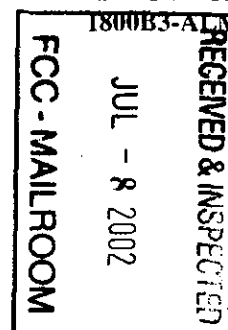


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IN REPLY REFER TO:



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In re: KLFR(FM), Reedsport, OR
Lane Community College
Facility ID No. 82437
File No. BPED-20011113AEB

Dear Mr. Barton:

This is in reference to the captioned application filed by Lane Community College ("LLC") to modify the facilities of KLFR(FM). A February 20, 2002 amendment to the application, *inter alia*, requests a waiver of 47 C.F.R. § 73.1125, the Commission's main studio rule, to operate KLFR(FM), Reedsport, Oregon as a satellite station¹ of commonly owned noncommercial educational station KLCC(FM), Eugene, Oregon.²

Pursuant to section 73.1125(a), a main studio must be located either (1) within a station's principal community contour, (2) within the contour of any other broadcast station licensed to its community, or (3) within 25 miles of the center of its community. See Report and Order, Review of the Commission's Rules regarding the main studio and local public inspection files of broadcast television and radio stations, 13 FCC Rcd 15,691 (1998); *recon. granted in part*, 14 FCC Rcd 11113 (1999) ("Reconsideration Order"). However, under Section 73.1125(b)(2), the Commission will waive these requirements where "good cause" exists to do so and where the proposed studio location "would be consistent with the operation of the station in the public interest." Each waiver request by an NCE station seeking to operate as the satellite of another NCE station is considered on a case-by-case basis. The Commission has recognized the benefits of centralized operations for NCE stations, given their limited funding, and thus found "good cause" exists to waive the main studio location requirement where satellite operations are proposed. *Id.* A satellite station must, however, demonstrate that it will

¹ A "satellite" station meets all of the Commission's technical rules, however, it originates no programming and instead rebroadcasts the parent station's programming. See Amendment of Multiple Ownership Rules, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 3 RR2d 1554, 1562 (1964).

² Amendments to the request for waiver were filed on March 11, 2002, March 15, 2002, and March 25, 2002..

meet its local service obligation to satisfy the Section 73.1125 "public interest" standard. *Id.*

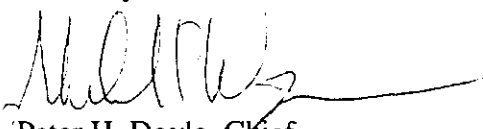
LLC's request is based on the economies of scale that would be realized by grant of its waiver. We agree and conclude that there is "good cause" to waive 47 C.F.R. § 73.1125(a) in these circumstances.

LLC proposes to operate KLFR(FM), Reedsport, Oregon as a satellite station of KLCC(FM), Eugene, Oregon, approximately 60 miles from Reedsport. Where there is a great distance between parent and satellite stations, as here, we are particularly concerned that the licensee takes adequate measures to maintain its awareness of the satellite community's needs and interests. To that end, LLC has pledged to: (1) conduct, on a quarterly basis, an ascertainment of community needs of Reedsport via a survey of community leaders and the general public; (2) utilize the results of the survey to develop the licensee's problems and program list and to develop programming which addresses the most commonly identified issues; (3) subscribe to a local newspaper and to send a reporter to cover important issues determined by a review of the newspaper; (4) include in the KLCC(FM) programming, coverage of news and public affairs issues affecting Reedsport; and (5) maintain a toll-free telephone number from Reedsport to the KLCC(FM) main studio.

In these circumstances, we are persuaded that LLC will meet its local service obligations and thus, that grant of the requested waiver is consistent with the public interest. We remind LLC, however, of the requirement that it maintain a public file for KLFR(FM) at the main studio of the "parent" station, KLCC(FM), Eugene, Oregon. It must also make reasonable accommodation for listeners wishing to examine the file's contents. *See Reconsideration Order*, 14 FCC Rcd 11113, 11129 at ¶45. We further remind LLC that, notwithstanding the grant of the waiver requested here, the public file for the Reedsport station must contain the quarterly issues and programs list for Reedsport required by 47 C.F.R. § 73.3527(e)(8).

Accordingly, having determined that application filed by Lane Community College to modify the facilities of KLFR(FM), Reedsport, Oregon is fully in compliance with the Commission's rules, the application (BPED-20011113AEB) and the request for a waiver of 47 C.F.R. § 73.1125 ARE HEREBY GRANTED. The authorization is enclosed.

Sincerely,


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