

I would like to file a statement against the transfer of FM Radio License for WVIG from DLC Media to Educational Media Foundation.

I do not believe that the transfer to EMF will be in the best interest of the public in the area that this license serves.

It is my understanding that the proposed new owner will not provide local programming to benefit residents of the area. I believe that there will be no local studios (I do understand that the studio / transmitter distance requirement has been removed) without a local connection it will be difficult for residents to contact the new ownership. I do not believe that they are planning to provide local news, weather or community programming. An examination of the current radio stations programming I believe proves that they do not believe in providing content that serves the local public.

DLC Media is the only group of stations in the area that employs a local news person and WVIG provides local news, weather and community news programming serving the public interest.

The airwaves belong to the people and the FCC grants a broadcast license to serve the public interest. I do not see how this proposed sale furthers that goal.

Their format of choice is up to them, but it is the important elements between the songs that matters. Without those information elements then there really is no need for this or most other stations to exist.

The lack of public service is a problem that the FCC allows to fester across the country. In large major metropolitan markets with multiple Radio, TV and Internet outlets the lack of this type of public interest service may not be of as much concern, but in a smaller market the size of Terre Haute and the much smaller surrounding communities, the lack of this type of community minded service is still important.

I ask that you not approve this sale unless EMF, or any other proposed new owner can prove that they will serve the community that this license exists to serve.

Thank you for your time,

Frank Rush