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Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE
Washington DC 20002

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 February 26, 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. Also, the tower site owner has 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. Since the grant of the latest STA, MPR has retained the services of an outside consultant to prepare a feasibility study for MPR to present to the tower owner and other parties and we will thereafter need to determine how to fund the move. As stated in the original STA request, the parties are actively considering either a combined operation on the tower, which would result 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. Both plans are expensive and the parties

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have not yet come to an agreement on cost-sharing. The commissioned feasibility study should help inform the decision-making process.

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,

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

Mitzi T Gramling
Associate General Counsel

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).

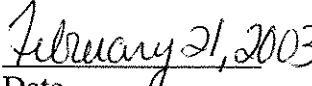
Yes

No

Minnesota Public Radio



Thomas J Kigin, Executive Vice President



Date