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In re: WKSG (FM), Cedar Creek, FL
Daystar Public Radio, Inc.
Facility ID No. 9714
Application BPED-20050922AAC

Dear applicant and objector:

Application BPED-20050922AAC was filed by Daystar Public Radio, Inc. ("Daystar") to make changes in the licensed facility of noncommercial educational station WKSG (FM), Cedar Creek, FL. Post-Newsweek Stations Orlando, Inc. ("Post-Newsweek"), licensee of Channel 6 television station WKMG-TV, Orlando, FL, filed an informal objection against this application. Daystar responded by filing an amendment on January 26, 2006 and a response to Post-Newsweek's continued objections to the amended facilities.[1]

Section 73.525(c) requires that WKSG (FM) eliminate two persons from receiving predicted interference to Channel 6 TV reception, for every new person predicted to receive interference, using the methods set forth in that rule to predict interference. Daystar uses the Census Bureau's population block centroids to show that the predicted interference area will not add or lose any centroids as compared to the existing licensed WKSG operation, hence no new persons will be affected and the application complies with the rule. Post-Newsweek, however, finds that the proposed WKSG operation will increase the population affected by 641 persons, and contends that Daystar's amended proposal will not satisfy the two persons for every new one affected requirement, in violation of the rule. Post-Newsweek computes its population data using the Census Bureau's Summary File 1 (SF1) database, which uses housing units to group population data.

Section 73.525(e)(2)(iv) gives the option to the FM or the TV station to provide an analysis based on more detailed population data, as Post-Newsweek has done here. However, as Daystar correctly points out, Post-Newsweek has not established that Daystar erred in its analysis. The Commission has long accepted the use of population block centroids as the preferred means of computing population within contours. That another population grouping

[1] The informal objection as originally filed argued that Daystar's comparison of its proposed operations to a formerly licensed facility was improper. But as that issue was eliminated by the filing of the January 26, 2006 amendment, we need not consider that matter.

method gives different results is to be expected, and such counts do not automatically override counts obtained from the block centroid method. Nor has Post-Newsweek advanced any compelling explanation to show why its counting method should be preferred over the use of block centroids. Accordingly, we agree with Daystar that its proposal complies with Section 73.525, and the WKSG application will be granted.

Accordingly, the informal objection of Post-Newsweek Stations Orlando, Inc. IS DENIED, and application BPED-20050922AAC IS GRANTED without filter conditions.

Sincerely,

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