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In re: KDRH(FM), Glenwood  
Springs, Colorado  
Colorado Christian  
University  
BMPED-940415IB

Dear Mr. Gutmann:

This letter is in reference to the above-captioned application to modify the facilities of KDRH(FM), Glenwood Springs, Colorado. The application includes a request for waiver of 47 C.F.R. § 73.1125 (the Commission's main studio rule) to allow Colorado Christian University ("University") to operate KDRH(FM) as a satellite station of commonly owned station KJOL, Grand Junction, Colorado.

The construction permit for KDRH(FM) was originally filed by Valley Christian Radio, Inc. ("Valley Christian") which intended to establish and maintain a small radio studio within the city of Glenwood Springs and to provide a minimal staff to operate the station. However, on August 1, 1994 the Commission granted the assignment of the construction permit for KDRH(FM) from Valley Christian to University. University states that, at the present time, the station does not have enough population base within its coverage to provide enough pledged income to warrant its own studio with its own exclusive management and program personnel. University feels that due to limited revenues Glenwood Springs would be better served by providing programming from an alternative source.

In order to ensure that local issues in Glenwood Springs will be met, University has agreed to undertake the following:

The manager of KJOL will also assume the manager position for Glenwood Springs. The manager currently regularly travels to Glenwood Springs to maintain public relations with the community. In addition, programming personnel will be charged with

responsibilities to provide local programming for Glenwood Springs.

An advisory board is being established from supporters and volunteers who live in the Glenwood Springs area. The board will meet regularly to provide advise to the station manager. Additionally, the board members will have access to the manager at any time they have a concern regarding the station.

The news department will seek to gather and broadcast stories and features for Glenwood Springs. Resources utilized will include UPI, AP, local newspaper subscriptions, stringers, telephone interviews, feature stories, and follow up on news tips.

Local schools, churches, and public safety officials will be given a code word and the station telephone number to be used for weather closings, cancellations, or local emergency conditions that need to be broadcast.

A toll free telephone number will be established between Glenwood Springs and the station's main studio in Grand Junction.

The station's public file will be maintained in the community of Glenwood Springs.

A "satellite station has been defined by the Commission as one "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 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 Colorado Christian University has established that its centrally programmed simultaneous schedule will serve the problems, needs and interests of Glenwood Springs, Colorado. Accordingly, 47 C.F.R. § 73.1125(a)(4) IS HEREBY WAIVED to the extent indicated herein. Additionally, the construction permit to modify the facilities of KDRH(FM) (BMPED-940415IB) IS HEREBY GRANTED. The authorization will follow under separate cover.

Sincerely,

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