Before the Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)
AUBURN NETWORK, INC.) MB Docket No. 21-20
WANI(AM), Opelika, AL) Facility ID No. 63796
WGZZ(FM), Waverly, AL) Facility ID No. 15283
W242AX(FX), Auburn, AL) Facility ID No. 146140
W254AY(FX), Auburn, AL) Facility ID No. 138347
W294AR(FX), Auburn, AL) Facility ID No. 14119
WHBD-LD, Auburn, AL) Facility ID No. 185816
Application for Original Construction Permit NEW(FX), Auburn, AL	 File No. BNPFT-20180327ABZ Facility ID No. 201389

INITIAL CASE ORDER

Issued: March 2, 2021

Released: March 2, 2021

1. On February 11, 2021, the FCC's Media Bureau released a Hearing Designation Order, Order to Show Cause and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in the above-captioned mater.¹ As directed by the *Auburn Network HDO* pursuant to sections 1.91(c) and 1.221(c) of the Commission's rules, a representative for Auburn Network filed an appearance in this hearing proceeding on February 19, 2021.²

2. An initial status conference will be conducted virtually on **Tuesday**, **March 16**, **2021**, **at 10:00 AM** via an online platform accessible to all parties.³ On or before **March 11**, **2021**, the parties shall submit the following information:

- A proposed schedule of this case, including pre-hearing and post-hearing matters;
- A description of the type of discovery anticipated, if any; and
- A description of expected pre-hearing motions, including motions for protective orders.

¹ Auburn Network, Inc., Hearing Designation Order, Order to Show Cause and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, MB Docket No. 21-20, DA 21-79 (rel. Feb. 11, 2021) (Auburn Network HDO) at para. 32.

² Auburn Network, Inc., Notice of Appearance (filed Feb. 19, 2021).

³ Specific login instructions will be provided to the parties separately. A transcript of the initial status conference will be included in the record of this proceeding as soon as it is available.

3. This proceeding will be conducted pursuant to the written hearing procedures codified at sections 1.370 through 1.377 of the Commission's rules.⁴ As the proposed schedules will be discussed during the initial status conference, no written pleadings responsive to the parties' scheduling submissions will be entertained.

4. Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that the initial prehearing conference in this matter will be held on **March 16, 2021, commencing at 10:00 a.m.,** at which a hearing schedule shall be set. All subsequent oral conferences, if needed, shall be conducted in this same manner unless otherwise directed.

5. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the parties shall submit the information required above on or before **March 11, 2021**. All written submissions in this proceeding shall be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) by 11:59 PM Eastern Time on the filing date.

6. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that that parties shall serve filings on each other via electronic mail whenever possible.⁵

7. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that all parties are put on notice that they are expected to be fully cognizant of Part 1 of the Commission's rules concerning Practice and Procedure, 47 CFR Part 1, Subparts A and B.

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Jane Hinckley Halprin Administrative Law Judge

⁴ 47 CFR §§ 1.370 – 1.377.

⁵ Courtesy copies of pleadings, motions, and other written submissions that do not exceed twenty-five (25) pages in length are to be e-mailed to the Office of Administrative Law Judges at <u>Jane.Halprin@fcc.gov</u> and <u>JohnB.Adams@fcc.gov</u>.