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Mr. Dave Anderson
Pickle Hill Public Broadcasting, Inc.
P.O. Box 2111
Kenai, AK 99611

In re: **KDLL(FM), Kenai, AK**
Facility ID No. 52538

Request for Special Temporary
Authorization

Dear Mr. Anderson:

This letter refers to the March 6, 2006, request for Special Temporary Authorization (“STA”) filed on behalf of Pickle Hill Public Broadcasting, Inc. (“Pickle Hill”), former licensee of FM station KDLL(FM), Kenai, Alaska.


An application for renewal of KDLL(FM)’s license should have been filed by October 1, 2005. No such application was filed, and the station’s license expired on February 1, 2006. In the STA request, Pickle Hill indicates that it prepared and believed it had properly electronically filed the KDLL(FM) license renewal application on September 23, 2005. When it was brought to the licensee’s attention in March of 2006 that the application was not on file at the Commission, Pickle Hill telephoned the staff and was informed that it had failed to indicate that it was a noncommercial educational licensee and that the Commission’s CDBS electronic filing system had retained the application in “Ready” status because it was unaccompanied by the filing fee required of applicants that do not have noncommercial educational status. Pickle Hill then promptly revised and properly filed the renewal application¹ and tendered the subject STA request.

Under Section 309(f) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Section 309(f), when an appropriate application has been filed, the Commission may grant special temporary authorization if it finds that there are extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary operation in the public interest and that delay in the institution of such temporary operations would seriously prejudice the public interest. In this case, we believe that the public interest in continuing KDLL(FM)’s noncommercial educational broadcast service to residents of Kenai, Alaska, warrants continued operation of the station pending consideration and disposition of the (untimely) renewal application.

¹ File No. BRED-20060303ACD.

Accordingly, the March 6, 2006, request for Special Temporary Authorization filed on behalf of Pickle Hill Media, Inc. IS GRANTED, and it may continue operation of KDLL(FM), Kenai, Alaska, with the facilities for which the license expired on February 1, 2006. This authorization will expire (1) 180 days from the date of this letter; or (2) upon action on the pending KDLL(FM) license renewal application, whichever is sooner. Additionally, grant of this authorization is without prejudice to whatever action, if any, the staff deems appropriate in light of the failure to file a timely license renewal application for KDLL(FM).

Sincerely,


for Peter H. Doyle
Chief, Audio Division
Media Bureau