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Federal Communications Commission
Washington D.C. 20554

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed, please find a request for waiver of main studio requirements for radio station WLYG-FM, Jasper, GA. We wish to operate the station from our headquarters in Tullahoma, TN due to the reasons and conditions outlined in the letter.

When you receive this at its proper destination, would you please stamp one of the two letters "received" and place in the self addressed envelope and return it to us as confirmation that you have received this letter?

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Ed Smith
Joy Christian Ministries Church

REQUEST FOR WAIVER

Joy Christian Ministries Church ("Joy"), the assignee of WLYG, Jasper, GA (FIN: 90341) (the "Station"), hereby requests a waiver of the main studio rule, 47 C.F.R. Sec. 73.1125 (the "Rule"). Specifically, Joy seeks a waiver from Section 73.1125(a) pursuant to the A "good cause exception" contained in Section 73.1125(b)(2) of the Rule. As set forth below, Joy has good cause to seek and receive the waiver herein requested.

Joy is a church and is recognized as a non-profit, charitable corporation, which is tax-exempt under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Joy is also the licensee of WLYJ, Tullahoma, TN, Facility ID 84363. Joy seeks a waiver of the Rule in order to operate the Station as a satellite of WLYJ (FM), upon approval.

In the 2014 census reports, Jasper, GA had a population of just 3,744. Joy estimates Jasper is unlikely to provide sufficient local financial contributions to support the Station's operations. WLYG has a tiny signal, covering only the city and a very small area outside therewith "usable" coverage. Moreover, public funding is not available for private non-profit broadcast organizations such as Joy's. Joy respectfully submits that, due to the limited financial resources available to support the Station, the small coverage and population and the unavailability of public funding, a waiver of the Rule will best serve the public interest in this instance.

In the past, the Commission has allowed noncommercial educational broadcast licenses to operate as satellite stations. See generally Nebraska Educational Television Commission, 4 RR 2d 771 (1965). In so doing, the Commission has recognized that the substantial cost savings realized from not constructing an additional main studio allows those resources to be used to provide an expanded amount of public affairs programming, which serves the public interest. See Amendment of Section 73.1125 and 73.1130 of the Commission's Rules, 3 FCC Rcd 5024, 5027 (1988). In this regard, satellite stations may not ignore their local service obligations. Georgia State Board of Education, 70 FCC 2d 948, 956 (1979). Accordingly, waivers are generally granted only where the licensee has demonstrated that the local community will be adequately served, and the satellite station satisfies the local/toll-free telephone requirement. Amendment of Section 73.1125, 3 FCC at 5027.

In this case, Joy will fulfill its local service obligations to Jasper despite the absence of a main studio. In order to remain attuned to the problems, needs, and interests of the community and respond to those needs through its programming, Joy will have a local representative in the Jasper area who will maintain contact with local community leaders and seek recommendations for programs designed to address the needs and interests of the community. This will be achieved, on at least a quarterly basis, through ascertainment contacts with local community leaders and other residents to determine the concerns, problems and needs of listeners in the area. In addition, the Station will maintain a local phone number for members of the community of license to contact the main studio in Tullahoma, Tennessee. Joy also will maintain the ability to originate programming locally for the Station. This capability may be used on an occasional basis to air programs addressing significant local issues.

Due to the limited financial resources available locally in Jasper and the unavailability of public funding, Joy respectfully submits that a waiver of the Rule is warranted on the basis of the alternative commitments made to serve local needs and interests, as stated above.

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