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Re: KTRK-TV, Dallas, Texas
File No. BRCT-20060331BFA
Facility ID No. 35675

Dear Petitioner/Licensee:

George L. Hall and Myra Jane E. Hall ("Petitioners") filed substantively identical petitions to deny on May 25 and June 22, 2006 opposing the license renewal of KTRK-TV, licensed to KTRK Television, Inc. ("Licensee"). For the reasons set forth below, we deny the petition to deny.

Background. Petitioners contend that the license renewal application for KTRK-TV should not be renewed until indecency complaints against the station are adjudicated. Petitioners specifically refer to the October 14, 2004 broadcast of "Life as We Know It," which Petitioners contend contained indecent material.

Section 309(k)(1) of the Communications Act of 1934 (the "Act") states that the Commission shall grant a license renewal application if it finds that (a) the station has served the public interest, convenience, and necessity; (b) there have been no serious violations of the Communications Act or Commission rules and regulations; and (c) there have been no other violations by the licensee of this Act or the rules or regulations of the Commission which, taken together, would constitute a pattern of abuse.¹ The Commission will designate a renewal application for hearing pursuant to Section 309(d)(1) of the Act if (a) the petitioner provides specific allegations of fact sufficient to show that such a grant would be prima facie inconsistent with the public interest² and (b) the allegations, taken together with any opposing

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 309(k)(1).

² 47 U.S.C. §309(d)(1); *Astroline Communications Co. Ltd. Partnership v. FCC*, 857 F.2d 1556 (D.C. Cir. 1988) ("Astroline").

evidence before the Commission, raise a substantial and material question of fact as to whether grant would serve the public interest.³

Discussion. We do not rule on the merits of Petitioners' allegations but have reviewed the facts presented in the petitions and conclude that, even if a violation were adjudicated, any such violation would not justify denial or designation of the license renewal application or demonstrate a pattern of non-compliant behavior.⁴

We therefore conclude that the petitions do not allege violations that raise substantial and material questions of fact concerning the Licensee's qualifications or would otherwise justify designation of the Station KTRK-TV license renewal application for hearing pursuant to section 309(k) of the Act.⁵ Accordingly, it is ordered that the petitions to deny filed by George L. Hall and Myrajane Hall **ARE DENIED.**

Sincerely,

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³ *Astroline*, 857 F.2d at 1561.

⁴ *EZ New Orleans, Inc.*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 15 FCC Rcd 7164 (1999); *Eagle Radio, Inc.*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 9 FCC Rcd 1294, 1295 (1994).

⁵ *Id.*