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Re: KNOW-FM, Minneapolis-Saint Paul, Minnesota
Facility Identification Number : 42949
Minnesota Public Radio
Special Temporary Authorization

Dear Mr. Stansbury:

This is in reference to your letter dated July 19, 2000, filed on behalf of Minnesota Public Radio (MPR). Special temporary authority (STA) is requested to operate Station KNOW-FM with reduced antenna height.¹

In support of the request, MPR states that the owner of the KNOW-FM transmitter site has informed MPR that its antenna must be relocated in order to accommodate the construction of a digital television (DTV) station at the site. STA is requested in order to provide for continued operation of Station KNOW-FM during and following the DTV antenna construction. MPR states that the site owner has made a commitment to MPR to return KNOW-FM as promptly as possible to a new spot high on the current tower or on a neighboring tower. MPR further states that, as soon as the relocation plans are finalized, it will file a modification application, if necessary.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KNOW-FM may operate at its licensed site with reduced power and/or antenna height. MPR must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. See 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **January 20, 2001**.

STA Advisory: Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations

¹ KNOW-FM is licensed for operation on Channel 216 (91.1 MHz) with effective radiated power of 100 kilowatts (H&V) and antenna height of 400 meters above average terrain. The geographic coordinates of the licensed site are 45° 03' 44" NL, 93° 08' 21" WL (NAD 1927).

would seriously prejudice the public interest." However, Section 309(f) is not a means by which a licensee/permittee may circumvent established processing procedures which require the filing of an application, nor is it a means by which a broadcaster may enhance his facility or make operation more convenient for the broadcaster. Stations operating with less than licensed facilities under temporary authorities can be viewed as receiving the benefit of a larger protection area than that in which they are currently providing service.


Accordingly, Special Temporary Authorities by nature are to be temporary and are not intended for extended use. Licensees of stations operating under temporary authorities are reminded that timely restoration of permanent facilities is the responsibility of the licensee and should be undertaken expeditiously. Any request for extension of special temporary authorities carries an increased burden with each subsequent request.

Therefore, requests for extension of STA will be granted only where the licensee can show that one or more of the following criteria have been met:

- Restoration of licensed facilities is complete and testing is underway;
- Substantial progress has been made during the most recent STA period toward restoration of licensed operation; or
- No progress has been made during the most recent STA period for reasons clearly beyond the licensee's control, and the licensee has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem.

Sincerely,



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