

I would like to register my opposition to the FCC's approval of AM radio station KKOL transmitting at 50,000 watts while being surrounded on all sides by residential housing.

I am aware that KKOL has been piggybacking off licenses that were granted to two much lower powered stations that have been operating on this site for many years (and causing problems for neighbors including myself even at the lower power).

Whatever site review was done by the FCC at the time of that original approval does not apply now. The surrounding area has far denser housing than at that time.

When we moved to our residence 30 years ago, we were immediately aware of audio interference from the stations on our phone lines, and a couple of radios, PC's etc. We chased the phone interference for months before giving up on our 4 conductor copper wiring and getting a wireless phone system, which due to using digital connectivity, was not subject to interference. We gradually replaced other devices we owned with more robust (and expensive) versions that could reject the interference.

While we went to some expense to do all this, we realized when we bought the house that this was a possibility. However, it never occurred to us that a 50,000 watt transmitter could be wedged into that small transmitting site. And now we are faced with again having to replace many of our devices or being unable to use certain technologies due to the FCC's lack of due diligence regarding the placement of this transmitter.

I am aware of many neighbors experiencing electronic device interference, electric car chargers not working, phone interference, significant reduction in internet speed, HVAC systems and appliances not working or corrupted in some manner. I am sure there are many more who have experienced these issues but are unaware of the source since there has been NO outreach by the FCC or the radio station to the community, seeking feedback on possible problems. In fact, at every juncture, KKOL has tried to keep their plans a secret, even from the City of Bainbridge Island, by not applying for permits before work on the new transmitter started.

It is my understanding that a new period for concerns to be addressed by the FCC has opened due to the owners of KKOL trying to sell their license. I strongly urge the FCC to reopen the entire permitting process to look into the impacts that this transmitter is going to cause in this location.

Thank you for your kind attention.

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