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In re: LPFM MX Group 75

Ministerio Dios Cumple El Proposito En Mi Inc. New LPFM, Bayamon, Puerto Rico

Facility ID No. 785883

Application File No. 0000232333

### **New Beginning Communications Corp.**

New LPFM, Bayamon, Puerto Rico Facility ID No. 787998 Application File No. 0000232605

#### Iglesia Generacion de Fuego, Inc.

New LPFM, Caguas, Puerto Rico Facility ID No. 779911 Application File No. 0000231892

## Iglesia Cristiana Pentecostal La Gran Cosecha, Inc.

New LPFM, Caguas, Puerto Rico Facility ID No. 788365 Application File No. 0000232383

#### **Gigante Communications Corp.**

New LPFM, Carolina, Puerto Rico Facility ID No. 788412 Application File No. 0000232609

## **Fundacion Hazlos Sonreir Complices De Amor Inc.**

New LPFM, Cayey, Puerto Rico Facility ID No. 785821 Application File No. 0000232369

# Petitions to Deny Informal Objections

#### Dear Applicants:

We have before us the above-referenced mutually exclusive applications of six applicants for construction permits for new low power FM (LPFM) stations in Puerto Rico, including Ministerio Dios Cumple El Proposito En Mi Inc. (MDC) and New Beginning Communications Corp. (NBCC), to serve Bayamon; Iglesia Generacion de Fuego, Inc. (IGDF) and Iglesia Cristiana Pentecostal La Gran Cosecha, Inc. (ICP), to serve Caguas; Gigante Communications Corp. (GCC), to serve Carolina; and Fundacion Hazlos Sonreir Complices De Amor Inc. (FHS), to serve Cayey.<sup>1</sup>

We also have before us: 1) a Petition for Reconsideration, which we will treat as a Petition to Deny the tentative selection of the IGDF, ICP, and FHS Applications, filed by MDC (MDC Petition);<sup>2</sup> 2) two Petitions to Deny the IGDF Application, filed by FHS (FHS-IGDF Petition)<sup>3</sup> and MDC (MDC-IGDF

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Application File Nos. 0000232333 (MDC Application), 0000232605 (NBCC Application), 0000231892 (IGDF Application), 0000232383 (ICP Application), 0000232609 (GCC Application), and 0000232369 (FHS Application).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Pleading File No. 0000257921 (filed Nov. 12, 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Pleading File No. 0000257916 (filed Nov. 12, 2024).

Petition);<sup>4</sup> 3) an Informal Objection to the IGDF Application, filed by FHS (FHS-IGDF Objection);<sup>5</sup> 4) two Petitions to Deny the ICP Application, filed by FHS (FHS-ICP Petition)<sup>6</sup> and MDC (MDC-ICP Petition);<sup>7</sup> and 5) an Informal Objection to the ICP Application, filed by FHS (FHS-ICP Objection)<sup>8</sup> (collectively, Petitions and Objections). For the reasons set forth below, we deny the Petitions and Objections,<sup>9</sup> grant the IGDF, ICP, and FHS Applications by way of an involuntary time-sharing arrangement, and dismiss the MDC, NBCC, and GCC Applications as non-tentative selectees.

**Background.** MDC, NBCC, IGDF, ICP, GCC, and FHS filed their respective applications during the 2023 LPFM filing window.<sup>10</sup> The Media Bureau (Bureau) identified these applications as LPFM MX Group 75.<sup>11</sup> The Commission subsequently conducted a point system analysis and awarded IGDF, ICP, and FHS five points each, including one point each for established community presence, and awarded MDC, NBCC, and GCC four points each.<sup>12</sup> The Commission, therefore, identified IGDF, ICP, and FHS as the tentative selectees of MX Group 75,<sup>13</sup> and directed the applicants to submit a voluntary

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Pleading File No. 0000257927 (filed Nov. 12, 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Pleading File No. 0000263369 (filed Jan. 21, 2025).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Pleading File No. 0000257918 (filed Nov. 12, 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Pleading File No. 0000257929 (filed Nov. 12, 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Pleading File No. 0000265736 (filed Jan. 30, 2025).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> We also have before us two Informal Objections to the NBCC Application, filed by MDC, which appear to be identical. Pleading File Nos. 0000259465 and 0000259559 (filed Dec. 17 and 18, 2024). Because we are dismissing the NBCC Application as a non-tentative selectee, we need not consider these pleadings and dismiss them as moot.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Media Bureau Announces Filing Procedures and Requirements for November 1 – November 8, 2023, Low Power FM Filing Window, Public Notice, 38 FCC Rcd 6660 (MB 2023) (Procedures Public Notice). Based on a request from LPFM advocates, the Bureau subsequently delayed the window until December 6, 2023. Media Bureau Announces Revised Dates for LPFM New Station Application Filing Window, Public Notice, 38 FCC Rcd 9589 (MB 2023). The Bureau subsequently extended the close of the window until December 15, 2023. Media Bureau Announces Extension of LPFM New Station Application Filing Window, Public Notice, 38 FCC Rcd 11882 (MB 2023).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Media Bureau Identifies Groups of Mutually Exclusive Applications Submitted in the December 2023 LPFM Filing Window, Public Notice, 39 FCC Rcd 2355 (MB 2024). The group initially included a seventh mutually exclusive application filed by Cantares FM Media Group Inc. (CFMG). Application File No. 0000233063 (CFMG Application). CFMG filed a major technical amendment to "change its proposed site and move to a new channel, to eliminate short-space conflicts with other applicants and allow applicant to qualify as a singleton." See Amendment to CFMG Application (filed Dec. 3, 2024), Attach. "Comprehensive Technical Exhibit Amendment LPFM Station CH 211L1 Canovanas.pdf". The CFMG Application was granted on February 19, 2025.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> IGDF, ICP, and FHS each received a point under the following five criteria: (1) established community presence; (2) commitment to originate local programming; (3) commitment to maintain a main studio; (4) commitment to originate local programming and to maintain a main studio; and (5) diversity of ownership. MDC, NBCC, and GCC did not receive the established community presence point.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Commission Identifies Tentative Selectees in 93 Groups of Mutually Exclusive Applications Submitted in the December 2023 LPFM Window, Public Notice, FCC 24-113 at Attach. A (Oct. 16, 2024) (Tentative Selectee Public Notice).

time-sharing proposal in accordance with section 73.872(c) of the Commission's rules.<sup>14</sup>

*MDC Application*. MDC certifies in its MDC Application that it is a nonprofit educational institution or organization.<sup>15</sup> MDC also 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,<sup>16</sup> and is eligible for a comparative point under the established community presence criterion.<sup>17</sup> The Commission, however, denied MDC the point for established community presence because MDC's own documentation, specifically, a Certificate of Existence, dated September 29, 2023, illustrated that MDC had been in existence for less than the requisite two years prior to the December 15, 2023, close of the filing window.<sup>18</sup>

In the MDC Petition, MDC argues that: 1) evidence submitted with its MDC Application proves that it is eligible for one point under the established community presence (ECP) criterion;<sup>19</sup> and 2) there is an unfair double standard because singleton applications are not subject to the point system and need not prove ECP for two years.<sup>20</sup>

IGDF Application and ICP Application. IGDF and ICP, two of the tentatively selected applicants in MX Group 75, propose service to the community of Caguas, Puerto Rico. In the FHS-IGDF Petition, MDC-IGDF Petition, MDC Petition, FHS-ICP Petition, and MDC ICP Petition, FHS and MDC argue that: 1) Caguas, Puerto Rico already has an LPFM station, so grant of the IGDF Application and the ICP Application does not serve the public interest and eliminates mutually exclusive stations proposing to serve different cities; and 2) applications to serve cities without any LPFM stations should be given priority in accordance with the FCC's mandate to provide a "fair, efficient and equitable distribution of radio services" under section 307(b) of the Communications Act.<sup>21</sup>

In the FHS-IGDF Objection, FHS also argues that because the FHS-IGDF Petition was returned to sender with a notification that the attempted addressee is "not known," IGDF must have listed an inaccurate address in the IGDF Application.<sup>22</sup>

Finally, in the FHS ICP-Objection, FHS argues that: 1) because ICP omits asset percentages for three of its four directors, 50% of ICP's asset ownership is unknown; and 2) ICP's educational purpose description in its articles of incorporation is too generic.<sup>23</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Tentative Selectee Public Notice at 8. IGDF, ICP, and FHS did not enter into a voluntary time-share agreement, and accordingly, are now subject to involuntary time-sharing. See 47 CFR § 73.872(d).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> MDC Application at Legal Certifications Section, Eligibility Certifications question.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> *Id.* at Legal Certifications Section, Community-Based Criteria questions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> *Id.* at Point Systems Factors Section, Established Community Presence question.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Tentative Selectee Public Notice at 6, n. 38, and Attach. A.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> MDC Petition at 2 (referencing MDC Application at Attachs. "Scan 0279.pdf" (Articles of Incorporation),

<sup>&</sup>quot;Scan\_0263.pdf" (Certificate of Incorporation), and "Scan\_0277.pdf" (Bill for Services)).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> MDC Petition at 2-3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> FHS-IGDF Petition at 1-5; MDC-IGDF Petition at 1-5; MDC Petition at 2-4; FHS-ICP Petition at 1-5; MDC-ICP Petition at 1-4..

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> FHS-IGDF Objection at 1-2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> FHS-ICP Objection at 1-2.

**Discussion.** Pursuant to section 309(d) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (Act),<sup>24</sup> 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.<sup>25</sup> MDC and FHS have not met this burden.

Procedural Matters – MDC Petition. As an initial matter, the MDC Petition is procedurally defective because it was filed as a Petition for Reconsideration. Point and tentative selectee determinations do not constitute final actions, and accordingly, petitions for reconsideration do not lie against such interlocutory decisions.<sup>26</sup> In the interest of a complete record, we will treat the filing as a Petition to Deny the tentative selectee applications, and address MDC's arguments.

*MDC Established Community Presence Point.* To qualify for one point for established community presence, an applicant "must be able to certify that, during the two years prior to the application, (a) it has existed as a nonprofit educational organization, and (b) it has been physically headquartered, has had a campus, or has had 75% of its governing board members residing within 10 miles, for applicants in the top 50 urban markets, or 20 miles, for applicants outside the top 50 urban markets, of the coordinates of the proposed transmitting antenna." An applicant awarded a point for this criterion must also submit documentation with its application to demonstrate (1) the date of commencement of applicant's existence as a nonprofit entity, and (2) the location of the applicant's headquarters, campus, or governing board members' residences during the two years prior to the application filing. Accordingly, to receive the established community presence point, MDC must have been established and operating as a local entity since, at a minimum, December 15, 2021, i.e., for at least two years prior to the close of the December 15, 2023, LPFM filing window.<sup>29</sup>

We reject MDC's claim that it is eligible for a point under the established community presence criterion. In its MDC Application, MDC submitted: 1) an affidavit claiming that it provided services to the Bayamon community since 2015; 2) an electric bill from 2016 addressed to the MDC president in Bayamon; 3) a written description of services it asserts it provided to the community since 2015; 4) a Certificate of Existence from the Secretary of State of Puerto Rico, dated September 29, 2023; and 5) an

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 309(d).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> See, e.g., WWOR-TV, Inc., Memorandum Opinion and Order, 6 FCC Rcd 193, 197 n.10 (1990), aff'd sub nom. Garden State Broad. L.P. v. FCC, 996 F. 2d 386 (D.C. Cir. 1993), rehearing denied (Sep. 10, 1993); Gencom, Inc. v. FCC, 832 F.2d 171, 181 (D.C. Cir. 1987); Area Christian Television, Inc., Memorandum Opinion and Order, 60 RR 2d 862, 864, para. 6 (1986) (petitions to deny and informal objections must contain adequate and specific factual allegations sufficient to warrant the relief requested).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> An interlocutory action is non-final, one that neither denies nor dismisses an application nor terminates an applicant's right to participate in the proceeding. *See* 47 CFR § 1.106 (a)(1); *see also American Family Assoc., Inc.,* Letter Order, 22 FCC Rcd 11165 (MB 2007); *Harry F. Cole, Esq.,* Letter Order, 27 FCC Rcd 9295 (MB 2012); *Tentative Selectee Public Notice* at 6 and n.81.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Procedures Public Notice, 38 FCC Rcd at 6667-8; see also 47 CFR §§ 73.872(b)(1) and 73.853(b). The 10 mile standard applies here because Bayamon, Puerto Rico is in the top 50 radio markets. See The Nielsen Company (US) LLC, Radio Market Survey Population & Information, Spring 2024, at 2-3 (2024) <a href="https://www.nielsen.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2024/04/Populations Rankings.pdf">https://www.nielsen.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2024/04/Populations Rankings.pdf</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Procedures Public Notice, 38 FCC Rcd at 6667-68.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> See 47 CFR § 73.872(b)(1).

incorporation filing that lists a headquarters address in Bayamon, but lacks any date.<sup>30</sup>

While MDC claims that it has served the Bayamon community since 2015, its date of existence, listed by the Puerto Rico Secretary of State, is September 29, 2023, less than three months prior to the application filing deadline. Further, MDC has not submitted evidence to verify that it has been local for at least the requisite two years. Although MDC submits a utility bill from 2016 addressed to MDC's president in Bayamon, the President is only one of six officers, and holds only a 35% voting interest. MDC did not submit any evidence of residency for its remaining officers, showing that at least 75% of its board have resided within ten miles of the proposed transmitting antenna site in Bayamon, or any evidence that for at least two years prior to the application filing deadline, it has maintained a physical headquarters within ten miles of the proposed transmitting antenna site. Accordingly, we find that MDC is not eligible for a point under the established community presence criterion, deny the MDC Petition, and affirm the LPFM MX Group 75 tentative selectees designated in the *Tentative Selectee Public Notice*.

Singleton vs. Mutually Exclusive Applications – Established Community Presence. We reject MDC's assertion that there is an "unfair double standard" because singleton applicants<sup>31</sup> are not required to be incorporated for at least two years before filing the LPFM application while, according to MDC, mutually exclusive applicants are. This is a misunderstanding of the LPFM point system selection criteria. A mutually exclusive applicant does *not* need to have been incorporated, and established in its community, for at least two years prior to filing its application. Rather, a mutually exclusive LPFM applicant can still be the tentative selectee even if it was only incorporated days before filing the LPFM application, as long as it satisfies the LPFM eligibility criteria<sup>32</sup> and is awarded the highest point total among the other mutually exclusive applicants.<sup>33</sup> MDC apparently takes issue with the LPFM point system selection criteria, which was adopted in 2000 as part of a notice-and-comment rulemaking.<sup>34</sup> These rules are now final and are no longer subject to challenges on reconsideration.<sup>35</sup> MDC's claims regarding fairness are based on a misunderstanding of the point system, untimely, and inconsistent with the Commission's longstanding policy of altering fundamental components of broadly applicable regulatory schemes in the context of rulemaking proceedings, *not* adjudications.<sup>36</sup>

First LPFM Service and Fair Distribution under Section 307(b). We also reject MDC and FHS' claims that the Commission should give priority to a first local LPFM service, or should prevent grant of additional LPFM stations in a city that already has an LPFM station. Although the section 307(b) statutory mandate "to provide a fair, efficient, and equitable distribution of radio service" is a foundational principle guiding many of our rules and policies, there is no rule or policy that prioritizes first local

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> MDC Application at Attachs. "Scan\_0279.pdf" (Articles of Incorporation), "Scan\_0263.pdf" (Certificate of Incorporation), and "Scan\_0277.pdf" (Bill for Services).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> An application that is not mutually exclusive with any other application is a singleton.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> See 47 CFR § 73.853.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> See Procedures Public Notice, 38 FCC Rcd at 6667-69.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> See Creation of a Low Power Radio Service, Report and Order, 15 FCC Rcd 2205, 2257, para. 132 (2000) (First LPFM Order); 5 U.S. Code § 553 – Rulemaking (Administrative Procedure Act).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> See 47 CFR § 1.429.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> See, e.g., Sunburst Media L.P., Memorandum Opinion and Order, 17 FCC Rcd 1366, 1368, para. 6 (2022); see also Community Television of Southern California v. Gottfried, 459 U.S. 498, 511 (1983) ("[R]ulemaking is generally better, fairer, and more effective method of implementing a new industry-wide policy than the uneven application of conditions in isolated [adjudicatory] proceedings.").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 307(b).

service to a community by an LPFM station. The LPFM service is not intended to replace full service broadcast coverage of each community, but rather to be "responsive to the needs and interests of small community groups, particularly specialized community needs that have not been well served by commercial broadcast stations." Moreover, as a secondary service, an LPFM station's service to its community of license is easily subject to change, either through a modification application or if the station is displaced by a full service FM station. Accordingly, first local service by an LPFM station does not, and has never, been a consideration or received priority over the point system selection criteria and other LPFM licensing rules. It would be inappropriate to make a broad policy change regarding first service preference, which would potentially affect many LPFM stations, in the context of a singular licensing proceeding. 40

*IGDF Returned Service*. We reject FHS' claim that because the FHS-IGDF Petition was returned to sender with a notification that the attempted addressee is "not known," the IGDF address is either inaccurate or IGDF intentionally misrepresented its address in its Application. Physical mail may be returned to the sender for a number of reasons, and absent any intent to deceive, we find no wrongdoing based on this fact alone. We also note that the address on the returned envelope appears to be incorrect, as it is addressed to "URB. VILLA NUEVA"; the address listed in the IGDF Application is "Urb Nueva Villa".

*ICP Asset Percentages and Educational Purpose.* We reject FHS' argument that ICP's alleged failure to "disclose who owns the remaining 50% of the total assets" disqualifies its application or has bearing on its designation as a tentative selectee. ICP amended its Application on April 17, 2025, and explained that its original ICP Application erroneously listed its President as having a 50% asset interest,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> See Creation of a Low Power Radio Service, Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 26 FCC Rcd 9986, 9993, para. 17 (2011).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> See Holy Mother Mary, Letter Order, DA 25-136 (MB Feb. 14, 2025) (rejecting waiver request because provision of first local service or full community of license coverage by an LPFM station is not prioritized over other LPFM licensing rules).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> See, e.g., Birmingham Christian Radio, Inc. and Radio South Inc., Memorandum Opinion and Order, 18 FCC Rcd 7909, 7915, para. 19 (2003) (finding that arguments challenging market definitions are more appropriately addressed in a rulemaking proceeding); Great Empire Broadcasting, Inc. Memorandum Opinion and Order, 14 FCC Rcd 11145, 11148, para. 8 (1999) ("It is generally inappropriate to address arguments for a change in rules where third parties, including those with substantial stakes in the outcome, have had no opportunity to participate, and in which we, as a result, have not had the benefit of a full and well-counseled record.") (internal citations omitted).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> A misrepresentation is a false statement of fact or false certification made with intent to deceive the Commission. *Fox River Broad., Inc.*, Order, 93 FCC 2d 127, 129 (1983); *San Francisco Unified Sch. Dist.*, Hearing Designation Order and Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture, 19 FCC Rcd 13326, 13334 n.40-41 (2004) (subsequent history omitted). Intent to deceive is established if a licensee or applicant knowingly makes a false statement (or false certification) and can also be inferred when the surrounding circumstances clearly show the existence of intent to deceive. *Leflore Broad. Co., Inc. v. FCC*, 636 F.2d 454, 462 (D.C. Cir. 1980); *American Int'l Dev., Inc.*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 86 FCC 2d 808, 816 n.39 (1981), *aff'd sub nom. KXIV, Inc. v. FCC*, 704 F.2d 1294 (D.C. Cir. 1983). In a case where all of the allegations are a matter of public record on file with the Commission, there is no logical basis to infer a motive to deceive unless there is other probative evidence of intent to deceive. *KAXT, LLC*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 32 FCC Rcd 9638, 9646, para. 16 and n.69 (2017).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> FHS-IGDF Objection at 3; IGDF Application at Applicant Name, Type, and Contact Information and Contact Information Sections.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> FHS-ICP Objection at 2.

which instead should have only reflected his 50% voting interest.<sup>44</sup> Consistent with its status as a nonprofit entity, ICP's amended Application now confirms that no member holds any assets.<sup>45</sup> In light of ICP's Application amendment, there is no merit to FHS' argument. ICP has fully disclosed its ownership structure and the voting interests of each member.<sup>46</sup>

We also reject FHS' claim that the educational purpose description in ICP's articles of incorporation attachment is too generic.<sup>47</sup> LPFM applicants must provide an attachment showing that they have an educational objective and that the LPFM station will be used for the advancement of an educational program.<sup>48</sup> LPFM applicants are instructed to provide descriptions of the nature of their proposed station programming.<sup>49</sup> The Bureau has previously held that articles of incorporation indicating the entity is a non-profit organization, in conjunction with a description of educational purpose, satisfies the Commission's noncommercial educational requirements.<sup>50</sup> Here, ICP includes a description of its educational purpose in its articles of incorporation, and further submits a more detailed description of its educational purpose in which it outlines proposed station programming.<sup>51</sup> Accordingly, ICP has sufficiently satisfied the educational purpose requirement.

*Time-sharing*. The *Tentative Selectee Public Notice* afforded IGDF, ICP, and FHS 90 days from the release of the public notice in which to file a voluntary time-share agreement.<sup>52</sup> Because the applicants did not file a voluntary time-share agreement, the Bureau staff requested that each applicant submit its preferred timeslot.<sup>53</sup> Preference is given to the applicant that has been local for the longest

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> ICP Application (Amended Apr. 17, 2025), at Attach. "Amendment Summary.pdf" (explaining "We have corrected the ownership to reflect our status as a Non-profit corporation (it had mistakenly presented our president as being a 50% owner which should have just been the percentage of votes")).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> ICP Application, Parties to the Application Section.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> FHS ICP Objection at 2 (referencing ICP Application at Attach, "Articulos Corporativos ICPLGC.pdf").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> See 47 CFR §§ 73.503(a) and 73.801. See Music Ministries, Inc., Hearing Designation Order, 9 FCC Rcd 3628 (Aud. Serv. Div. 1994).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> Procedures Public Notice, 38 FCC Rcd at 6665. The requirement to provide programming that advances an educational objective may be satisfied by a variety of programs, including, but not limited to, "instructional programs, programming selected by students, bible study, cultural programming, in-depth news coverage, and children's programs such as Sesame Street that entertain as they teach." See First LPFM Order, 15 FCC Rcd at 2214, para. 20 (citing Comparative Standards for Noncommercial Educational Applicants, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 13 FCC Rcd 21167, n.2 (1998)).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> See, e.g., Casa De Oracion Getsemani, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 23 FCC Rcd 4118, 4122-23, paras. 8-9 (2008) (finding two LPFM applicants were nonprofit educational organizations, with distinct educational objectives, and would use their station's programming to further those objectives, where: 1) applicant's articles of incorporation included a description of a religious educational purpose, and the application attached a more detailed description and advancement of its objective; and 2) applicant's declaration stated that it is an educational organization through a school, and submitted a description of various types of educational programs geared toward local immigrant communities).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> ICP Application at Attach. "EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE CAGUAS.pdf" (Legal Certifications).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> See Tentative Selectee Public Notice at 8; 47 CFR §73.872(c).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> Tentative Selectee Public Notice at 9; 47 CFR §73.872(d).

uninterrupted period of time.54

ICP is the longest established local applicant, having been local since February 26, 2003, 55 and selected 10:00 a.m. to 5:59 p.m. as its preferred timeslot. IGDF is the second longest established local applicant, having been local since January 10, 2019.56 IGDF selected 10:00 a.m. to 5:59 p.m. as its first choice, and 2:00 a.m. to 9:59 a.m. as its second choice timeslot. We, therefore, assign ICP its preferred timeslot of 10:00 a.m. to 5:59 p.m., and assign IGDF its second choice, the 2:00 a.m. to 9:59 a.m. timeslot. Finally, we assign FHS, the third longest established local applicant,<sup>57</sup> the final 6:00 p.m. to 1:59 a.m. timeslot. Accordingly, we grant the Applications, and the operating hours assigned to each applicant will appear on their respective construction permits.

**Conclusion/Actions.** For the reasons set forth above,

**IT IS ORDERED** that the Petition for Reconsideration filed by Ministerio Dios Cumple El Proposito En Mi on November 12, 2024 (Pleading File No. 0000257921), IS DISMISSED, and treated as a Petition to Deny, **IS DENIED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petitions to Deny filed by Ministerio Dios Cumple El Proposito En Mi Inc. on November 12, 2024 (Pleading File Nos. 0000257927, and 0000257929) ARE DENIED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petitions to Deny filed by Fundacion Hazlos Sonreir Complices De Amor Inc. on November 12, 2024 (Pleading File Nos. 0000257916 and 0000257918) ARE DENIED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Informal Objections filed by Fundacion Hazlos Sonreir Complices De Amor Inc. on January 21, 2025 and January 30, 2025 (Pleading File Nos. 0000263369 and 0000265736) **ARE DENIED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the applications for construction permits for new LPFM stations at Caguas and Cayey, Puerto Rico, filed by Iglesia Generacion de Fuego, Inc. on December 7, 2023, (Application File No. 0000231892), Iglesia Cristiana Pentecostal La Gran Cosecha, Inc. on December 11, 2023, (Application File No. 0000232383), and Fundacion Hazlos Sonreir Complices De Amor Inc. on December 11, 2023, (Application File No.0000232369) ARE GRANTED ON AN INVOLUNTARY TIME-SHARE BASIS, in accordance with section 73.872(d) of the Commission's Rules, 47 CFR § 73.872(d).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the applications for construction permits for a new LPFM stations at Bayamon and Carolina, Puerto Rico, filed by New Beginning Communications Corp. on December 13, 2023, (Application File No. 0000232605), Ministerio Dios Cumple El Proposito En Mi Inc. on December 12, 2023 (Application File No. 0000232333), and Gigante Communications Corp., on December 13, 2023, (Application File No. 232609) ARE DISMISSED.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> 47 CFR §73.872(d)(2).

<sup>55</sup> ICP Application at Point System Factors Section, Involuntary Time-Share Information, Established Community Presence question.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> IGDF Application at Point System Factors Section, Involuntary Time-Share Information, Established Community Presence question.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> FHS Application at Point System Factors Section, Involuntary Time-Share Information, Established Community Presence question (certifying that FHS has been local since August 11, 2020).

<b>IT IS FURTHER ORDERED</b> that the Informal Objections filed by Ministerio Dios Cumple E
Proposito En Mi Inc. on December 17 and 18, 2024 (Pleading File Nos. 0000259465 and 0000259559)
ARE DISMISSED AS MOOT.

Sincerely,

Albert Shuldiner Chief, Audio Division Media Bureau