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Radio Group

AM
KGNW 820

AM
KKOL 1300

AM
KLFE 1590

Dear Bill,

Received your letter reporting that you heard our radio station, KTFH, 1680 kHz. on May 9, 2003 at 10:20 pm MDT. The program material you described verifies you were listening to KTFH on that occasion.

KTFH operates with a daytime power of 10,000 watts between sunrise and sunset, and 1,000 watts overnight with a non-directional pattern. KTFH is diplexed with KLFE, 1590 kHz, on Bainbridge Island near Seattle, using one of the two towers in that array. It has only recently gone on the air with regular programming after several weeks of testing. It's frequency, 1680 kHz, is in what is known as the "Expanded Band" Broadcast service.

KTFH is one of six AM radio stations operated here in the Seattle/Tacoma area. Another one of our stations is KGNW that operates at 50,000 watts of power at 820 kHz; another is KLFE that operates at 5,000 watts of power at 1590 kHz; another is KKOL at 1300 kHz that is operating at 1,000 watts from a temporary location aboard a small freighter moored at a dock in West Seattle on Elliot Bay. We are in the process of locating a new antenna site where we can increase power to 50,000 watts in the near future. Another station is KKMO, 1360 kHz in Tacoma operating non-directional with 5,000 watts fulltime. We have a sixth AM station at Port Angeles, KIKN at 1290 kHz that operates at 5,000 watts, but programmed by telephone line from our Seattle studios.

All of the above AM radio stations are part of the Salem Communications Corporation group across America that number between 85 and 90 AM and FM radio stations. The formats range from Christian talk and Bible studies, as well as what is known as Christian Rock music, cultural and Spanish language programs. Most of the stations are automated with much of the program material coming in to the studios through a major satellite network owned and operated by Salem Communications.

I was part of the Salem Corporate Engineering staff that is headquartered near Los Angeles, California. However I am now retired and work part-time for the corporate office out of my home here in Seattle. I am 78 years old and still enjoy the work which requires very little effort! I have been with Salem since September 1984, but have been in broadcasting since 1949. I am also a Ham Operator with my own call of K7VCD. I have four married children, ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. My wife and I have been married 54 years.



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