

April 28, 2020

To:

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington DC 20544

Re:

Application For Renewal of License
WETI(FM) Lake Village, Arkansas
Facility ID # 191531
Application File No. 0000105725

INFORMAL OBJECTION

I, John Nichols, am a resident of Cleveland, Mississippi and the manager of FM radio station WKXY-FM in Cleveland.

I am hereby submitting this informal objection to the license renewal application of Station WETI(FM) in Lake Village, Arkansas.

WETI has, in fact, never been built. It was authorized by a construction permit granted in November of 2013 that specified an antenna with its center of radiation 66 meters (236 feet) above ground, located at 33° 20' 07" N, 91° 07' 33" W, Antenna Structure Registration Number 1041773. This is also the transmitter site of non-commercial FM station KUUZ. KUUZ is also licensed to Lake Village, Arkansas, but the tower site is on the east side of the Mississippi River, about seven miles southwest of Greenville, Mississippi. It is my understanding that the licensee of KUUZ (Family Worship Center Church, Inc.) or an affiliated entity owns the tower. I have personally visited that site and found no evidence of any antenna for WETI.

In its application for license, WETI's licensee certified that the station was built and operational. In fact, the station has never operated. Moreover, WETI has filed a series of requests for silent authority and notifications of resumption of operation, all of which are false.

My current home in Cleveland, Mississippi is somewhat outside WETI's authorized contours. However, I lived in Greenville previously, and my job and personal travel often take me into the area that would be served by WETI if it were on the air. Over the past two and a half years, I have frequently tuned to its assigned frequency of 103.5 MHz to see if the station were operating. I have never heard any programming on that frequency from WETI.

Recently I drove by the WETI tower site and confirmed that there is no FM antenna on the tower that could match the kind of antenna that WETI was authorized to broadcast with. Attached to this complaint is a photograph of the KUUZ tower. The 8-bay antenna of KUUZ is plainly visible in the photograph at the top of the tower. The KUUZ antenna is mounted with its center of radiation 86 meters (282 feet) above ground, so the WETI antenna, if it were on the tower, would be roughly 46 feet below that of KUUZ. There is no similar FM antenna 46 feet below the KUUZ antenna on the tower, or at any other spot on the tower. Thus, it is obvious that the only full power FM broadcast antenna on the tower is the antenna of station KUUZ.

I checked again on Saturday, April 25; Sunday, April 26; and Monday April 27 and still found no signal from WETI on 103.5 mHz.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my personal knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Nichols", written over a horizontal line.

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Executed on April 28, 2020

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