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Dear Ms. McCauley --

In response to your request for more information about FM broadcast translator station K267BV, serving Jackson Wyoming, below is a photograph of the transmitter facilities of that station. It is located on Snow King Mountain, on the southeast edge of the town but very high above the business area of that community.

I visited the town (not the mountain) in 1967, before it became trendy and hyper-expensive. Then, it was just an Old West town and cowboy haunt with few pretensions.

My Hudson had been the first car to traverse some construction on the mountain road from Driggs, Idaho just after some blasting had blown up some rocks into ultra-sharp shards. The result was four flat tires as I rolled into Jackson. I just barely made it to the gas station. That blew a big hole in my budget for the summer term at Iowa State University.

Anyway, back to the translator, it is located at:

Latitude:	N	43°	27 '	44 "
Longitude:	W	110°	45 '	10 "

e antenna height is seven meters above ground, and 2434 m above sea level.

This site is shared with several other full power stations and translators. In the photo below, Mr. Austin's STL receiver is the second piece of equipment in this rack from the top. His transmitter is at the bottom of the rack.

Attached to this email please find a couple of pages from Mr. Austin's checking account showing rental payments of \$575 per quarter for use of this site.

You also asked about FM translator station K257FT, serving Teton Village, Wyoming (FCC facility ID 145826). Mr. Austin is unable to supply a photograph of that installation at this time. One can reach it in times of minimal snow via a ski lift at Jackson Hole Mountain Resort

and hiking the considerable distance to the transmitter site. However, at present this is not practical as snow depth is some 70 inches (base), rendering the site nearly impossible to access until summer. There are no rental payments for the space occupied by this translator. Mr. Austin is allowed to maintain the translator there in exchange for the parent station's promotional announcements regarding the ski resort, which obviously benefit the resort when they are rebroadcast by the translator. .

These are translators; i.e., passive repeaters. There is no revenue because the translators cannot sell airtime. Consequently, there are no invoices, bills, checks, credit card charges, wire transfers or deposits relating to the operation of the "station."

No accounting software is used because there is nothing for which to account. The translators' power consumption is minimal. The effective radiated power of K267BV is 250 Watts. The gain of the antenna is -3dBd, so the transmitter power output can't be more than that of three light bulbs. Consequently the unit's electric power consumption is minimal, and is not metered separately. It is simply included in the rent.

With regard to K257BT, the coordinates are:

Latitude: N 43° 36 ' 33 "

Longitude:W 110° 49 ' 43 "

This facility's effective radiated power is 100 Watts. The antenna height is 25 meters above ground level.

With both translators, there are no employees and therefore no payroll records. Translators do not air their own EAS announcements and do not conduct their own EAS tests. Those responsibilities lie solely with the operators of the parent stations. When the parent station airs an emergency alert, the alert is automatically disseminated via the translator as well.



I hope that this is adequate to resolve your concerns about these stations.

Yours truly,

Barry Wood