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From: Sam Evans
To: Rick Chessen
Date: 3/17/03 12:04PM
Subject: Low Power DTV broadcasts complaint

Mr. Chessen,

Thanks for calling me back about the problems of trying to receive low power Digital TV.

The digital stations here are:

KLRT-DT (UPN) RF channel 30 full power 1000 Meg Watt no problem
Owned by Clearchannel

KASN-DT (UPN) RF channel 39 full power 1000 Meg Watt no problem
Owned by Clearchannel

KTHV-DT (CBS) RF channel 12 low power -55kw
KTHV is the only station to carry network HD here. They claim they can't increase power, due to being assigned on VHF channel 12, which interferes with Comcast Cable channel 12. I am 7 miles from the transmitter, and have dropouts which often make viewing problematic. Owned by Gannett, Inc.

KARK-DT (NBC) RF channel 32 low power -4kw and low on the transmitter tower make for unreliable viewing, even at 7 miles from the transmitter.
Station recently sold - not sure who new owner is.

KATV-DT (ABC) RF channel 22 low power ~ 30kw. Unreliable reception (dropouts, etc.), being at low power and 25 miles away. And they're only on intermittently for an hour or two during mid mornings.
Owned by Allbritton.

I can just stick an indoor antenna on top of the TV and get the 2 high power stations, with no problem. Not so for the rest of the stations. I believe low power is the biggest roadblock to digital TV acceptance.

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regards,
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