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Re: KNCM (FM), Appleton, Minnesota  
Minnesota Public Radio  
Facility Identification Number: 42967  
Special Temporary Authority  
BESTA-20130219ACF

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed February 19, 2013, on behalf of Minnesota Public Radio ("MPR"). MPR requests a second extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted on March 1, 2012, to operate Station KNCM with reduced power.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, MPR states that replacement cable has been ordered to replace the station's damaged transmission line, but that additional structural tower repairs have been found necessary but cannot be completed until winter weather passes.

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.

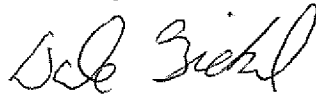
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<sup>1</sup> KNCM is licensed for operation on Channel 217C0 (91.3 MHz) with effective radiated power of 82 kilowatts (H&V) and antenna height above average terrain of 345 meters.

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 **September 8, 2013**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale Bickel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dale" and last name "Bickel" clearly distinguishable.

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