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Mr. Alan F. Kilgore Kilgore Broadcast Maintenance P.O. Box 777 Grove Hill, Alabama 36451-0777

In re: NEW, Andalusia, AL
Montgomery Christian
Educational Radio, Inc.
File No. BPED-940628MA

Dear Mr. Kilgore:

This refers to the above-captioned application filed by Montgomery Christian Educational Radio, Inc. ("MCER") for a new educational FM radio station in Andalusia, Alabama. The application includes a request for waiver of 47 C.F.R. § 73.1125 (the Commission's main studio rule) so to allow MCER to operate the Andalusia facility as a satellite station of commonly owned station WLBF(FM), Montgomery, Alabama.

In order to ensure that local issues in Andalusia will be met, MCER has agreed to undertake the following:

- 1. MCER will faithfully ascertain the problems, needs and interest of Andalusia and address these through programming on the proposed station. The ascertainment will be conducted by MCER's local representative in Andalusia and through periodic visits to the community by a management employee of MCER.
- 2. Establish a Citizens Advisory Board made up of residents of the Andalusia area. The Board will meet periodically with the General Manager of WLBF(FM) to discuss the local issues of public concern facing Andalusia. At least two of these meetings will be open to the public to attend and participate in the discussions.
- 3. Local news insertions in the WLBF(FM) programming will include segments on news events in Andalusia.
- 4. WLBF will periodically broadcast public affairs programming responsive to the local issues of Andalusia.

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 MCER has established that its centrally programmed simultaneous schedule will serve the problems, needs and interests of Andalusia, Alabama. Accordingly, 47 C.F.R. § 73.1125(a)(4) IS HEREBY WAIVED to the extent indicated herein. Lastly, the application of Montgomery Christian Educational Radio, Inc. for a new, noncommercial FM station in Andalusia, Alabama, being in all respect acceptable, IS HEREBY GRANTED. The construction permit authorization will be forwarded under separate cover.

Sincerely,

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cc: Jeffrey D. Southmayd, Esq.