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Re: Minnesota Public Radio  
KNCM(FM), Appleton, Minnesota  
Facility Identification Number: 42967  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed May 14, 2012<sup>1</sup>, on behalf of Minnesota Public Radio ("MPR"). MPR requests extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted on March 1, 2012, to operate Station KNCM with reduced power.<sup>2</sup> In support of the request, MPR states that the station's damaged transmission line has been replaced; however, it was subsequently discovered that the antenna also is damaged and needs replacement.

Requests for extension of STA will be granted only where the licensee can show that one or more of the following criteria have been met:

- Restoration of licensed facilities is complete and testing is underway;
- Substantial progress has been made during the most recent STA period toward restoration of licensed operation; or
- No progress has been made during the most recent STA period for reasons clearly beyond the licensee's control, and the licensee has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem.

Our review indicates that the licensee has made substantial progress toward restoring licensed operation. Thus, extension of STA is warranted.

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<sup>1</sup> For reasons not readily apparent, the request was not received by Audio Division staff for processing until August 23, 2012.

<sup>2</sup> KNCM is licensed for operation on Channel 217C0 (91.3 MHz) with effective radiated power of 82 kilowatts (H&V) and antenna height above average terrain of 345 meters.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KNCM may continue to operate with reduced power. MPR must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. MPR must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **February 23, 2013**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles N. Miller", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Charles N. Miller, Engineer  
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cc: Minnesota Public Radio