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Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

Re: KNOW-FM, Minneapolis-Saint Paul, MN
Facility ID No. 42949
Minnesota Public Radio (FRN 0002-6425-10)
Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority

Dear Ms Dortch:

On behalf of Minnesota Public Radio ("MPR"), licensee of KNOW-FM, Minneapolis-Saint Paul, Minnesota, this is to request further special temporary authority to operate at variance with licensed parameters due to the temporary loss of antenna tower space. The current STA expires February 18, 2006.

As noted in MPR's original request for STA, KNOW-FM's antenna had to be relocated because of the construction of a new digital television station. At the time of the relocation, the tower site owner made a commitment to MPR in writing of its intent to return KNOW-FM as promptly as possible to a new spot high on the current tower or on a neighboring tower.

As previously reported, since the initial STA was granted, the parties are diligently working together towards finding a way to move KNOW-FM to a new high spot. In the original STA request, we stated that the parties considered either a combined operation on the tower, which would result in MPR moving back up to its licensed height on the tower it currently is on, or a combined operation on a neighboring tower. Either move would place MPR's antenna back to its currently licensed height.

MPR retained the services of outside consultants to prepare a feasibility study for MPR to present to the tower owner and other parties. That study and previous studies concluded that a combined facility on the tower or a neighboring tower is most likely prohibitively expensive, nor is a move up on the tower we are currently on likely.

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However, since the grant of the most recent STAs, several of the other tower tenants have reconsidered their positions and are now thinking that due to their interest in converting to digital radio, a new combined antenna makes both technical and financial sense. Thus, MPR and the other tower tenants have renewed their conversations about a combined antenna. MPR made formal presentations to the group as a whole and in early May, 2005 MPR made a specific technical and financial proposal to other tower tenants to form a new partnership to build a new eight-bay master panel antenna higher up on the tower capable of broadcasting a number of stations. The initial response to our term sheet is positive, but to date the arrangement has not been formally approved or accepted by our potential partners. The tower owner, but not the other tenants, has agreed to MPR's May, 2005 proposal. We have been told that in late January, 2006 our potential partners met yet again to discuss the proposal. We have been informally told that they would approach us with a counter-proposal, but we have not yet received a formal response from them.


MPR remains hopeful and has reason to believe that this combined antenna solution will result in action.

MPR therefore respectfully requests an additional grant of STA for KNOW-FM to continue to operate as described in its previous correspondence.

Because MPR is a noncommercial, educational licensee, no filing fee is required with this request. An Anti-Drug Abuse Act Certification form is attached.

Please contact this office or our outside counsel, Todd Stansbury at Wiley Rein & Fielding (202) 719-7000, if there are any questions.

Sincerely,



Mitzi T Gramling
Associate General Counsel

Cc: Todd Stansbury, Esq

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

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Date