

Sept 6,2022

Dear Mr. James Bradshaw,

We recently received a copy of a letter from Gregory Masters and Kathleen Kirby addressed to Marlene H. Dortch, Esq., Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. The letter was concerning Interference letters and Filings that have been sent to the FCC regarding the application submitted by the Parties to renew the KKOL(AM) License. (Files Nos. 000150697 and 000161926). Like the previous letter from these parties, it is my opinion that the content of this letter is insulting, confusing, misleading and intended to distract from the concerns that Eileen and I have over the application to broadcast KKOL(AM) at a power of 50Kw from their antenna located directly behind our home in The City of Bainbridge Island. The letter to the Secretary was sent on July 28, 2022. I should have responded to this letter earlier. But, it takes me time and energy to draft a coherent and well-crafted letter. In my own interest, I have decided to dispense with the time needed by me to write a well crafted letter and will simply try to respond to issues raised in these issues.

1. The letter asserts that Salem owns and operates 99 radio stations nationwide. If I might ask, how many of these broadcast at 50Kw from antennas located in residential communities?
2. Salem says that they will address issues that the residents of our community experience with "covered electronic equipment" caused by blanketing interference from KKOL. There are several things wrong with this statement. First, what do they mean by address? Second, how can we be expected to determine what issues that we experience with equipment are caused by blanketing interference? Generally this is only determined after we have called for and paid service from a provider who says that it is not a problem with the equipment. For example, I am having trouble with the night lights in our driveway. Should I purchase a new voltage converter or is the issue the result of blanket interference from KKOL. What electronic equipment is "covered"? What about all of the equipment that has not yet been invented?
3. Salem states that will continue to provide "technical assistance" in determining the cause of the problem and "advice" on corrective measures. So, I guess that we, the residents, are left with actually identifying the problem and in actually fixing the issue.
4. Salem states that "all of these issues" (which they created) "were resolved quickly and at no cost to the residents". We were without the regular use of our kitchen oven for over 3 months while Salem tried to find a solution to the issue that they created. Their temporary solution was to install a black box (about 12" by 12" by 6") under the cabinet in our kitchen. We had to cut the bottom out of one of our kitchen cabinets to provide a place to put the box. We have no idea what is in the box. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the box? We had placed a call for service when

we happened to notice that the issue with our oven only occurred during daylight hours.

5. Salem says that they have acted to resolve problems associated with blanketing interference "in accordance with the Commissions rules". Wow, my lack of understanding of this statement requires no explanation.
6. Salem claims that they have set up a dedicated email address and phone number "through which to field inquires". Further, they "pledge" to address blanketing interference complaints within three business days. Two weeks ago, I called about an issue with my daughter's hybrid car. I have followed up with two emails, one about this same issue and another about a separate issue. These emails were sent over a week ago. I have not heard back from Salem on either my phone call or the emails. So much for Salem's "pledge".
7. Salem goes on in their letter to claim that under special temporary authority, the Station has been operating at varying power levels "to obtain data to inform a technical assessment of when blanketing interference may or may not occur". This is interesting on several levels.

First, in this letter, Salem acknowledges that there is a problem but "these efforts have not pointed to a clear solution". But, do not despair. Salem will ascertain in the future whether a "reasonable" solution exists to diminish (not eliminate) blanketing interference problems caused when KKOL broadcasts at 50Kw. I would like to propose a simple solution to eliminate these problems. Do not permit KKOL to broadcast at 50Kw from the facilities in our neighborhood on Bainbridge Island.

Second, no one in the neighborhood was made aware of this pseudo-scientific study. Perhaps that is why I have experienced frustrating intermittent issues with possible blanket interference. We were not made aware of what the varying power levels are nor when they are in operation. Perhaps, Salem or Intelli would be willing to share their methodology and data with us so that we can arrive at our own conclusion.

Third, Salem claims to have reached out to "FCC counsel for the City of Bainbridge Island" for input on arriving at reasonable solutions to the blanketing interference problems caused by KKOL when it broadcasts at 50Kw. I wasn't aware that the City had an FCC counsel. Unfortunately, I am writing this on the Labor Day weekend and am not able to contact the City to see the City's FCC counsel is and what communications they have received from Salem.

In conclusion, through their attorneys, Salem Media Group has acknowledged that there are blanketing interference problems caused by KKOL when it broadcasts using 50Kw of power. Furthermore, they have acknowledged that they do not currently have a solution that will eliminate this problem, now or in the future. In my opinion, the only reasonable decision for the FCC to make is to deny the Applications referenced in their letter.

Respectfully,

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