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Thomas J. Kigin
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KSJN
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In re: Request for Experimental
Authority
Minnesota Public Radio
KSJN, Minneapolis, MN
Facility ID No.: 42911

Dear Mr. Kigin:

The staff has under consideration the request received on June 17, 2005, for experimental authority to transmit a hybrid digital signal incorporating a second digital audio channel. The experimental authority is requested pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 73.1510 to allow testing a main and a secondary digital audio channel within the station's service area.

KSJN proposes to test a modified version of the hybrid IBOC system which the Commission has authorized for interim use.¹ The IBOC system under test, known as "*Tomorrow Radio*SM," splits the digital bitstream into two separate audio channels.

The test requires modification of the audio coder system to divide the digital audio stream into primary and secondary 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 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

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").

C.F.R. § 73.1510(d). A comprehensive report of *Tomorrow Radio*SM test results may be submitted in lieu of reports by individual stations. This experimental authority expires on June 19, 2006. 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
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