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Re: Applications for Renewal of Licenses for  
WABC-TV, New York, NY, Fac. ID No. 1328,  
File No. BRCT-20070201BHD  
WCBS-TV, New York, NY, Fac. ID No. 9610,  
File No. BRCT-20070201BQP  
WNBC(TV), New York, NY, Fac. ID No. 47535,  
File No. BRCT-2007013AJJ  
WNYW(TV), New York, NY, Fac. ID No. 22206,  
File No. BRCT - 20070201AJS

Dear Parties:

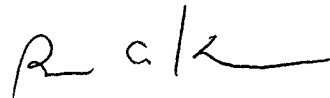
This is in regard to an informal objection, filed by Theodore D. Murray, against each of the above-referenced New York City television stations' applications for renewal of license. Mr. Murray alleges that WABC-TV, WCBS-TV, WNBC(TV), and WNYW(TV) ("Stations") do not operate in the public interest as they have failed to serve the New York metropolitan area African-American community.

Mr. Murray claims that programming that the Stations air pertaining to the African – American community often depicts “people of African descent in a very negative and degrading way,” and that “these images serve as a disservice and detriment to our children, our culture, and our communities.” Mr. Murray specifically alleges that WABC-TV “has shown no commitment to the Black community,” as it has threatened to cancel the public affairs show “Like It Is” and often preempts and disrupts the show, despite the African-American community’s support for the show.

The Commission is prohibited by the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, from censoring programs and from interfering with freedom of expression in broadcasting. The selection and presentation of material of a specific nature, i.e., programs for news and comment, is reserved for the broadcaster. Broadcasters are responsible for selecting all broadcast matter and for determining how their stations can best serve their communities. Thus, the Commission does not attempt to direct a licensee in the selection or presentation of specific programming, whether it is entertainment, political, or religious in content. While we recognize that some viewers may prefer certain programming, the government is generally precluded by law from regulating any licensee’s program presentation based on its content. Our approach has been to increase and diversify program choices through fostering more competition and outlets for expression in electronic media. This procedure is premised upon the belief that the public good is better served through a multitude of voices than through any kind of governmental program selection. In the absence of clear evidence that a licensee has abused the exercise of its discretion with respect to issue-related programming, the Commission will not involve itself in programming issues.

In view of the foregoing, the informal objection filed by Mr. Theodore D. Murray against the above-referenced applications for renewal of license is DENIED.

Sincerely,

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