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In re: DKDIC(FM), Grinnell, Iowa  
Facility ID No. 25391  
Request for Special Temporary  
Authorization

Dear Counsel:

This letter refers to the September 18, 2006, request for Special Temporary Authorization ("STA") filed on behalf of Grinnell College ("Grinnell"), licensee of expired station KDIC(FM), Grinnell, Iowa.

An application for renewal of KDIC(FM)'s license should have been filed by October 1, 2004. No such application was filed, and the station's license expired on February 1, 2005. Accordingly, on June 24, 2005, the staff wrote to Grinnell, indicating that the station's license had expired and that (1) all authority to operate the station was terminated; and (2) station's call letters were deleted from the Commission's data base. The licensee was advised that any operation of the station was then unauthorized and must cease immediately.<sup>1</sup> Upon receipt of the letter, Grinnell tendered a petition for reconsideration of the June 24, 2005 actions, the subject STA request, and a license renewal application for KDIC(FM).<sup>2</sup> Grinnell indicates that it had prepared and mistakenly thought it had timely filed its license renewal application for KDIC(FM), but discovered upon receipt of the June 24 letter that it had not done so. The staff granted the STA request on October 18, 2005.<sup>3</sup> By the terms of that letter, the authority expired on April 18, 2006. Grinnell failed to timely seek an extension of the STA, and it did not file for further authority to continue KHRS(FM)'s operations until August 14, 2006, although it ceased all operations on May 12, 2006, in anticipation of the end of the academic year. Grinnell indicates that the station has been off the air since that date.

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<sup>1</sup> Letter to Grinnell College, Ref. 1800B3-JDB (Chief, Audio Division, Media Bureau, June 24, 2005).

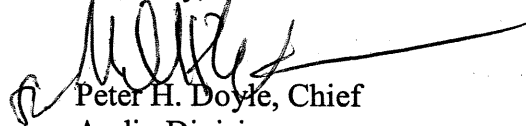
<sup>2</sup> File No. BRED-20050927ABO.

<sup>3</sup> Letter to Mr. Michael D. Simms, Associate Dean for Student Life, Grinnell College, Ref. 1800B3 (MB Oct. 18, 2005).

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 operations 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 KDIC(FM)'s noncommercial educational broadcast service to Grinnell, Iowa warrants resumed operation of the station pending consideration and disposition of the (untimely) renewal application.

Accordingly, the September 18, 2006, request for Special Temporary Authorization filed by Grinnell College IS GRANTED, and it may resume operation of KDIC(FM), Grinnell, Iowa, with the facilities for which the license expired on February 1, 2005. This authorization will expire (1) 180 days from the date of this letter; or (2) upon action on the pending KDIC(FM) license renewal application, whichever is sooner. 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 KDIC(FM) and for any unauthorized operation of the station after the expiration of the KDIC(FM) license and after expiration of the October 18, 2005, STA grant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter H. Doyle", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Peter H. Doyle, Chief  
Audio Division  
Media Bureau