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SUBJECT: Radio Station KKOL(AM) - Re: BSTA - 20200921ABY

Reference:

Inspiration Media, Inc.

KKOL(AM), Seattle, Washington

Facility ID No. 20355

FCC File No: BP-20171207ABL

License Application: BMML20190624ACC

Public Comment Period Ending July 21, 2021

There are two issues I'm addressing in this email.

Sale of KKOL AM License to Inspiration Media

Intelli LLC, the licensee of KKOL, appears to have misled the FCC. When KKOL resumed operations in September 2020, they also requested and received FCC authorization to continuously broadcast at reduced power of 3.2-KW. They acknowledged that broadcasting at 50-KW was causing Blanketing Interference problems within the 1-Volt/Meter contour area, and they needed more time to resolve the issues. During much of the period September 2020 through June 2021 Intelli has not been transmitting a signal at all. Every time they increase the power to 50-KW, interference problems occur, and they turn it off or back down to 3.2-KW during Daytime and Nighttime hours.

It appears that KKOL has not met the Minimum Operating Schedule requirements described in FCC regulation 73.1740. Our neighbors, David & Ann Knight, shared with me an email dated January 25, 2021 from Andrew Adams, General Manager of Salem Media Group-Seattle, where he stated "We wanted to inform you that the KKOL signal from the antennas in your area will be turned on in the next day or two for testing and interference mediation." It is implicit in Mr. Adams statement that KKOL has not been transmitting a signal.

ACTION: Intelli appears to routinely violate FCC rules. Consequently, Intelli should not benefit from the sale of their KKOL license to Inspiration Media. I am opposed to this sale and am submitting my opposition statement during the public comment period.

Blanketing Interference

KKOL has NOT solved the Blanketing Interference problems within the 1-Volt/Meter contour. Every time KKOL power is increased to 50-KW, various problems occur. The fundamental issue is that AM technology is 20th Century technology and it interferes with 21st Century products. The solution isn't to just add more ferrite chokers to homeowner wiring. KKOL's signals are picked up in the circuitry of various products. It used to be limited to electric and audio wires acting as antennas. No longer. I am either experiencing one or more of the following problems or know neighbors that are experiencing them.

1. Electronic equipment malfunctioning, e.g. computers, monitors.
2. HVAC systems not working properly.
3. HVAC thermostats malfunctioning and/or burning out.
4. Electric ovens not working.
5. Electric car chargers not working, although this can be mitigated with ferrite chokers.
6. Electric garage door openers operating at 3.2-KW, but not at 50-KW.
7. Degraded internet speeds.
8. Blown fuses.
9. Smart Home interference.

There is a theme to these problems. That is, these are modern products. The world has evolved to integrating electronic circuitry into most products. Whoever owns the KKOL license to transmit at 50-KW will not be successful mitigating the Blanketing Interference.

ACTION: The KKOL license should not be renewed in 2022 or, if it is, the Daytime power should be limited to the Nighttime power of 3.2-KW.

ACTION: The FCC requires a one-year period to correct all Blanketing Interference problems at the licensee's expense. The start of the period began when KKOL stated they were broadcasting at 50-KW. It has been established that KKOL has never continuously broadcast at 50-KW, so the full extent of the Blanketing Interference is not known. We request the one-year clock be reset to allow a full vetting and resolution of the Blanketing Interference problems at the full expense of the licensee.

Best regards,

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