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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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Mr. William D. Shigley
Station Manager, WRVO SUNY-Oswego
Oswego, New York 13125

In re: NEW, Syracuse, NY
State University of
New York
File No. BPED-931013MB

Dear Mr. Shigley:

This refers to the above-captioned application filed by State University of New York ("University") for a new educational FM radio station in Syracuse, New York. The application includes a request for waiver of 47 C.F.R. § 73.1125 (the Commission's main studio rule) so to allow University to operate the proposed Syracuse facility as a satellite station of commonly owned station WRVO(FM), Oswego, New York.

Local issues in Syracuse will be met because University currently performs and will continue to:

1. Maintain a station advisory council for WRVO(FM), with more than half of the members residing in the greater Syracuse Area.
2. Provide programming which is more than 70% news and public affairs. Much of this programming is locally produced and includes spot news, feature reports and public affairs specials.
3. Maintain a reporter in the Syracuse community who reports on Syracuse and Onondaga County news on a daily basis.
4. Maintain a toll free telephone number between Syracuse and the WRVO main studio in Oswego.

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 University has established that its centrally programmed simultaneous schedule will serve the problems, needs and interests of Syracuse, New York. Accordingly, 47 C.F.R. § 73.1125(a)(4) IS HEREBY WAIVED to the extent indicated herein. Lastly, the application of State University of New York for a new, noncommercial FM station in Syracuse, New York, being in all respects acceptable, IS HEREBY GRANTED. The construction permit authorization will be forwarded under separate cover.

Sincerely,

Dennis Williams

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