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In re: NEW, Victoria, Texas
South Texas Public
Broadcasting System
File No. BPED-930114MH

Dear Mr. Woods:

This is in reference to the application filed by South Texas Public Broadcasting System ("South Texas") for a new noncommercial, educational FM station in Victoria, Texas. South Texas seeks a waiver of 47 C.F.R § 73.1125(a)(4) to operate its proposed facility as a satellite station of commonly owned station KEDT-FM, Corpus Christi, Texas.

In order to ensure that local issues in Victoria will be met, South Texas has agreed to undertake the following:

1. South Texas regularly ascertains the needs, tastes and interests of residents of the regions served by its existing stations. These processes will be utilized as well in ascertaining and responding to needs and interests of the nearby Victoria area. South Texas has an ongoing ascertainment process to identify the educational, informational and cultural needs for Victoria and the communities to be served by the new FM station.
2. The new station will simulcast programming from station KEDT-FM in Corpus Christi, with appropriate cuts that pertain to the Victoria area. South Texas will be able to switch program material in its Corpus Christi studio to feed Victoria with an appropriate program source in order to serve discrete Victoria needs and interests.
3. Once the Victoria station has been activated, South Texas plans to add a representative of Victoria as a member of its governing Board of Directors.
4. South Texas presently maintains a toll-free telephone number that enables listeners in Victoria to

call the main studio in Corpus Christi.

A "satellite station has been defined by the Commission as one "operating on a channel specified in the Table of Assignments and meeting all of the technical requirements of our rules, but one which usually originates no local programming It rebroadcasts the programming of the parent station." Multiple Ownership Rules, 3 RR 2d 1554, 1562 (1964). Satellite stations involve deviations from such Commission regulations as station main studio locations. See 47 C.F.R. § 73.1125.

The Commission has stated that "we have recognized the benefits of centralized operations for noncommercial educational stations, given the limited funding available to these stations, and we have granted waivers to state and regional public television and radio networks to operate "satellite" stations that do not necessarily meet the requirements of a main studio. These stations, however, have not been permitted to ignore local service obligations, and waivers generally have been granted only upon a showing that the local community would be served." Memorandum Opinion and Order in MM Docket No. 86-406, 3 FCC Rcd 5024 (1988). Thus, local needs should be met by this applicant.

We have determined that South Texas has established that its centrally programmed simultaneous schedule will serve the problems, needs and interests of Victoria, Texas. Accordingly, 47 C.F.R. § 73.1125(a)(4) IS HEREBY WAIVED to the extent indicated hereinabove. Furthermore, the application filed by South Texas Broadcasting System, being in all respect acceptable, IS HEREBY GRANTED. The construction permit authorization will be forwarded under separate cover.

Sincerely,

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