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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re: KNOW-FM, Minneapolis-Saint Paul, MN
Facility ID No. 42949
Minnesota Public Radio (FRN 0002-6425-10)
Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority

Dear Ms Dortch:

On behalf of Minnesota Public Radio ("MPR"), licensee of KNOW-FM, Minneapolis-Saint Paul, Minnesota, this is to request further special temporary authority to operate at variance with licensed parameters due to the temporary loss of antenna tower space. The current STA expires December 13, 2003.

As noted in MPR's original request for STA, KNOW-FM's antenna had to be relocated because of the construction of a new digital television station. At the time of the relocation, the tower site owner made a commitment to MPR in writing of its intent to return KNOW-FM as promptly as possible to a new spot high on the current tower or on a neighboring tower.

As previously reported, since the initial STA was granted, the relocation has taken place and the parties are diligently working together towards finding a way to move KNOW-FM to a new high spot. Although MPR has taken all steps we can take to expeditiously resolve the problem, plans have not yet been finalized. Discussions with the tower owner have gone slowly due to financial concerns on the part of the tower owner.

As previously reported, MPR retained the services of outside consultants to prepare a feasibility study for MPR to present to the tower owner and other parties. Since the issuance of the current STA, that study and previous studies concluded that a combined facility on the tower or a neighboring tower is most likely prohibitively expensive, nor is a move up on the tower we are currently on likely. (In the original STA request, we stated that the parties considered either a combined operation on the tower, which would result

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in MPR moving back up to its licensed height on the tower it currently is on, or a combined operation on a neighboring tower. Either move would place MPR's antenna back to its currently licensed height.)

MPR is now focused on actively working with other broadcasters to swap tower space to move MPR's antenna to a neighboring tower, and we have some reason to believe this is a possibility.

MPR therefore respectfully requests an additional grant of STA for KNOW-FM to continue to operate as described in its previous correspondence.

Because MPR is a noncommercial, educational licensee, no filing fee is required with this request. An Anti-Drug Abuse Act Certification form is attached.

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

Sincerely,



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Cc: Todd Stansbury, Esq

Attachment

Exhibit

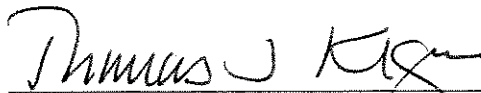
Anti-Drug Abuse Act Certification

The applicant certifies that, in the case of an individual applicant, he or she is not subject to a denial of federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. §853a, or, in the case of a non-individual applicant (eg corporation, partnership or other unincorporated association), no party to the application is subject to a denial of federal benefits pursuant to that section. For the definition of a "party" for these purposes, see 47 C.F.R. §1.2002 (b).

Yes

No

Minnesota Public Radio



Thomas J Kigin, Executive Vice President

12-03-03

Date