

Statement of FCC Commissioner James H. Quello

In Re: Petitions to deny 1977 renewal applications of 11 licensees (22 stations) in the metropolitan Los Angeles, California area filed by Jim Cato, Marvin Waters, and Lincoln Hilburn.

I believe that the Commission has properly recognized its fundamental responsibility to reject, out of hand, this kind of frivolous pleading. While the point is made in this Order that such pleadings "... are inconsistent with the public interest and the effective use of the Commission's resources...", I would like to emphasize, in plainer terms, that it is a gross and inexcusable waste of both public and private funds. Further, I hope that the majority is not merely stating that such frivolous assaults are merely in need of better legal counsel. In my view, these pleadings fail in a much more fundamental sense. They raise serious questions of possible malicious intent and gross abuse of our administrative processes which, I believe, should serve to prompt a general review of our procedures for dealing with such petitions.