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VIA HAND DELIVERY

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Federal Communications Commission
Room 222
1919 M Street NW
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Re: Translator K280EB, Albert Lea, MN
FCC License Number BLFT-970502TA

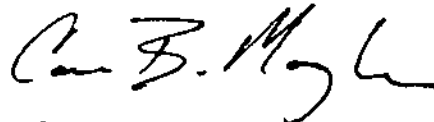
Dear Ms Salas:

Minnesota Public Radio ("MPR"), the licensee of FM Translator Station K280EB, Albert Lea, Minnesota, by its attorneys and pursuant to 47 CFR 74.1263(c), hereby notifies the Commission that the station is currently off the air. MPR discontinued operations of the facility March 5, 1998, re-instituted service on March 13, 1998, and discontinued service again later in the day on March 13th. MPR is hopeful that the facility will be off the air for less than thirty days.

The reason for discontinuance of service is that MPR recently became aware of severe feedback of the translator's carrier into the facility's receive antenna. MPR's initial fixes of shielding and filtering did not correct the problem. The result is that the receive portion of the translator is being overloaded and produces excessive noise, which overmodulates the carrier. MPR's engineers are working on a solution to the problem and hope to find an acceptable solution shortly.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



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