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Thomas J. Kigin  
Executive Vice President  
Minnesota Public Radio  
480 Cedar Street  
St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: Request for Extension of  
Experimental Authority  
Minnesota Public Radio

Dear Mr. Kigin:

The staff has under consideration the request received on August 14, 2006, for extension of experimental authority to transmit a hybrid digital signal incorporating multiple channels. The licensee requests experimental authority pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 73.1510 for the following stations:

<b>Station</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Facility ID</b>
KNSE	Austin, MN	90889
KNBJ	Bemidji, MN	42966
KBPN	Brainerd, MN	92068
KNSR	Collegeville, MN	42938
KLNI	Decorah, IA	42932
WSCN	Cloquet, MN	42975
KNWF	Fergus Falls, MN	92141
WLSN	Grand Marais, MN	92302
KXLC	La Crescent, MN	42918

The stations propose to test a modified version of the hybrid IBOC system which the Commission has authorized for interim use.<sup>1</sup> The IBOC system under test splits the digital bitstream into multiple digital channels. The occupied bandwidth of the digital sidebands will remain as specified in

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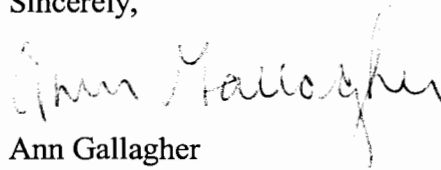
<sup>1</sup> Radio stations do not require experimental authority for normal hybrid IBOC operations. See *Digital Audio Broadcasting Systems and Their Impact on the Terrestrial Radio Broadcast Service*, 17 FCC Rcd 19990 (2002) ("IBOC Order").

Appendix B of the IBOC Order. The hybrid signal will be transmitted via the station's authorized antenna, and will not require a change in the station's authorized ERP.

Accordingly, the requested experimental authority for the hybrid digital operation described above IS HEREBY GRANTED. This authority is specifically conditioned on the lack of objectionable interference. A report detailing the methodology employed and the results obtained must be submitted within **ninety** days following the conclusion of the experimental operation pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 73.1510(d). This experimental authority expires on September 20, 2007. Any request for extension of this authority should be filed at least thirty days prior to this expiration date.

**Additionally, such a request must include an interim version of the aforementioned report that details the progress of the experimental program as of the filing date.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ann Gallagher".

Ann Gallagher  
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