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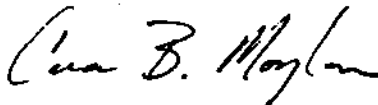
Re: **EAS Exemption: KLCD(FM) and KLNI(FM), Decorah, IA, KXLC(FM),  
LaCrescent, MN, KNSW(FM) and KRSW(FM), Worthington, MN, KBPR(FM),  
Brainerd, MN, KNTN(FM) and KQMN(FM), Thief River Falls, MN, WIRR(FM),  
Virginia/Hibbing, MN, KRSU(FM) and KNCM(FM), Appleton, MN, WIRN(FM),  
Buhl, MN, and KWRV(FM), Sun Valley, ID**  
Minnesota Public Radio

Dear Ms. Salas:

Transmitted herewith in triplicate, on behalf of Minnesota Public Radio ("MPR"), the licensee of the above-listed stations, is MPR's response to the Commission's letter dated October 28, 1997 and signed by H. James Keats, Jr. of the EAS staff, wherein the Commission requested additional information with regard to MPR's petition to waive EAS equipment requirements for the above stations.

Should there be any questions concerning this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Cara B. Moylan

Enclosure

cc: H. James Keats, Jr. (Attorney, EAS Staff, FCC by hand)  
Mitzi Gramling

December 5, 1997

Emergency Alert System Staff  
Attention: Satellite Waiver  
Stop Code 1500B1  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: EAS Exemption for Minnesota Public Radio stations, KLCD (FM) and KLNI (FM), Decorah, Iowa; KXLC (FM), LaCrescent, MN; KNSW (FM), Worthington, MN; KRSW (FM), Worthington, MN; KBPR (FM), Brainerd, MN; KNTN (FM), Thief River Falls, MN; KQMN (FM), Thief River Falls; WIRR (FM), Virginia/Hibbing, MN; KRSU (FM), Appleton, MN; KNCM (FM), Appleton, MN; WIRN (FM), Buhl, MN; and KWRV (FM), Sun Valley, Idaho.

This letter constitutes the response of Minnesota Public Radio (MPR) to the Commission's letter dated October 28, 1997. In that letter, Commission staff requested certain additional information in order to process our petition to waive emergency alert system (EAS) equipment requirements for the above stations.

MPR is the licensee of a network of 29 FM and one AM radio stations. MPR has installed and is operating the required EAS equipment at seventeen (17) of the stations in its network and has requested a waiver for the above thirteen (13) stations in its network.

Of the thirteen stations covered by this waiver request, KWRV (FM), Sun Valley, Idaho, and KLNI (FM), Decorah, Iowa, are pure satellite stations of KSJN (FM), Saint Paul, MN, one of the MPR EAS equipped stations. All of the other eleven stations for which a waiver is requested receive about 12% of their programming from another EAS equipped MPR station in its vicinity and about 88% of their programming from one of the two EAS equipped MPR "flagship" stations in Minneapolis/Saint Paul, MN (KSJN and KNOW).

MPR's answers to the questions posed in the Commission's October 28th letter are on the following page. As you will see, we have answered the questions with the assumption that the "parent" station for the eleven stations that receive programming from two different MPR stations is the MPR station in its vicinity, rather than the flagship station. In the attached chart, the parent station is listed directly below the respective satellite station.

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MPR has entered into an agreement with the Minnesota Emergency Alert Team to provide its network for the transmission of the National and Statewide Level tests and actual emergency notifications. For the past several months MPR has successfully completed all necessary weekly and monthly tests for the MN EAS system. MPR believes that it can safely and accurately carry forth its role as Minnesota's official statewide radio relay for national and statewide emergency alerts using the equipment at its seventeen EAS equipped stations and without the placement of EAS equipment at the thirteen stations that are the subject of this waiver request.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mitzi T Gramling".

Mitzi T Gramling  
Associate General Counsel

EAS Exemption for Minnesota Public Radio

CALL	Mailing Address	CITY OF LICENSE	EAS Local Area	3a	4a	4b	5	6		
KQMN - Satellite	MPR, 45 East 7th Street, St. Paul, MN 55101	Thief River Falls, MN	Northwest EAS Area	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		
KCCM - Parent	Same	Moorhead, MN	West Central Eas Area	No	NA	NA	NA	NA		
KNTN - S	Same	Thief River Falls, MN	Northwest EAS Area	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		
KCCD - P	Same	Moorhead, MN	West Central EAS Area	No	NA	NA	NA	NA		
KLCD - S	MPR, 45 East 7th Street, St. Paul, MN 55101	Decorah, IA	Unknown	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		
KLSE - P	Same	Rochester	Southeast EAS area	No	NA	NA	NA	NA		
KLNI - S	Same	Decorah, IA	Unknown	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		
KNOW - P	Same	St. Paul, MN	East Central EAS Area	No	NA	NA	NA	NA		
KXLC - S	Same	LaCrescent, MN	Southeast EAS area	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		
KZSE - P	Same	Rochester	Southeast EAS area	No	NA	NA	NA	NA		
KBPR - S	MPR, 45 East 7th Street, St. Paul, MN 55101	Brainerd, MN	Northeast EAS Area	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		
KSJR - P	Same	Collegeville, MN	West Central EAS Area	No	NA	NA	NA	NA		
KNCM - S	MPR, 45 East 7th Street, St. Paul, MN 55101	Appleton, MN	West Central EAS Area	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		
KRSU - S	Same	Appleton, MN	Same	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		
KRSW - S	Same	Worthington, MN	Southwest EAS Area	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		
KNSW - S	Same	Worthington, MN	Same	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		
KRSD - P to all	Same	Sioux Falls, SD	Unknown	No	NA	NA	NA	NA		
WPRR - S	MPR, 45 East 7th Street, St. Paul, MN 55101	Buhl, MN	Northeast EAS Area	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		
WSCD - P	Same	Duluth, MN	Same	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
WWRN - S	Same	Buhl, MN	Same	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		
WSCN - P	Same	Duluth, MN	Same	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
KWRV - S	MPR, 45 East 7th Street, St. Paul, MN 55101	Sun Vally, ID	Unknown	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		
KNOW - P	Same	St. Paul, MN	East Central EAS Area		NA	NA	NA	NA		
<b>S = Satellite</b>										
<b>P = Parent</b>										
<b>NA = Not Applicable</b>										
<b>MPR = Minnesota Public Radio</b>										