



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

September 21, 2012

JULIUS GENACHOWSKI
CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
United States Senate
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Schumer:

Thank you for your letter concerning the expiration of Cranesville Block Company, Inc.'s (CBC) permit to construct a new station, WKAJ(AM), in Little Falls, New York. I appreciate your interest in this matter and have directed the Chief of the Media Bureau's Office of Communications and Industry Information to respond. I am pleased to provide the enclosed correspondence regarding the CBC proceeding.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Julius Genachowski

Enclosure



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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In Reply Refer to:
CN-1201015

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Dear Senator Schumer:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of Cranesville Block Company, Inc. (CBC), concerning the expiration of CBC's permit to construct a new station, WKAJ(AM), in Little Falls, New York. I appreciate learning your views regarding this matter and am pleased to update you on the status of the proceeding.


CBC acquired the construction permit for WKAJ by assignment in April 2010. Because CBC is a small business that qualified as an "eligible entity" under Commission rules, following the assignment, the Commission's Media Bureau extended the existing expiration date of the WKAJ construction permit to October 15, 2011. CBC subsequently filed a request seeking additional time to construct the station, indicating that inclement weather had delayed construction. The Media Bureau granted CBC an additional two months but CBC was not able to complete construction by the new deadline, and the permit expired on December 15, 2011.

CBC submitted a Petition for Reconsideration, requesting reinstatement of the construction permit, which the Media Bureau dismissed on February 23, 2012. CBC then filed a Petition for Waiver and Reinstatement and the Media Bureau recently adopted a decision dismissing the Petition as untimely. Most recently, on July 16, 2012, CBC filed an Application for Review of the Media Bureau's dismissal that includes a petition in support of CBC, signed by approximately 200 area residents.

Commission staff will complete its review of the CBC Application for Review and prepare a recommendation for the full Commission as expeditiously as possible. Please be assured that, in reaching a disposition, the Commission will give careful consideration to the issues raised by CBC and the views discussed in your letter.

I hope that this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael S. Perko". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a stylized "P".

Michael S. Perko
Chief, Office of Communications and Industry Information
Media Bureau