

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Mr. John Friedrich, Property Specialist
Division of Forestry
Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Room 296
402 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

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In re: WVNI; Nashville, Indiana
Brown County Broadcasters, Inc.
Construction Permit BMPH-911107IM

Dear Mr. Friedrich:

This letter is in response to your letter dated March 10, 1993 to Mr. Dale Bickel of my staff. You request information regarding the above-captioned construction permit BMPH-911107IM for unbuilt station WVNI, Paoli, IN. Specifically, you request "information regarding the potential siting of this radio tower in Brown County... especially... anything pertaining to and showing the protection zones needed for the conflicting stations in Indianapolis and Paoli", Indiana.

Please be aware that many factors are involved when an applicant selects a particular site for a radio or television station. These include the Commission's requirement for a minimum signal strength to be placed over the community of license (for FM stations, 70 dBu), adherence to the Commission's multiple [station] ownership rules, the effects of local terrain on a station's signal, protection of other stations from interference, and Federal Aviation Administration approval to insure airspace safety. Other factors not regulated by the Commission but of prime importance to the applicant include local zoning and land use restrictions, whether a particular site is available for lease or sale and the cost of such a site, available utilities, and ease of access to that site. Thus, the Commission cannot specify a particular location for a station; rather, the Commission relies on the applicant for a radio or television station to weigh the various factors and select the best possible site from the applicant's perspective, consistent with the Commission's regulations.

Given these factors, and on the basis of the information provided in WVNI's application BMPH-911107IM and in your letter, it is not possible for the Commission to state that other areas are or are not available in which WVNI could be potentially located, solely on the basis of protection to the two stations in Indianapolis (WFMS) and Paoli (WUME-FM). Further, the Commission

does not create maps of potential transmitter site areas, as these constantly change due to the movement of stations to new locations or frequencies and the addition of new stations to the FM band. However, should a copy of WVNI's construction permit application be needed for your review, it can be obtained either from WVNI or the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., Suite 140, 2100 M Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20037 (phone 202-857-3800).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis Williams". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dennis Williams
Chief, FM Branch
Audio Services Division
Mass Media Bureau