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In re: WCEL(FM), Plattsburgh, NY  
WAMC  
Facility ID No.: 44032  
BPED-20170908AAG

Dear Applicant:

This letter refers to the above-captioned minor change application filed by WAMC for noncommercial educational FM Station WCEL(FM) to change the transmitter location, effective radiated power (ERP) and antenna height. WAMC also proposes to change WCEL's antenna from a circularly polarized antenna (both horizontal and vertical polarization) to a vertically only polarized antenna.

However, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 73.316(a), the vertical ERP cannot exceed the horizontal ERP. Specifically, § 73.316(a) states that it shall be standard to employ horizontal polarization. Section 73.316(a) further states that the supplemental vertically polarized ERP required for circular or elliptical polarization shall not exceed the ERP authorized. Section 73.525 of the Commission's Rules (47 C.F.R. § 73.525) makes an exception for FM stations that must protect a television station on Channel 6. However, there are no Channel 6 television stations, that require protection, within the distances specified in § 73.525(a) to WCEL. Therefore, WCEL is not eligible for this exception. This constitutes an acceptability defect.

Accordingly, Application File No. BPED-20170908AAG IS HEREBY DISMISSED as unacceptable for filing pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 73.3566(a). This action is taken pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 0.283.

Sincerely,

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