

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of) WT Docket No. 08-20
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WILLIAM F. CROWELL) FCC File No. 0002928684
)
Application to Renew License for Amateur) File No. EB-08-IH-0434
Radio Service Station W6WBJ)

To: Chief Administrative Law Judge
Richard L. Sippel

ENFORCEMENT BUREAU'S
COMMENTS
ON REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE VIA SPEAKERPHONE

1. There is pending before the Presiding Judge in the above-captioned proceeding a pleading filed by William F. Crowell entitled, Applicant's Petition to Permit Him to Appear at All Pre-Trial Conferences by Speakerphone ("Petition"). The Chief, Enforcement Bureau, by her attorneys, hereby comments on Crowell's Petition.

2. Mr. Crowell requests that he be permitted to appear via speakerphone at the prehearing conference in this proceeding, scheduled for April 2, 2008, as well at all subsequent prehearing conferences ordered by the Presiding Judge. In support, Mr. Crowell states, among other things, that he resides in California, and traveling to Washington, DC, for such prehearing conferences would create a personal and professional hardship for him. Petition at 8.

3. The Bureau has no objection to Mr. Crowell's request to appear at the April 2, 2008, prehearing conference, given the nature of the matters to be discussed at this particular conference. However, the Bureau believes that the Presiding Judge should reject Mr. Crowell's further request to appear via speakerphone at any and all additional prehearing conferences,

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should they become necessary. The Bureau submits that, given the uncertainty at this juncture about the nature of any such further prehearing conferences, it cannot be gainsaid that Mr. Crowell's personal appearance at such future conferences may not be necessary and appropriate. Consequently, a blanket grant at this time allowing Mr. Crowell to appear at *all* prehearing conferences in this proceeding would be inappropriate.

4. Based on the foregoing, the Bureau interposes no objection to Mr. Crowell's request to appear via speakerphone at the April 2, 2008, prehearing conference. However, the Bureau opposes *at this time* such further relief by Mr. Crowell to so appear at all prehearing conferences that may be held in this proceeding.¹

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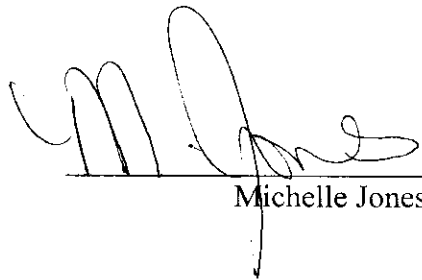
¹ The Bureau notes that, in addition to requesting the relief discussed above, Mr. Crowell represents in his Petition that he intends to explore no fewer than *three dozen* additional issues at the hearing on a wide range of disparate subjects. Petition at 2-7. Given Mr. Crowell's stated intentions, the Bureau expresses the hope that the Presiding Judge exercises his full authority to regulate closely the scope and course of this hearing, pursuant to Section 1.243 of the Commission's Rules.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Michelle Jones, a Paralegal Specialist in the Enforcement Bureau's Investigations and Hearings Division, certifies that she has, on this 3rd day of March 2008, sent by first class United States mail copies of the foregoing "Enforcement Bureau's Comments on Request to Participate Via Speakerphone" to:

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