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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 Expedited Processing of BPED-20100802AVM (minor modification application)

Dear Ms Dortch:

On behalf of Minnesota Public Radio ("MPR"), licensee of KNOW-FM, Minneapolis-Saint Paul, Minnesota, the purpose of this letter is to request expedited processing of the above-reference minor modification application.

In 2000 the KNOW-FM antenna had to be relocated from its presently licensed site to a spot lower on the tower, which is occupied by multiple broadcasters, because of the construction of what was then 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.

Since 2000 the Commission has granted MPR STAs to continue to operate at a lower than licensed height on the tower, pending development and implementation of a plan to re-license the station at a modified height. Our current STA expires November 4, 2010.

In the meanwhile, after years of study and negotiations with other operators on the tower, MPR devised a permanent solution and filed an FCC form 340 on August 2, 2010 for a construction permit to modify the facilities for KNOW-FM (FCC File No. BPED-20100802AVM). Specifically, MPR proposes to decrease the height of the KNOW-FM antenna from its licensed height, but at a higher height than the station has been operating pursuant to STA. There will be no change in tower site.

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Now that a solution has been reached and the minor mod application filed, the tower owner has asked us to construct the facility as proposed FCC File No. BPED-20100802AVM within the next two or three weeks. Their request is due to radio frequency radiation and structural loading issues near our current height that will result from the modification of other nearby facilities. Most importantly, we would all like to complete construction of KNOW-FM as proposed before icing occurs on the tower. Here in Minnesota, it is possible that the weather could be cold enough for icing to take place on the tower as soon as early to mid-October.

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

Thank you for the many STAs that have been granted to MPR for KNOW-FM. And thank you for considering this request for expedited processing of our pending minor mod application.

Sincerely,

Thomas J Kigin Executive Vice President

Cc: Todd Stansbury, Esq Susan Crawford (FCC Media Bureau)