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Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Re:

Minnesota Public Radio

Request for Short-Term Extension of EAS Waivers

Dear Ms. Salas:

On behalf of Minnesota Public Radio ("MPR"), this letter requests a brief extension of time to come into compliance with the requirement to have Emergency Alert System ("EAS") equipment at the broadcast stations listed in the attached Exhibit 1.

By letters dated September 25, 1998 and October 8, 1998 (copies attached), the Commission granted requests to waive the EAS rules for fifteen stations that are operated by MPR as satellites on a full- or part-time basis. The Commission's letters also provided that MPR "may apply for additional time as the extension deadline approaches" for these stations.

Notwithstanding the opportunity to seek permanent or long-term extensions of the waivers, MPR has decided to install EAS equipment at each of the stations. Thus, MPR has already installed EAS equipment at four stations that were granted waivers – KNTN(FM) (ID No. 42922) and KQMN(FM) (ID No. 42974) at Thief River Falls, MN; and KNCM(FM) (ID No. 42981) and KRSU(FM) (ID No. 42967) at Appleton, MN. In addition, the EAS equipment needed for all other stations listed on Exhibit 1 has been delivered to MPR or is currently on order. Despite reasonable efforts to bring all stations into compliance with the EAS rules by the waiver deadlines, however, MPR will not be able to complete the installation of equipment in time.

MPR currently expects that all stations will be EAS compliant within the next ninety days. Thus, the stations on Exhibit 1 will be EAS-equipped within a very short period of time. For this reason, MPR submits that the public interest would be

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served by granting it a 90-day extension of the EAS waivers so that it can accept delivery of and install the necessary equipment.

Please contact this office if there are any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **EXHIBIT 1**

## 90-Day Extension To Install EAS Equipment Requested for:

KWRV(FM) (42917), Sun Valley, ID

KLNI(FM) (42932), Decorah, IA

KLCD(FM) (42943), Decorah, IA

KXLC(FM) (42918), LaCrescent, MN

KBPR(FM) (42912), Brainerd, MN

WIRN(FM) (78080), Buhl, MN

WIRR(FM) (42957), Virginia/Hibbing, MN

KNSW(FM) (42947), Worthington/Marshall, MN

KRSW(FM) (42958), Worthington, MN

KNGA(FM) (42944), Saint Peter, MN

KGAC(FM) (42910), Saint Peter, MN