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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re: **KNGA(FM) and KGAC(FM), St. Peter, Minnesota  
Amendment to Applications for Minor Modification of License  
Main Studio Waiver Request  
FCC File Nos. BPED-970203IE and BPED-970203IC**

Dear Ms. Salas:

On February 3, 1997, Minnesota Public Radio ("MPR"), licensee of KNGA(FM) and KGAC(FM), St. Peter, Minnesota, filed applications for minor modification of the stations' licenses requesting waiver of the main studio rule 47 C.F.R. § 73.1125(a)(4), which remain pending (FCC File Nos. BPED-970203IE and BPED-970203IC). As MPR informed the Commission in a letter dated April 7, 1998, the stations' studios were destroyed in a tornado on March 29, 1998. Based on the high costs involved in rebuilding and the operational costs associated with maintaining the studios, MPR has decided it is not feasible to rebuild the studios. Accordingly, MPR hereby amends the pending main studio waiver request as follows. Because MPR is a noncommercial educational licensee, no filing fee is required.

As stated in the pending waiver request, KNGA will be a satellite of KNOW(FM), Saint Paul, Minnesota and carry that station's news and information programming and KGAC will be a satellite of KSJN-FM, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and carry that station's arts/performance programming. The pending waiver requests additionally stated that MPR would maintain a local news reporter in St. Peter to produce and broadcast local inserts (see Main Studio Waiver Request ¶ #4). In light of the changed circumstances, however, MPR will relocate the reporter as of July 1, 1998 to Saint Paul. Local news and events will continue to be covered by MPR reporters in St. Paul, Worthington and Rochester, Minnesota. The KNOW newsroom, moreover, will receive local newspapers from the St. Peter area.

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MPR intends to disband the KNGA/KGAC Regional Advisory Council (see Main Studio Waiver Request ¶ #2). However, MPR has an Institutional Sponsor Council, which meets with the MPR Board of Trustees and management on a regular basis to, among other things, assist MPR with its coverage of news and events in their region. Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter has had and will continue to have a representative on the Institutional Sponsor Council, and Bethany Lutheran College in nearby Mankato also will continue to have a representative on the Council.

Thus, based on the foregoing, MPR submits that it will be able to ascertain and satisfy the interests and needs of residents of St. Peter, and therefore respectfully requests that the Commission grant its pending requests for waiver of the main studio rule for KNGA and KGAC as amended herein.

Should there be any questions concerning this matter, please contact this office.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosure

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