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**FCC ISSUES HEARING DESIGNATION ORDER FOR
MICHIGAN RADIO STATION**

Action Launches New Hearing Process Presided by the Full Commission

WASHINGTON, August 3, 2017 – The Federal Communications Commission today adopted a hearing designation order pertaining to WRAX, an FM radio station in Lake Isabella, Michigan. In 2010, Radioactive, LLC was licensed to operate WRAX, and in 2012, the broadcaster filed a renewal application for the station. According to Commission records submitted by Radioactive, the station has only operated one day a year since it was initially licensed seven years ago.

The hearing designation order issued today will begin a proceeding to determine whether the station’s license renewal application should be granted. This process will be conducted by paper filings and will enable the Commission to efficiently and fairly assess whether Radioactive has fulfilled its licensee obligations. A broadcast licensee’s authorization to use radio spectrum in the public interest includes the obligation to use the station to serve its community, providing programming responsive to local needs and interests.

Under the hearing procedures set forth in the order, the full Commission, rather than an Administrative Law Judge, will determine whether the renewal application should be granted or denied. This new streamlined process may be an effective means for the Commission to address similarly-situated renewal applications. Today’s action is aimed at ensuring that broadcast spectrum is being used consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

Action by the Commission August 3, 2017 by Hearing Designation Order (FCC 17-106).
Chairman Pai, Commissioners Clyburn and O’Rielly approving and issuing separate statements.

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