that if WKY-TV were required to shift to Channel 7, a large number of persons would be compelled to install new receiving sets. Negotiations in this matter are continuing.

626. (a) Counterproposal of All Oklahoma Broadcasting Company. All Oklahoma Broadcasting Company, Southwestern Sales Corporation, and Central Broadcasting Company have requested the assignment of Channel 8 to Tulsa by the Commission, which would exceed $138,000.

(c) The counterproposal of WKY would result in the following co-channel assignment separations in Zone II:

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627. The foregoing contesting counterproposals consist of (1) a request by WKY Radio-Phone Company for a 190-mile co-channel separation between Tulsa and Oklahoma City, and (2) an alternate proposal submitted by WREX Broadcasting Service and WKY Radio-Phone Company.

628. Although we are unable to grant the WKY counterproposal, we have no reason to believe that the authorization of WKY-TV shown on Channel 7 as proposed in the Third Notice of Assignment would be changed to specify operation on Channel 7 as proposed in the Third Notice of Assignment. It was issued to WKY in an effort to reduce interference, make available another number of VHF channels, and to effect the maximum utilization of VHF television channels.

629. It is believed that the assignment of Channel 4 in Tulsa instead of Oklahoma City would effect a more desirable utilization of the spectrum. It is true, however, that the assignment of Channel 4 would result in non-minimum required mileage separations in Zone II. For example, the closest co-channel assignment separation of Channel 4 would be only 222 miles, and to provide the required separations, the Station KRLD-TV in Dallas, Texas, would be at a distance of 196 miles.

We have in this proceeding followed the principle that we would not compel an existing licensee to change frequencies except for compelling reasons, such as the removal of a very low level station. In view of the circumstances discussed above, and upon consideration of the whole record, we do not believe that the WKY station should be required to change frequencies.

Accordingly, we have assigned Channel 4 to Oklahoma City, and are granting the request of the Commission in Order to WKY. If the assignment of Channel 4 is maintained in Oklahoma City, the assignment of Channel 4 to WKY will be vacated since Tulsa and Oklahoma City are only 98 miles apart. However, Channel 4 can be replaced in Tulsa Oklahoma City.

The counterproposal of the Southwestern Publishing Company at Fort Worth, Texas, was denied. The counterproposal of the Southwestern Publishing Company at Fort Worth, Texas, was denied.

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