

July 21, 1942

In the Matter of Policy and Procedure )  
for Handling Applications Relating to )  
Stations in the Agriculture, Coastal, )  
Marine Relay, and Fixed Public Services )

MEMORANDUM OPINION

By the Commission:

It has become increasingly apparent that the public interest requires a curtailment of the use of materials for the construction or change of the transmitting facilities of stations operating in the Agriculture, Coastal, Marine Relay and Fixed Public radio services.

On June 29, 1942, the Board of War Communications made the following two recommendations to the War Production Board and to this Commission:

1. No future authorizations involving the use of any materials shall be issued by the Federal Communications Commission nor shall further materials be allocated by the War Production Board, to construct or to change the transmitting facilities of any station in the Agriculture Service.
2. No future authorizations involving the use of any materials shall be issued by the Federal Communications Commission nor shall further materials be allocated by the War Production Board, to construct or to change the transmitting facilities of any station operating in the Coastal, Marine Relay, or Fixed Public Services; provided, however, that upon a proper showing that any such station serves an essential military need or a vital public need, which cannot otherwise be met, the Commission and the War Production Board will take action commensurate with the importance of the particular facility in question.

The Commission has adopted the recommendation numbered one, and hereafter as a matter of policy, until further notice, will grant no application for an authorization involving the use of any materials to construct or change the transmitting facilities of any point-to-point radio station in the Agriculture Service.

In accordance with the recommendation numbered two, the Commission has adopted the policy, until further notice, of not granting any application for an authorization which involves the use of any materials to

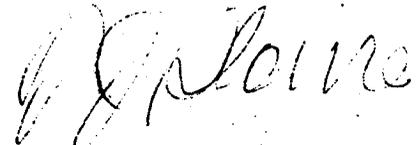
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construct or change the transmitting facilities of any station operating in the Coastal, Marine Relay or Fixed Public Services; except where it appears that the facilities to be constructed or changed will serve either (1) an essential military need or (2) a vital public need, which cannot otherwise be met.

Any application hereafter filed involving the use of any materials to construct or to change the transmitting facilities of any class of station set forth under recommendation (2) will be considered defective and returned to the applicant unless it is accompanied by a verified statement showing all the facts and circumstances which the applicant believes to demonstrate that the facilities to be constructed or changed will serve either (1) an essential military need or (2) a vital public need, which cannot otherwise be met.

In the case of any application now pending <sup>1/</sup> before the Commission, or postmarked prior to the date hereof, a verified statement need not be submitted unless the Commission specifically requests such statement. Failure to file the required statement within the time designated by the Commission shall be deemed an abandonment of the pending application and such application will be retired to the closed files of the Commission and dismissed without prejudice.

In the event that the Commission is unable to determine from the verified statement that the proposed facilities will serve either an essential military need or a vital public need, which cannot otherwise be met, the application will be designated for a public hearing.



T. J. Slowie,  
Secretary.

Dated: July 21, 1942

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<sup>1/</sup> Includes all such applications filed prior to the date hereof irrespective of present status.