

[on SBE National letterhead]

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Mr. Paul L. Marrangoni
Chief, Experimental Licensing Branch
Office of Engineering & Technology
Federal Communications Commission
2000 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Marrangoni:

I have been informed that the FCC plans to start placing a prior coordination clause on Experimental licenses that involve operation on Broadcast or Broadcast Auxiliary frequencies. On behalf of the Society of Broadcast Engineers, I would like to express my appreciation of this action, and assure you that SBE will provide its full cooperation to responding to such frequency coordination requests.

SBE has found that prior coordination of experimental operations on Broadcast or Broadcast Auxiliary frequencies can prevent, or at least greatly minimize, interference to those services, since parties operating Experimental stations often have considerable flexibility on when and where to conduct their operations. So when prior coordination can alert those parties to the locations of Broadcast or Broadcast Auxiliary stations that might receive interference (or cause interference to a program of experimentation!), the best interests of both parties are served, and the likelihood of Commission CIB staff being called on to resolve an interference problem is greatly reduced.

Frequency coordination requests should be addressed to Executive Director, SBE, Inc., 8445 Keystone Crossing, Suite 140, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240, telephone 317/253-1640 (voice), 317/253-0418 (fax), and e-mail executivedir@sbe.org. SBE will see that the coordination request gets routed to the appropriate SBE-affiliated frequency coordinating committee.

Sincerely,

Terrence M. Baun, President

cc: Mr. Richard M. Smith, Chief, OET
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