

MANAGER'S DESK FOR TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2019

WELCOME TO THE MANAGER'S DESK, I'M MIKE CORNELL.

I WAS LOOKING BACK THROUGH SOME OF MY MANAGER'S DESK SCRIPTS FROM A YEAR AGO AND FOUND THAT LAST YEAR AT THIS TIME WE WERE IN THE PROCESS OF ORDERING A NEW SOLID STATE TRANSMITTER FOR WHJL 88.1 MERRILL. THE TRANSMITTER THAT WAS INSTALLED WHEN WHJL FIRST WENT ON THE AIR HAD AN INTERESTING HISTORY. IT WAS FIRST INSTALLED HERE AT WRVM AND WAS OUR PRIMARY TRANSMITTER UP UNTIL THE 'NEW' TALLER TOWER WAS ERECTED AND WENT INTO SERVICE BACK IN 1992. BECAUSE IT WASN'T POWERFUL ENOUGH TO USE WITH THE NEW TOWER IT THEN SERVED AS THE BACK UP TRANSMITTER HERE AT WRVM FROM 1992 UNTIL WHJL WENT ON THE AIR. NEEDLESS TO SAY, IT WAS VERY OLD BUT HAD SERVED US WELL FOR A LONG TIME.

WE ARE VERY HAPPY WITH THE NEW SOLID STATE TRANSMITTER. NOT ONLY IS IT SAVING US MONEY EVERY MONTH ON THE ELECTRIC BILL BUT IT REQUIRES VIRTUALLY NO MAINTENANCE. AND AS IT DEMONSTRATED A FEW WEEKS AGO, EVEN DURING A PARTIAL POWER OUTAGE (IN THIS CASE WE LOST ONE OF THE THREE PHASES OF POWER AT THE TRANSMITTER SITE) IT CONTINUED TO OPERATE THOUGH AT A LOWER POWER. IF THE OLD TRANSMITTER HAD STILL BEEN IN SERVICE IT WOULD HAVE GONE OFF THE AIR.

WE NOW HAVE THESE SOLID STATE TRANSMITTER AT ALL OF OUR STATIONS EXCEPT RIGHT HERE IN SURING. THE NICE THING ABOUT THEM IS THAT THE PARTS ARE ALL INTERCHANGEABLE. WHICH MEANS WE ONLY NEED ONE SET OF SPARE PARTS ON THE SHELF. BEFORE WE HAD TO HAVE SPARE PARTS FOR EACH DIFFERENT TRANSMITTER. SO, THAT TOO IS A REAL COST SAVER.

ANOTHER KEY ADVANTAGE TO THE SOLID STATE TRANSMITTERS IS THAT WE CAN CONNECT TO THEM VIA THE INTERNET TO NOT ONLY MONITOR THEM BUT CONTROL THEM. TURN THEM ON OR OFF, RAISE OR LOWER THE POWER, ETC. THAT ELIMINATES A LONG DRIVE BY THE ENGINEER JUST TO SEE WHAT'S GOING ON.

WE ARE CONSTANTLY WORKING TO KEEP OUR TECHNOLOGY CURRENT IN ORDER TO BETTER SERVE YOU, THE LISTENER. WE'RE ABLE TO DO THIS AS YOU CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US WITH YOUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS. THANK YOU.

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THANK YOU FOR JOINING ME FOR THE MANAGER'S DESK, I'M MIKE CORNELL.