

## At the FCC

**Transmitter rules.** FCC has launched rulemaking proposing to eliminate requirement that licensees seek commission approval for minor or electrical modifications to authorized broadcast transmitters. Under proposal, licensees would be permitted to modify and improve their transmitters if they made tests to insure continued compliance with FCC rules. Licensees would be required to retain results of those tests at transmitter site as long as equipment is in use.

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**Fees.** FCC has launched notice of proposed rulemaking aimed at implementing legislation mandating its collection of fees for certain commission applications and filings (BROADCASTING, April 14). Among other things, rulemaking proposes that full fee payments must accompany filings and applications when submitted to commission. FCC also said collections would begin no later than April 2, 1987, and that it had "tentatively concluded" that application or filing on file on date of implementation would not be subject to fee unless designated for hearing that would require additional fee. Comments will be due 30 days after publication of notice in *Federal Register*.

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**Review Board to rescue.** Blunting force of blow administered by Administrative Law Judge Edward Kuhlmann, FCC Review Board has dismissed application of Stearns County Broadcasting for new FM in Albany, Minn., but asserted that company would be free to file again. In initial decision, Kuhlmann, alleging various violations of *ex parte* rules, had found Stearns County, sole remaining applicant for FM after settlement agreement and licensee of daytimer KASM(AM) in same market, unqualified and denied application (BROADCASTING, March 24). Board, in decision written by member Norman Blumenthal, said it agreed that licensee "willfully and repeatedly" violated *ex parte* rules. "However, because the record lacks the substantial evidence to prove that the culpable principal of Stearns County was sufficiently familiar with the *ex parte* rules, and then knowingly violated those rules, we will reverse the ALJ's conclusion that Stearns County must be disqualified," board said. "Notwithstanding, because the *ex parte* rule violations here were serious, willful and repeated, and because Stearns County was found recently to have violated the *ex parte* rules in connection with its prior FM application and expressly warned by the full commission that 'future violations will be met with appropriate administrative action,' we dismiss its instant FM application to purge any appearance or taint of improper political influence in this adjudicatory case."

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**Window clarification.** FCC has announced that it will give seven-day notice of date public may file applications for FM allocations when all applications filed for them during window-filing periods have been rejected for being defective.

cast interests. Filed June 16.

■ WBEM(AM) Windber, Pa. (1350 khz; 2.5 kw-D)—Seeks assignment of license from Baughman Media Inc. to Greater Johnston Radio Inc. for approximately \$140,000. Seller is owned by Hank Baughman. It has no other broadcast interests. Buyer is principally owned by David R. Wolf and family. It also owns WRIA(AM) Altoona, Pa. Filed June 10.

■ KTGC(TV) Nederland, Tex. (CP)—Seeks transfer of control of Texas Gulf Communications from Beverly Parker (25% before; 5% after); Marian Johnson Fells (10% before; 2% after); Cheryl Ann Doyle (10% before; 2% after); Tom Vance (17.5% before; 3.5% after); Herschel Raymond Matthews (17.5% before; 3.5% after); estate of Al McKay (16% before; 3.2% after) and Michael Chicowsky (4% before; .8% after) to Southwest Multimedia Corp. for assumption of liabilities. Seller has no other broadcast interests. Buyer is principally owned by Billy B. Goldberg and Lester Kamin. It also owns KVEO(TV) Brownsville, KTXS(TV) Sweetwater and KPEJ(TV) Odessa, all Texas. Kamin is station broker. Filed June 16.

■ KKF(AM) Seattle (1250 khz 5 kw-U)—Seeks assignment of license from Ronald L. Lien to BSB Inc. for approximately \$987,000. Seller is receiver for North Star Broadcasters Inc. It has no other broadcast interests. Buyer is owned by Bingham Broadcasting, Seattle-based group of two AM's and two FM's owned by Robert R. Bingham, Edwin J. Schneebach and Michael O. Barry. Filed June 11.

## Call Letters

### Applications

Call Sought by

#### New FM's

KCEZ 195 Radio, El Dorado, Ark.

KWHB KTCT LESEA Inc., Tulsa, Okla.  
WHKE WKRW-TV Le Sea Broadcasting Corp., Kenosha, Wis.

### Grants

Call Assigned to

#### New FM's

WSWG-FM Ron J. Grantham Broadcasting Inc., Greenwood, Miss.  
KZBC Polly A. Hays, Kearney, Neb.  
WFTN-FM Northeast Communications Corp., Franklin, N.H.  
\*WCNF Family Stations Inc., Cincinnati  
KTIJ Women, Handicapped Americans and Minorities for Better Broadcasting Inc., Elk City, Okla.  
KLSB Reynolds-Palmer Media Inc., Winfield, Tex.

#### Existing AM's

KSHO KKAR Mount Wilson FM Broadcasters Inc., Hesperia, Calif.  
WLTO WRUS Keymarket Communications of Kentucky Inc., Russellville, Ky.  
WAES WROQ Radio Inc., Charlotte, N.C.  
KZUN KGWB 4-K Radio Inc., West Richland, Wash.

#### Existing FM's

\*WYJD WJDT Jefferson Davis State Junior College, Brewton, Ala.  
KTHO-FM KZFR Emerald Broadcasting Co., South Lake Tahoe, Calif.  
KZBA KWBG-FM KZBA Inc., Boone, Iowa  
WMGB WRMA Maycourt Co., Georgetown, Ky.  
WIGL WBVR Keymarket Communications of Kentucky Inc., Russellville, Ky.  
WMRQ WHTT CBS Inc., Boston  
WGTB WKQJ Catholic Engineering Equipment Co., Hattiesburg, Miss.  
KZBB KZZE-FM Audiophase Communications Inc., Poteau, Okla.  
KQQK KKKX Marr Broadcasting Co., Galveston, Tex.  
WMQC WJCF WUNN Inc., Westover, W.Va.

#### Existing TV's

KSHO-TV KSHO Mauna Kea Broadcasting Co., Honolulu  
KMOV KMOX-TV Viacom Broadcasting of Missouri Inc., St. Louis

WHOB Gateway Broadcasting Associates, Nashua, N.H.

#### Existing AM's

KONC KFLR Affiliated Broadcasting Inc., Phoenix  
KDIF KPRO Inland Empire Communications, Riverside, Calif.

#### Existing TV's

KWHE KDSC-TV Le Sea Broadcasting Corp., Honolulu

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San Francisco	285.4	281.8	1.3%
Washington	174.2	173.2	0.1%

<sup>1</sup> As compiled by the Broadcast Financial Management Association.  
<sup>2</sup> Investing in Television 1986 estimates, based on 1980 FCC data.

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