K243BP rebroadcasts KLVA(FM), Maricopa, Arizona, Facility ID. No. 2749, which is licensed to Educational Media Foundation (“EMF”) and broadcasts EMF’s K-Love programming.

half a dozen calls or e-mails from listeners complaining of new interference from K243BP programming.

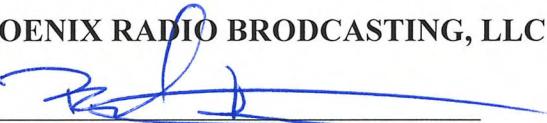
The recently activated co-channel operations of K243BP on 102.1 MHz is causing actual interference to reception of KAHM(FM) by regular listeners in violation of section 74.1203 of the Commission's rules.<sup>4</sup> Accordingly, Phoenix hereby respectfully requests that the Commission take appropriate action to end this interference.<sup>5</sup>

Phoenix is currently in the process of gathering complaint declarations from listeners to document the interference, but in the interim, the Commission should (1) either deny or defer action on K243BP's license application and (2) require Mountain immediately to end the actual interference either through a reduction in power or a complete suspension of operations.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>4</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 74.1203(a) ("An authorized FM translator or booster station will not be permitted to continue to operate if it causes any actual interference to: ... (3) The direct reception by the public of the off-the-air signals of any authorized broadcast station.... Interference will be considered to occur whenever reception of a regularly used signal is impaired by the signals radiated by the FM translator or booster station, regardless of the quality of such reception, the strength of the signal so used, or the channel on which the protected signal is transmitted.").

<sup>5</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 74.1203(e) ("It shall be the responsibility of the licensee of an FM translator or FM booster station to correct any condition of interference which results from the radiation of radio frequency energy by its equipment on any frequency outside the assigned channel. Upon notice by the Commission to the station licensee that such interference is being caused, the operation of the FM translator or FM booster station shall be suspended within three minutes . . .").

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned, an employee of Garvey Schubert Barer, hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing "Informal Objection and Interference Complaint" was served this date, by U.S. Postal Service First Class mail, postage prepaid, upon the following:

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