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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

**Re: KCRB-FM, Bemidji, MN (Facility Id. No. 42970)
FCC File No. BMPED-20011114ABQ**

Dear Mr. Caton:

On behalf of Minnesota Public Radio ("MPR"), the licensee of KCRB-FM, Bemidji, Minnesota, we hereby submit an original and two copies of a response to an FCC letter dated February 15, 2002 regarding above-referenced minor modification application.

Please stamp and return the enclosed extra copy designated for that purpose. Should there be any questions regarding this matter, please contact Todd Stansbury at 202.719.4948 or the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Eve J. Klindera

Enclosure



February 22, 2002

William Caton, Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE
Suite 110
Washington, D.C. 20002

Re: KCRB-FM, Bemidji, MN
Facility ID No. 42970
Minnesota Public Radio
BMPED-20011114ABQ

Dear Ms Salas:

We are in receipt of the enclosed letter dated February 15, 2002, concerning the above referenced minor modification application. The purpose of this letter is to explain why Minnesota Public Radio ("MPR"), the licensee of KCRB, will not be able to obtain FCC antenna structure registration and file a curative amendment within the next thirty (30) days. Under the circumstances, we hope that the Commission will continue to process the application pending receipt by MPR of an FAA determination regarding the proposed antenna site.

This application proposes to move KCRB to a new, as yet unbuilt, tower. On November 8, 2001, MPR filed a Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration with the FAA, proposing to construct a 1003 foot tower in Hines, MN. This is the tower that MPR proposes to move KCRB to.

By letter dated January 23, 2002, MPR received notice from the FAA indicating that the FAA is prepared to issue authority to construct a 500 foot tower, but "further study" is required to allow construction of a 1003 foot tower. The further study involves public circularization of the request. We understand that the FAA does not have the authority to grant permission to construct towers of more than 500 feet without this further study.

MPR has requested a Further Study. The process will take substantially more than thirty (30) days.

Copies of the January 23, 2002 letter from the FAA and MPR's request for further study are enclosed with this letter.

Once a Determination Letter is received from the FAA, MPR will immediately register the tower with the FCC and thereafter will file a curative amendment to our original

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minor modification application. However, for the reasons set forth in this letter, we do not expect to be in a position to do so for some time.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mitzi T Gramling".

Mitzi T Gramling
Associate General Counsel

Cc: Rodolfo F Bonacci, FCC Audio Service Division
Todd Stansbury, Wiley Rein & Fielding

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TECHNICAL PROCESSING GROUP
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Minnesota Public Radio
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In Re: KCRB (FM), Bemidji, MN
Facility ID #42970
Minnesota Public Radio
BMPED-20011114ABQ

Dear Applicant:

This letter refers to the above-captioned minor change application to modify antenna height, and to relocate the proposed facility.

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 17.4(a), any proposed construction of a new antenna structure or proposed alteration of an existing antenna structure that requires notification to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requires registration with the Commission prior to the proposed construction or alteration. Our records indicate that the proposed antenna structure has not been registered with the Commission. FCC antenna structure registration may be accomplished electronically via the Internet at <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/antenna/>, or by sending a completed FCC Form 854, *Application for Antenna Structure Registration*, to:

Federal Communications Commission
Information Processing Branch
1270 Fairfield Road
Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245.

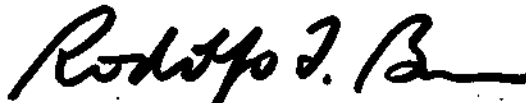
Please note that FAA approval is necessary in order to obtain FCC antenna structure registration. Following FCC registration of the antenna structure, a curative amendment to the application, which includes the antenna structure registration number, must be submitted to the Commission so that processing of your application may be completed. If the antenna structure cannot be registered within 30 days of the date of this letter, the applicant must notify the Audio Services Division (ASD), in writing, concerning the delay.

In response to customer feedback regarding delays in processing of applications with certain minor deficiencies, we have created an Amendment Processing Team to quickly grant applications requiring only minor curative amendments. To facilitate expeditious grant of the application, please send a courtesy copy of your curative amendment to:

Federal Communications Commission
Amendment Processing Team, Mail Stop 1800-B3
445 12th St., SW, Rm. 2-B450
Washington, DC 20554

In addition, to inform the staff of the filing of the amendment, feel free to send an e-mail to apt@fcc.gov, or fax a copy of the amendment to the Amendment Processing Team at 202-418-1410. Further action on the subject application will be withheld for a period of thirty days from the date of this letter to provide an opportunity to respond. Failure to respond within this time period will result in the dismissal of the application pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 73.3568(b). Please note that amendments must be filed in the same manner as the original application.

Sincerely,



Rodolfo F. Bonacci
Supervisory Engineer
Audio Services Division
Mass Media Bureau

cc: Todd Stansbury, Esq.

January 22, 2002

Federal Aviation Administration
Great Lakes Region, AGL-520
2300 Devon Street
Des Plaines, IL 60018

Sent by Fax to 847-294-7457 and by mail

Attention: George Ross

Re: Aeronautical Study No: 2001-AGL-8930-OE


Dear Mr Ross:

In connection with the above study, which requests approval to construct a 1003 foot tower near Hines, MN, please be advised that Minnesota Public Radio ("MPR"), the applicant, intends to construct at 1003 feet. Accordingly, on behalf of MPR, I would like to request an extended study, including public circularization, of Aeeronautical Study No. 2001-AGL-8930-OE.

Please call me at 651-290-1259 or email me at mgramling@mpr.org if there are any questions about this request.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Mitzi T Gramling
Associate General Counsel



Federal Aviation Administration
Great Lakes Regional Office
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Des Plaines, IL 60018

AERONAUTICAL STUDY NO.
2001-AGL-8930-OE
PRIOR STUDY NO.

Issued Date: 1/23/2002

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MINNESOTA PUBLIC RADIO
45 E. SEVENTH ST.
ST. PAUL, MN 55101

**** DETERMINATION OF PRESUMED HAZARD ****

The Federal Aviation Administration has conducted an aeronautical study under the provisions of 49 U.S.C., Section 44718 and if applicable Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 77, concerning:

Description: COMM TOWER/
Location: HINES, MN
Latitude: 47-42-16.1 NAD83
Longitude: 94-39-4
Heights: 1003 feet above ground level (AGL)
2402 feet above mean sea level (AMSL)

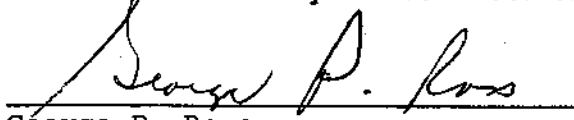
If the structure were reduced in height so as not to exceed 500 feet above ground level (1899 feet above mean sea level), it would not exceed obstruction standards and a favorable determination could subsequently be issued.

Further study has been initiated by the FAA.

A copy of this determination will be forwarded to the Federal Communications Commission if the structure is subject to their licensing authority.

NOTE: PENDING RESOLUTION OF THE ISSUES DESCRIBED ABOVE, THE STRUCTURE IS PRESUMED TO BE A HAZARD TO AIR NAVIGATION. THIS DETERMINATION DOES NOT AUTHORIZE CONSTRUCTION OF THE STRUCTURE EVEN AT A REDUCED HEIGHT. ANY RESOLUTION OF THE ISSUES DESCRIBED ABOVE MUST BE COMMUNICATED TO THE FAA SO THAT A FAVORABLE DETERMINATION CAN SUBSEQUENTLY BE ISSUED.

If we can be of further assistance, please contact our office at (847)294 7456. On any future correspondence concerning this matter, please refer to Aeronautical Study Number 2001-AGL-8930-OE.


George P. Ross
Specialist

(DPH)