

January 30, 2021

To: Federal Communications Commission

From: William M Holzheimer

Re: Informal Objection to the Assignment and Transfer of radio station licenses held by KSRM Radio Group from John Davis, present owner, to Matt Willson, file number 0000129878

Sirs:

I am making this objection as a member of the Soldotna/Kenai, Alaska community and not as a current broadcast competitor. I do however have 50 years of radio broadcast background, have operated as Market Manager for various radio properties in the state of Alaska, have built from the application process to on-air, several radio stations in Alaska, was the licensee of radio stations in Alaska and hold a General Radio Telephone License issued in July 1975. Radio stations I have managed have undergone on-site inspections from representatives of the FCC Field Office previously located in Anchorage, Alaska. Those inspections always found my operations to be legal.

I must raise character issues in the regard of Mr. Wilson.

1. I read in a trade report on December 24, 2020 that KSRM Radio Group had been filed for purchase by Mr. Matt Wilson. From that point on I endeavored to find a Public Notice to the sale on the Radio Kenai website and in the local newspaper. I was unaware the the FCC had changed the rules regarding newspaper publication. I did continue to monitor the website on almost a daily basis and the Public Notice never appeared. On January 26, 2021 I sent an email directly to the general KSRM/Radio Kenai email. Instead of a simple reply regarding how to find the Public Notice I received a copy of the FCC rule regarding changes to the Public Notice Rule. It took another email to specifically ask to simply provide a file number and location of the transfer application. Mr. Wilson blamed the FCC for not updating their website.

I find it hard to believe that this wasn't intentional on the part of Mr. Wilson as the current KSRM Radio Group General Manager and overseer of ALL legal notifications before the FCC, especially something as important as the sale of a heritage radio station group that has operated in the area for over 50 years. The FCC rules state that the notice announcements are to be aired on the applicable radio stations and/or the stations website. As it's almost impossible to catch the actual announcement on-air, a thoughtful manager would strive to place the notice on their website ASAP. However KSRM made a minimum effort to inform the public. I was finally provided the application over a month AFTER the original file date. This is after a real effort was made to find said notice. Mr. Wilson blamed the FCC for not updating THEIR website. I find that excuse the height of incompetence.

In regards to the KKNI-FM transfer to the KSRM Radio Group 2017, Mr Wilson again blamed the FCC for not updating their website regarding the sale and transfer of that radio station. There seems to be a habit of blaming the FCC for the lack of public information updates at the KSRM Radio Group.

2. Regarding KKNI-FM, a station I built in 2012 and operated until 2017, Mr. Wilson has shown a complete lack of professionalism and respect of FCC Rules and Regulations. KKNI-FM is assigned two FM translators. Translator K232EH at 94.3 is required by the station license to retransmit the programming from the main KKNI-FM. I filed a complaint with the FCC several months ago that K232EH was broadcasting foreign language content from another source. This is an old issue from before the announcement of the station transfer and assignment but lends itself to the incompetence on Mr. Wilson. K232EH has been rebroadcasting content originated by Pero Marinsovski, a known pirate radio operator in the Kenai/Soldotna area. He was actually shut down by an FCC field agent for operating on an unassigned frequency with no radio station license.