BAD ROLLERS: The FCC is taking a hard stop in its long running battle with RKO General by urging an administrative law judge to rule that the company is unfit to hold broadcast licenses.

In a scathing, 500-page report to administrative law judge Edward Kahlmann, the FCC Mass Media Bureau says, "RKO has proven itself over a substantial number of years and in a myriad of contexts, to be institutionally incapable of dealing with the Commission in a forthright, candid and truthful manner."

The report was filed last week in connection with a license qualification proceeding involving RKO's KHJ-TV/Los Angeles. The FCC staff asks that the beleaguered broadcaster be stripped of its broadcast licenses, saying RKO "by virtue of its deceit, concealment, fraudulent activities, and manifest contempt for the Commission's processes, has forfeited the privilege of remaining a commission licensee."