

Yes there WAS fm Skip in January!

February 2025 #4

NEW MEMBERS. This month we welcome Mike Ehrhardt (Alden, NY) back to the WTFDA. Mike returns after a very long absence. I think that Mike will find Dxing to be much more of a challenge than it was back in the pre-DTV and pre-IBOC days. And a big welcome goes out to John Ciccolella K3GMT in Milford, PA. John is our first new member of 2025. Welcome John!

JANUARY SKIP! In case you missed it, there really was a winter Es season 2024-2025. FM skip openings were observed on December 21st from 0430 2000UTC, on January 6th from 1600-2200 UTC, January 9th a rare (?) FM opening from around midnight to 2am EST, January 14th from 1515-2300 UTC, January 16th from 1545-1800 UTC and again on January 30th from 0230-2140 UTC. Most of these were events with summertime signal levels.

ANALOG FM DIES IN SWITZERLAND. Found this on Facebook: *The state-owned stations of Switzerland have officially left the FM band a few minutes ago, right at the New Year's celebration moment. I had the luck to have a Tropo boost at the right time before RTS Couleur 3 (From La Dôle TX) closed on 105.6. I live 134 kilometers away, in the region of Lyon (France). The private/commercial stations will follow in 2026. FM is going to be replaced completely in Switzerland by DAB+ (Digital terrestrial radio) and web streaming. Bye bye Swiss FM... 12/31/2024 on FB.*

MEXICO'S FIRST DIGITAL TV ON LOWBAND RF4. Jim Thomas reports: *Just thought you would like to know that Mexico's RPC (equivalent to FCC) authorized the first full power DTV station to **RF 4** on September 20, 2024, with the final sign off of the techs on December 4, 2024. This is an OFFICIAL station that is now ON THE AIR, not just a proposal - XHCPFN-TDT Poza Rica de Hidalgo, Veracruz @ 47.372 kW. This should be an easy target for those in most of the central states. Courtesy to Raymie Humbert for tipping me off to this for interested TV dxers.*

FRANKEN CHANGES FORMAT. John Zondlo mentions this in his format column but I thought it should also be mentioned here that WTBS-LD 87.75 in Atlanta has switched formats to Rhythm and Blues, 87.7 the Vibe.

INDIANA NEWS. Ralph Strobel tells us that " *In late December WBST 92.1 Muncie, IN changed format with three of their four IPR stations. WBST 92.1, WBSW 90.9 Marion, and WBSH 91.1 Hagerstown/New Castle are no longer classical. Now these three are NPR news with jazz on weekend nights. They ID together. I would call their formats as talk and jazz. Their fourth station in Anderson on 89.5 is all classical 24/7 and ID's by itself and called "The Note."* "



FCC GRANTS AND ACTIONS

From fcc.today and the FCC

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AK	KCHU-FM	91.3	Valdez	ex NEW
AK	KFAQ	97.7	Wasilla	Ex NEW
AL	W245BR	96.9	Tuscaloosa	250w, 33-12-51 87-29-24
AR	KARH	104.3	Fouke	ex KPOS
AZ	KRRK	100.7	Desert Hills	360w/817m
AZ	KDHQ-LP	99.5	Gilbert	ex NEW
AZ	KFIS	101.3	Oatman	ex KOWI
AZ	K275CP	102.9	Phoenix	250w, 33-35-39 112-05-11
AZ	K256DK	99.1	Phoenix	250w, 33-29-34 111-38-26
AZ	K289CX	105.7	Tucson	Ex 95.3, COL moved from Casa Adobas,
AZ	KAMN	89.7	Winslow	license canceled
CA	KIHT	104.7	Amboy	resumed operations, was silent
CA	KBYE-LP	99.7	Bishop	ex NEW
CA	K256BV	99.1	Hopland	resumed operations, was silent
CA	KAIA	95.9	La Mirada	EX KFSH-FM
CA	KLVB	103.9	Lincolnshire	ex KKPS
CA	K292HD	106.3	Los Alamos	resumed operations, was silent
CA	KDAN	91.5	Marshall	Silent 12/31 due to weather damage and lack of funding
CA	KUNK	92.9	Mendicino	100watts/39m
CA	NEW	97.5	Monterey	100w/22m, 36-37-16 121-55-01
CA	KIMU-LP	107.9	Morada	resumed operations, was silent
CA	NEW	96.9	San Diego	(785879) 50w/-27m, 32-39-15 117-06-42
CA	NEW	96.9	San Diego	(788332) 50w/8m, 32-339-28 116-59-40
CA	NEW	96.9	San Diego	(787937)50w/-33m, 32-39-24 117-06-19
CA	KSOA	90.5	South Dos Palos	265w/323m
CA	KAIV	92.7	Thousand Oaks	ex KYRA
CA	KMWS	91.3	Williams	ex NEW
CO	K225CZ	92.9	Boulder	250w, 40-00-43 105-11-18
CO	K225CZ	92.9	Boulder	250w, 40-00-43 105-11-18
CO	K222DR	92.3	Brush	Ex 91.9
CO	K292FM	106.3	Denver	99w, 39-43-44 105-14-14

CO	K222DS	92.3	Fort Collins	Ex 98,3
CO	KWTR	89.1	Fraser	60w/218m
CO	KBBE	89.5	Georgetown	6w/274m from 12w/248m.
CO	K214FJ	90.7	Golden	23watts
CO	K213EG	90.5	Littleton	Silent 12/15 pending relocation
CO	K213EG	90.5	Littleton	3watts, 39-43-44 105-14-14
CO	KQCO	91.3	Log Lane Village	Ex NEW
CO	K220DE	91.9	Windsor	Silent 12/15, must relocate
FL	W283DS	104.7	Daytona Beach	180w, 29-13-57 81-02-14
FL	W274AY	102.7	Deltona	resumed operations, was silent
FL	WBON	92.1	Destin	Ex WECQ
FL	NEW	98.9	Ocala	100w/25m, 29-12-36 87-06-24
FL	WNFY	98.9	Ocala	Ex NEW
FL	WPRY-FM	92.1	Perry	resumed operations, was silent
FL	WLTI-LP	104.3	Port Saint Lucie	100w/27m, 27-18-53 80-22-21
FL	WPIO	89.3	Titusville	4.5kw/130m from 7kw/102m
GA	WAIA	104.7	Athens	ex WFSH-FM
GA	WWPW-FM1	105.3	Bowdon	Silent 12/30 technical and financial issues
GA	WVCA-LP	99.5	Brunswick	ex NEW
GA	WNGA	90.3	Dahlonega	1kw/97m, 34-36-43 83-58-03
GA	WBJL-LP	92.9	Lafayette	ex NEW
GA	WQTS	102.9	Statesboro	Silent 12/9 for antenna replacement
GA	WAOO-LP	94.5	Suwannee	resumed operations, was silent
HI	K208GK	89.5	Hilo	Ex 88.1, new tower site
HI	KDDF-LP	93.5	Hilo	ex NEW
HI	KNCR-LP	104.3	Hilo	Ex NEW
HI	KOII	90.1	Holualoa	1.75kw/856m
HI	K205EB	91.1	Lanai City	Silent 12/19 at request of KLNy 88.9
IA	KICQ	90.7	Manly	license canceled
ID	K208FB	89.5	Burley	115w from 140w, move tower site
ID	K208FB	89.5	Burley	Primary to WJEP 91.1 GA
IL	W220EQ	91.1	Galena	Ex 90.1
IL	NEW	106.3	Lincolnshire	100w/27m, 42-10-27 87-56-38
IL	WTLG	90.5	Makanda	185w/128m
IL	W202CJ	88.3	Springfield	Silent 12/16 causing interference to WBWJ

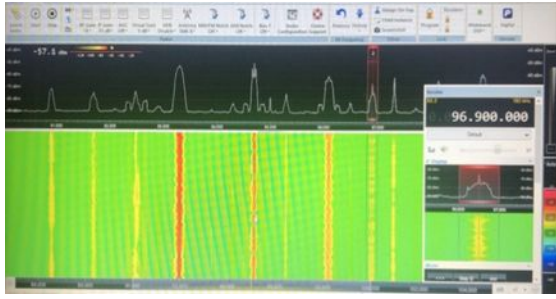
IN	WNPP	88.5	Cole	resumed operations, was silent
KS	K201JF	88.1	Beloit	Ex 91.3
KS	KPSR	89.3	Smith Center	resumed operations, was silent
KY	WOVO	96.7	Auburn	ex WBVR-FM
KY	WBGN	99.1	Beaver Dam	Ex WKYY
KY	WBVR-FM	106.3	Horse Cave	ex WOVO
ME	WCEC	90.3	Caribou	ex NEW, now 7kw/103m down from 12kw/9m
ME	WGYS-LP	102.3	Dixfield	license canceled, replaced with full power WGYS 91.9
ME	WXNZ-LP	98.1	Skowhegan	license canceled, WXNZ 90.7 Skowhegan now on the air
MI	KGNP	88.7	Port Sanilac	250w/59m
MI	W251AE	98.1	Rockland	Primary to WHWM 88.5
MN	NEW	104.5	Cottage Grove	100w/7m, 44-43-04 92-50-42
MN	KAWD	88.1	Detroit Lake	ex NEW
MN	K217GP	91.3	Fairmont	Ex 88.3 (K202EN)
MN	KDGR	88.1	Grand Rapids	5kw/55m 47-13-06 93-32-51
MO	KYMO-FM	105.3	Bertrand	COL from East Prarie
MO	KBAI	91.5	Bloomfield	ex NEW
MO	K256BQ	99.1	Branson	250w-V from 250w H&V
MO	KDKD	95.3	Clinton	resumed operations, was silent
MO	NEW	94.1	St. Louis	100w/26m, 38-40-26 90-13-07
MO	W290DR	105.9	St. Louis	licenses of translator and primary WMLM 1520 canceled
MS	KUMB	89.7	Hollywood	Raise ERP to 10kw/56m
MT	KFGL	88.1	Butte	raise ERP to 2kw/-166m, add Horiz Pol.
MT	KWPA	91.5	Glasgow	900w/84m
MT	KYPY	88.3	West Yellowstone	460w -13m, 44-45-04 111 11 45
NC	W248DN	97.7	Cashiers	150w-H from 250w H&V
NC	WLPJ	88.3	Jacksonville	Ex NEW
ND	KDND	89.1	Dickenson	ex NEW, 400w/165m
NE	KNNE-FM	90.7	McCook	19kw-V/95m
NE	KMBO	88.7	O'Neill	180w/99m 42-27-31 98-34-48
NH	W248DA	87.5	Hanover	Silent 12/17 primary (WTSL) is silent
NH	W241AJ	96.1	Laconia	250w from 27w,
NM	KYCM	89.9	Alamagordo	call change to KSAI effective 3/13/25
NM	k210EB	89.9	Clovis	170w from 150w, move site
NM	K210EB	89.9	Clovis	resumed operations, was silent

NM	K218FN	91.5	Las Vegas	Ex 90.3 (K212EF)
NV	KLAP	89.5	Gerlach	Silent 12/31 due to weather damage and lack of funding
NY	WNJA	89.7	Jamestown	5800w/233m, 42-02-48 79-05-24
NY	W233AH	94.5	Monticello	resumed operations, was silent
NY	WSUL	98.3	Monticello	3.4kw/129m from 2.2kw/163m
NY	WKSE	98.5	Niagara Falls	48kw/128m
NY	W219DY	91.7	Rome	Ex 92.3
NY	W282CW	104.3	Water Mill	resumed operations, was silent
NY	WBZO	98.5	Westhampton	Ex WBON
OH	W228EL	93.5	Akron	225watts
OH	WLRY	88.9	Rushville	Silent 12/31 pending xfr of ownership
OK	KRSO	91.3	Clinton	ex NEW
OK	NEW	90.1	Guymon	130w/133m
OK	NEW	91.7	Tulsa	75w/35m, 36-09-46 95-58-45
OR	KTLU	91.7	Merrill	ex NEW
OR	KAIS	90.3	Salem	ex KSAI
OR	KRNZ	88.7	Sandy	ex KZRI
OR	KPOZ	104.1	Scappoose	ex KFIS
PA	NEW	95.7	Abbotstown	100w/-1m, 39-46-122 77-02-17
PA	WPAL	88.1	Dushore	ex WYSP
PA	WVFN	89.1	Evans Falls	Ex WVIP
PA	NEW	106.5	Glen Mills	30w/54m, 39-53-33 75-31-36
PA	NEW	95.7	New Oxford	100w/-2m, 39-58-39 36-55-33
PA	NEW	106.5	Newtown Square	7w/106m, 39-55-12 75-25-37
PA	WTWR	88.9	St. Marys	1kw/76m
PA	WYVP	100.5	Susquehanna	ex WDRE, WDRE calls go to 1570 in Riverhead NY
PR	NEW	94.7	Cabo Rojo	100w/14m, 17-58-22 67-11-18
PR	WCUL-LP	94.1	Culebra	ex NEW
PR	NEW	90.9	Las Marias	8w/104m, 18-15-13 66-57-11
PR	WVMH-LP	90.9	Ponce	ex NEW
PR	WVMH-LP	90.9	Ponce	100w/12m, 18-01-13 66-35-06
PR	W266CF	101.1	San Juan	250w-V, 18-16-42 66-06-34
SC	WPHB-LP	97.5	Piedmont	EX NEW
TX	K291CE	106.1	Houston	40w, 29-45-31 95-22-04
TX	KKGT	95.1	Jacksonville	resumed operations, was silent

TX	NEW	92.1	Lancaster	21w/64m, 32-36-58 96-47-26
TX	NEW	97.9	Macдона	18w/70m, 29-22-22 98-41-46
TX	KMRA	91.1	Monahans	resumed operations, was silent
TX	K208GO	89.5	San Antonio	Ex 88.7 (K204DX)
TX	KRGO	91.5	Seminole	350w/23m from 7kw/61m, move tower site
TX	KNOO	88.1	Sierra Blanca	ex NEW
UT	KADY	89.5	Beryl Junction	100w-H/-33m 37-41-30 113-39-20
UT	K228EP	92.5	Laketown	250w-V, 41-52-56 111-16-13
UT	K259DF	99.7	Laketown - Carden City	150w-V, 41-52-56 111-16-13
UT	K237HH	95.3	Laketown - Garden City	Ex 104.9, 250w-V (No Horiz), move site
UT	K221AX	92.1	Laketown - Garden City	250w-V from, 12w-H
VA	WMVE	90.1	Chase City	ERP to 8kw/229m
VA	WFIJ	90.9	Rocky Mount	ex WJII
VA	WFIJ-LP	93.9	Rocky Mount	license canceled
VA	WSAY-LP	97.7	Stafford	95w/31m from 75w/35m, move tower site
VT	WVLR-FM	91.5	Lyndonville	115w/550m from 2.75kw/-23m, move tower site
WA	NEW	90.5	Centerville	850w/513m
WA	K299CC	107.7	Moses Lake	250w, 47-06-17 119-17-36
WA	KXML	90.3	Moses Lake	3.5kw/38m, 47-05-15 119-15-31
WA	K220FP	91.9	Moses Lake	250w, 47-05-15 119-15-31
WA	NEW	107.5	Spokane	100w/26m, 47-37-41 117-20-37 (788183)
WA	NEW	107.5	Spokane	100w/-56m, 47-40-13 117-26-23 (782301)
WI	K221CN	92.1	Stevens Point	250w 44-32-17 89-35-39
WY	KIQZ	92.7	Rawlins	Silent 12/20, looking for a buyer



Check out the WTFDA Merchandise Store



Format Flips

and branding, too

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Multiple Markets

The 800 pound gorilla of Christian radio, Educational Media Foundation (EMF), is buying the remainder of Salem Media's CCM stations for \$80 million. The deal also includes a \$10 million marketing agreement that lets EMF run the stations beginning February 1. Stations now airing "K-Love" include KLTY 94.9 Arlington TX, KBIQ 102.7 Manitou Springs CO, WFHM 95.5 Cleveland OH, and KKFS 103.9 Lincoln CA. "Air 1" is now heard on KFSH 95.9 La Mirada CA, KFIS 104.1 Scappoose OR, and WFSH 104.7 Athens GA. While the move does help Salem get out of debt, it takes local CCM radio out of many markets. A sad day, indeed.

AL

276BQ 103.1 Birmingham AL is now Hip Hop "The Beat," replacing Rock "103.1 The Vulcan." The station, which is rebroadcasting WMJJ HD2 Birmingham, was previously on 104.1 in B'ham.

Tuscaloosa AL's W248BO 97.5 is now Spanish Adult Hits "97.5 El Jefe." The translator is actually owned by Radio By Grace, but is programmed by Rivera Communications rebroadcasting their WQCR 1500 Alabaster AL.

CA

Latino Media Network has been busy rebranding stations around Fresno. Their Spanish AC KRDA 92.1 Clovis is now "92.1 Enamorada, KOND 107.5 Hanford is known by "La Explosiva 107.5," and Regional Mexican "107.9 Zona MX" KLLC 107.9 North Fork has switched to "La Picoso 107.9."

The sun is out in Chico. That's out, as in out the door. "Sunny 105.7" K289CH Chico CA is now Hot AC "105.7 The Mountain." It's still being fed by KYIX HD3 South Oroville CA. The station plays '90's hits, with a leaning toward Alternative. When it was still Sunny, it was Oldies.

CO

K297AK 107.3 Loveland CO has flipped from 90's hits as "B-107.3" to 80's hits as "Rewind 107.3." It's still fed by KXBG 97.9 HD-2 Cheyenne WY.

"Northern Colorado's Maximum Rock" is how Townsquare Media is now positioning KMAX 94.3 Wellington CO. The company has flipped the former alternative format to Rock as "KMAX 94.3." Sadly, for those of us who love real local radio, the station will be voicetracked with all out of market talent.

FL

W232CF Fort Walton Beach FL has flipped to Classic Alternative from Conservative Talk. The Omni Broadcasting station says core artists will include the likes of REM, The Cure, and The Smiths. Branding switches from "Freedom 94.3" to "94-3 XYZ." WTKE HD-3 Niceville FL is still feeding programming to the translator.

Hope Media Group's Spanish Christian brand "Vida Unida" is now being heard on W212CG 90.3 West Palm Beach and W244BD 96.7 Stuart. Both are fed by WAYF HD2 88.1 West Palm Beach.

Hope Media Group is a merger of KSBJ (Houston) Educational Foundation and the WAY FM network.

WBGG 105.9 Fort Lauderdale, otherwise known as Classic Rock “Big 105.9,” has repositioned itself as “Miami’s Greatest Hits.” The move came as parent iHeart Media widened the station’s playlist.



WHEL Sanibel FL is back to Country from CHR using its previous “[Trump Country 93.7](#)” branding and positioning as “Make Country Great Again,” with imaging featuring a Trump impersonator. I remember hearing this one here in Oklahoma when it was branded as “Hell Yeah 93.7.”

GA

WZZV-LP 100.3 Lagrange GA has hit the air running a R&B/Urban Gospel format.



How about a new format for a Franken FM to start off the new year? WTBS-LD 88.7 Atlanta GA is now Adult R&B as “[87.7 The Vibe](#).” The new format replaces the Regional Mexican format known as “La Que Buena.”

W221DP 92.1 Columbus GA is now Sports as “Sportsvisions 92.1. Fed by WLTC HD2 Cusseta GA, the station was formerly known as “Smooth R&B 92.1.”

IN

New Albany Broadcasting Company’s WLRS 1570 New Albany IN and W223DK 92.5 Louisville KY have flipped to Oldies as “[Kentuckiana’s True Oldies](#).” The station uses Scott Shannon’s “True Oldies Channel.”

WZOC 94.3 Plymouth IN is no longer Classic Rock. They’re simulcasting sister Rock station WIRX 107.1 St. Joseph MI. Both are owned by Mid-West Family Broadcasting.

IA

In Decorah, “Hawk Rawk 100.5” KDHK has switched from Rock to Hot AC as “100.5 The Hawk”.

LA

KNIO-LP 105.7 New Iberia LA is now on the air with a R&B format.

MA



Nantucket has a new Spanish station. It’s WJFE 88.1, better known as “88.1 El Pinguino,” with a Spanish Rhythmic format.

MI

WGTM 90.3 Manistique MI is now on the air with a whopping 150 watts. Owner West Central Michigan Media Ministries will use the station for their “Strong Tower Radio” network.

Salem Media has swapped out the FM translators of its 2 Detroit AM Conservative Talk stations. “1400 The Patriot” WDTK Detroit is now heard on W224CC 92.7 Detroit and has rebranded as “92.7 The Answer.” Christian Preaching “[Faith Talk 1500](#)” WLQV Detroit is now heard on W268CN 101.5 Detroit.

MN

Minnesota State University, home of the Mavericks, has a new LPFM on the air. “Mav FM” is KMSU-LP 107.9 Mankato. It’s a student run station also heard on KMSU 89.7 HD3 in Mankato.

KJRX 89.1 Delhi MN is now on the air with owner Minn-Iowa Christian Broadcasting’s “Kinship Radio” network.

NV



Out in Las Vegas, KISF 103.5 has rebranded as “La Tremenda 103.5.” It formerly was “Zona MX 103.5.”

NY



WEPN 98.7 New York is now Bilingual AC “[La Exitosa 98.7](#).” The format is gold-based English and Spanish hits from the ‘80’s through the 2000’s.

NC

WLGT 97.5 Washington NC and WSTK 104.5 Aurora NC have flipped to Classic Country and been branded as “Classic Country 97.5 and 104.5.” This comes after owner Media East’s lease to Sozo Communications expired. Sozo ran it as “Sozo Radio” with a Contemporary Worship format.

OH

In Logan OH, W277CX 103.3 is now Country as “The Wolf.” It’s the translator for WLGN 1510 Logan.

WYVK 92.1 Middleport OH is now country as “Hank FM.” They were classic hits before the change.

ON



In Ontario, Rogers Sports & Media has traded the longtime Country format of CJQM 104.3 Sault Ste. Marie for Classic Rock. The new “[104.3 The Fox](#)” is calling itself “The Sault’s Rock Station.”

RI



The juice is flowing in Providence! That would be W229AN 93.7, known as “93.7 The Juice FM,” which claims to be “...your new home for real urban radio.”

TN

In Waverly TN, the 105.1 spot on the dial has changed from Country “105.1 The Wolf” WJZM to Adult Contemporary as “105-1 WJZM.” The call, btw, was taken from a heritage AM in the market that stopped using them in 2018. Just another sad example of a station not sounding out the call letters before applying for them.

TX

Down in the Valley, Latino Media Network has rebranded the two FM’s they own. KBTQ 96.1 Harlingen is now Spanish Classic Hits as “La Exitosa 96.1,” and Regional Mexican KGBT 98.5 McAllen is “La Preferida 98.5.”

Gone are the Hoppers and Gold City and in are the likes of Mary J. Blige and Usher on K247CS 97.3 Bryan TX. The translator for KAGC 1510 Bryan has flipped from Southern Gospel to Adult R&B as “Magic 97.3.” They’re positioning themselves as “Aggieland’s R&B and Throwbacks.”

KWBT 94.5 Waco has switched from Adult R&B as “Magic 94.5” to Regional Mexican, with new branding as “La Grande 94.5.” The new format is being programmed by a consultant. I hear the collective groans of those who have worked in radio with one of those.

Variety Hits is the new format for “[95.1 Great-FM](#)” KKGJ 95.1 Jacksonville TX. The station is positioning itself as “Great Times, Great Music.”

VA

Classic Hits WJSR 100.9 Lakeside VA has flipped to Hip Hop as “100.9 The Hip Hop Station.” Alas, all of the programming comes from out of market sources.

WV

Disruptor Radio LLC has flipped three of its recently acquired FM stations to its Conservative Talk network known as “The Torch.” The stations include WRLF 94.3 Fairmont WV, W252EF 98.3 Morgantown WV, and WZST 100.9 Westover WV.

It’s no fun anymore being in Barrackville WV. Hot AC WFGM “Fun 93.1” Barrackville has rebranded as simply “93.1 WFGM” and claims it plays “Fairmont’s Great Music.” Format remains Classic Hits.

WI

WEQM 91.5 Melrose WI is on the air running Prayz Network programming. Prayz features a blend of Christian teaching and preaching programs and CCM. It’s the 8th station on the network, which is owned, along with the network, by the Salvation Poem Foundation. Interesting name, eh?

Sources: Indianaradio.net, Northpine, RadioInsight, Hisair.net, LPFM Database, IRCA’s DX Monitor, InsideRadio, and radio biz connections



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The Ten Mile Rule

Why CPC of the WMM-Carrollton, TX
One, Inc had their application for a
new LPFM dismissed.

In re: LPFM MX Group 92

CPC of the WMM-Carrollton, TX One, Inc.
New LPFM, Carrollton, Texas
Facility ID No. 788438
Application File No. 0000232762

**Cedars Community Development
Corporation**
New LPFM, Lancaster, Texas
Facility ID No. 779404
Application File No. 0000231771

Informal Objection

Dear Applicants and Objector:

We have before us the above-referenced applications for construction permits for new low power FM (LPFM) stations at Carrollton, Texas (Station), filed by CPC of the WMM-Carrollton, TX One, Inc. (CPC), and at Lancaster, Texas, filed by Cedars Community Development Corporation (Cedars).¹ We also have before us an Informal Objection (Objection) to the CPC Application, filed by REC Networks (REC).² For the reasons set forth below, we grant the Objection, dismiss the CPC Application, and grant the Cedars Application.

Background. CPC and Cedars filed their respective applications during the 2023 LPFM filing window.³ The Media Bureau identified the applications as LPFM MX Group 92,⁴ and the Commission identified the CPC Application and the Cedars Application as the tentative selectees of the group on a timesharing basis.⁵

In the CPC Application, CPC certifies that it qualifies as local because it is physically headquartered, and has 75% of its board members residing, within 10 miles of its proposed transmitting antenna site.⁶

In the Objection, REC argues that the CPC Application should be dismissed because it fails to meet the localism requirements of sections 73.853(b)(1) or (2) of the Commission's rules (Rules).⁷ REC argues that the address that CPC lists as its local address,⁸ and the addresses of each of the five directors CPC identifies,⁹ are more than 10 miles from the transmitter site.¹⁰ CPC did not file an Opposition to the Objection.

Discussion. Pursuant to section 309(d) of the Act,¹¹ petitions to deny and informal objections must provide properly supported allegations of fact that, if true, would establish a substantial and material question of fact that grant of the application would be *prima facie* inconsistent with the public interest.¹² REC has met this burden.

We find that CPC fails to meet the localism requirements of either sections 73.853(b)(1) or 73.853(b)(2) of the Rules.¹³ An LPFM applicant must qualify as a "local" entity at the time that it files its FCC Form 2100, Schedule 318 application (LPFM Application).¹⁴ In order to qualify as local, a nonprofit educational organization LPFM applicant, such as CPC, must be able to certify, at the time of filing its application, that either:

- (1) The applicant, its local chapter or branch is physically headquartered or has a campus within 16.1 km (10 miles) of the proposed site for the transmitting antenna for applicants in the top 50 urban markets, and 32.1 km (20 miles) for applicants outside of the top 50 urban

markets; [or]¹⁵

(2) It has 75% of its board members residing within 16.1 km (10 miles) of the proposed site for the transmitting antenna for applicants in the top 50 urban markets, and 32.1 km (20 miles) for applicants outside of the top 50 urban markets¹⁶

Because CPC's proposed transmitter is located in the Dallas-Fort Worth Nielsen Radio Metro, which is ranked number 4 among urban markets,¹⁷ CPC must demonstrate that either its headquarters is located, or 75% of its board members reside, within 10 miles of the proposed site for the transmitting antenna.¹⁸ In the CPC Application, CPC certifies that it satisfies the local applicant criteria, claiming that both its physical headquarters, and 75% of its board members' residences, are within 10 miles of its proposed transmitting antenna site.¹⁹

We find that CPC does not satisfy either of the requirements of section 73.853(b). The proposed transmitting antenna site that CPC identifies in the CPC Application is located at 32° 42' 43.9" N, 096° 40' 49.5" W.²⁰ We have confirmed that this site is 20.98 miles from the address listed as CPC's headquarters,²¹ and thus beyond the 10 mile limit specified in section 73.853(b)(1).

We further find that the addresses for all five of CPC's directors are located more than 10 miles from the proposed transmitter site, and thus CPC also fails to meet the eligibility requirements of section 73.853(b)(2): Edgar Fuentes Anzures²² resides 19.71 miles away, Mario Rene Meza²³ resides 19.97 miles away, and Aaron Josue Sosa, Irma Sosa, and Anthony Joe Sosa reside 23.93 miles away.²⁴

Therefore, we conclude that CPC does not qualify as local under section 73.853(b) of the Rules.²⁵ Accordingly, we find CPC ineligible to hold an LPFM license and dismiss the CPC Application.²⁶ Dismissing the CPC Application renders the Cedars Application as the sole remaining tentative selectee. Accordingly, we grant the Cedars Application.

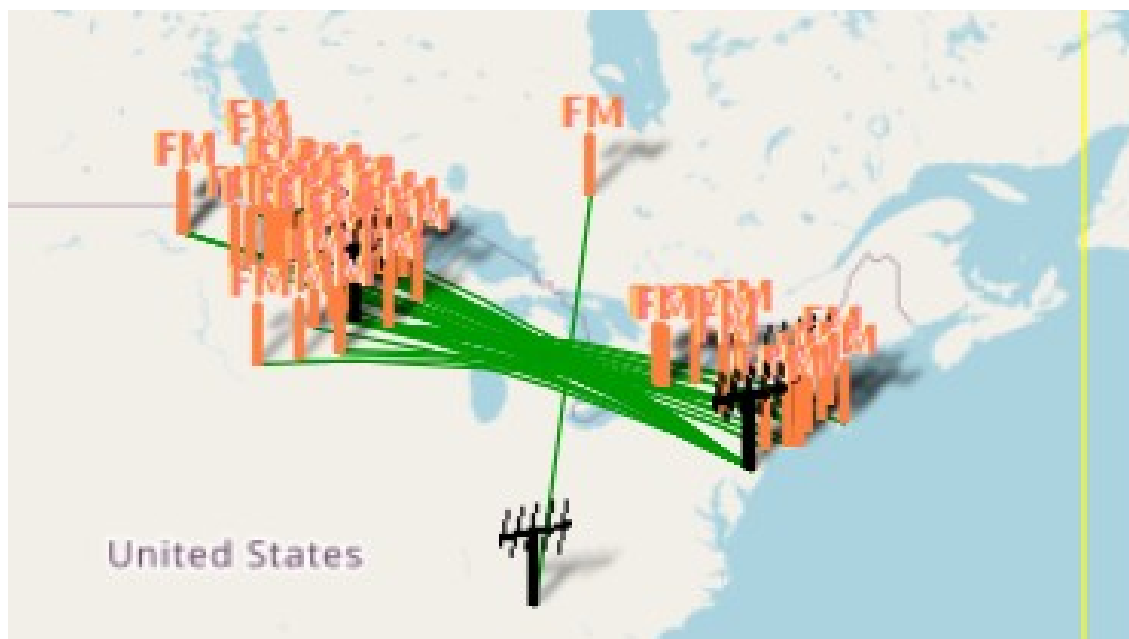
Conclusion/Actions. For the reasons set forth above, **IT IS ORDERED** that the Informal Objection filed by REC Networks, on December 5, 2024 (Pleading File No. 0000258901) **IS GRANTED.**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the application for a construction permit for a new LPFM station at Carrollton, Texas, filed by CPC of the WMM-Carrollton, TX One, Inc. on December 13, 2023 (Application File No. 0000232762) **IS DISMISSED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the application of Cedars Community Development Corporation for a construction permit for a new low power FM station at Lancaster, Texas (Application File No. 00002321771) **IS GRANTED**.

Sincerely,

Albert Shuldiner
Chief, Audio Division
Media Bureau



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