

September 6, 1960

Radio Station WPEH
Louisville, Georgia

Attention of the Chief Engineer

Good Morning!

Please excuse my long delay in getting this letter written, but I was ill during the few days following my logging of your test broadcast, and have just returned from the annual National Radio Club Convention, which was held this year in White Plains, New York. So, here is my first chance to get this report of reception of your brand new station off to you. I do hope you will forgive me, and that you will be so kind as to verify my reception of WPEH. Here is what I heard:

Date: August 29, 1960

Frequency - 1430 kc/s.

- 2:00 a.m., E.S.T. - "Mona Lisa," not the Nat King Cole version.
- 2:02:30 - Announcer gave the call letters and location, and mentioned that WPEH was running an equipment test, and he said "with 1,000 kilowatts." He said WPEH is the Voice of Southeast Georgia.
- 2:02:45 - "Unchained Melody," by the Blackwells.
- 2:05:30 - An R.G.A. record, "I'll Hold You in My Heart."
- 2:07:45 - Station Identification and location given and said, "We're coming at you on a power of 1,000 watts on 1430 kilowatts!"
- 2:08:15 - "Old Black Joe."
- 2:13 - "It's Now or Never," Elvis Presley.
- 2:23:30 - Mentioned WPEH is owned by the Peach Broadcasting Company, and also mentioned 1430 kilocycles and 1,000 watts, and equipment test. Said "May the Good Lord Bless you and Yours." Began to leave the air, and at this time there was a louder open carrier on top of you. After you signed off, it began to use a cycle tone, and in a few minutes, identified as WDBF in Delray Beach, Florida, testing its new directional array with 5,000 watts. It was louder here than WPEH.

Your signal was very good ~~was~~ in volume, but it seemed to me that the tone quality was a bit fuzzy. There was a slight fade on your signal, and after the WDBF carrier came on, your signal was somewhat muffled by them. The receiver is an 11 tube 1947 Hammarlund HQ-129-X, with practically no antenna.

I do hope you will be so kind as to verify my reception of WPEH, using if you will that big word "VERIFIED" for that to us DXers establishes our proof of reception, which in a nutshell, is our hobby. Please also tell me if there is any particular significance to your call letters, and also when you will sign on, weekdays and Sundays. Will you have any early morning frequency checks or tests of any type? If so, please let me know when. I recommend that any tests you conduct be run off on a Monday morning after Sunday midnight as on all other mornings, there are several all-night stations operating on your 1430 spot, including WRBL in Columbus, and WHK in Cleveland.

Return postage is enclosed, and thank you very much for your courtesy and co-operation, and I hope that WPEH will be a great success, and that I shall hear you at least from time to time on a test or early sign-on. Thank you once more, and good luck to you and all the folks at WPEH!

Yours DXingly

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