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Thomas J. Kigin
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480 Cedar Street
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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:

Station	Location	Facility ID
KCCD	Moorhead, MN	42951
KZSE	Rochester, MN	42929
KNGA	St. Peter, MN	42944
KNTN	Thief River Falls, MN	42922
WIRN	Buhl, MN	78080
KNSW	Worthington-Marshall, MN	42947
KCMP	Northfield, MN	62162
KMSE	Rochester, MN	83876

The stations propose to test a modified version of the hybrid IBOC system which the Commission has authorized for interim use.¹ 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 Appendix B of the IBOC Order. The hybrid signal will be transmitted via the station's authorized

¹ 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").

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 black ink that reads "Ann Gallagher". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ann Gallagher
Audio Division
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Exhibit

Anti-Drug Abuse Act Certification

The applicant certifies that, in the case of an individual applicant, he or she is not subject to a denial of federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. §853a, or, in the case of a non-individual applicant (eg corporation, partnership or other unincorporated association), no party to the application is subject to a denial of federal benefits pursuant to that section. For the definition of a "party" for these purposes, see 47 C.F.R. §1.2002 (b).

Yes

No

Minnesota Public Radio



Thomas J Kigin, Executive ~~Vice~~ President

8-10-06

Date