

**STATEMENT OF  
COMMISSIONER JESSICA ROSENWORCEL**

Re: *William L. Zawila, Permittee of FM Station KNGS, Coalinga, California; Avenal Communications Services, Inc., Permittee of FM Station KAAX, Avenal, California; Central Valley Educational Services, Inc., Permittee of FM Station KYAF, Firebaugh, California; H.L. Charles D/B/A Ford City Broadcasting, Permittee of FM Station KZPE, Ford City, California; Linda Ware d/b/a Lindsay Broadcasting, Licensee of FM Station KZPO, Lindsay, California, EB Docket No. 03-152; File No. BLH-19990804KJ, Facility ID no. 72672; File No. BLED-19990810KC, Facility ID No. 3365; File No. BLED-199908505KB, Facility ID No. 993; File No. BLH-19990804KG, Facility ID No. 22030; File No. BLH-19980206KB, Facility ID No. 37725, Memorandum Opinion and Order*

Long ago the Federal Communications Commission established that the “trait of truthfulness” is a necessary element of the character required to operate a broadcast station in the public interest. This year, a decision from the agency revisited that notion and concluded that honesty with the FCC is a foundational requirement for holding a license.

Consistent with this precedent, in the immediate decision we uphold an earlier finding that a licensee’s misrepresentation, lack of candor, and false statements were used to mislead the FCC and defraud the public interest. In doing so, we affirm the decision to revoke the licenses and construction permits of a licensee that made a series of false statements to the agency. I support this decision as well as the time-honored principles that inform our review.