



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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JULIUS GENACHOWSKI
CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin
United States Senate
509 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Cardin:

Thank you for your letter regarding the status of an Application for Review that was filed with the Commission by Entravision Holdings, LLC, licensee of WJAL(TV), Hagerstown, Maryland, concerning its request to change the community of license for WJAL.

In 2004, the Commission's Media Bureau affirmed a prior decision to dismiss the Entravision petition for rulemaking seeking to change the community of license of WJAL's digital television (DTV) channel 16 from Hagerstown to Silver Spring, Maryland. The Media Bureau based its dismissal primarily on the grounds that the proposed relocation would cause substantial interference to public safety and emergency operations on channel 17 in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. The Bureau also determined that the proposal would result in a significant curtailment of existing television service to the Hagerstown area. Entravision filed an Application for Review requesting that the Bureau's decision be reviewed by the full Commission.

In 2006, Entravision filed a supplement to its Application for Review, which indicated that the company had changed its DTV election for WJAL to channel 39, thereby addressing the public safety concerns. By that time, however, the Commission had stopped considering certain proposed license modifications, including community of license changes, in order to ensure a stable database for conducting the DTV channel election process and the development of a new DTV Table of Allotments. With the completion of the DTV transition, the staff has resumed consideration of matters, such as Entravision's Application for Review, that were held in abeyance pending the DTV transition.

I appreciate learning of your interest in this important matter. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julius Genachowski", written over a horizontal line.

Julius Genachowski