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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW, Room 222
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Translator K280EB, Albert Lea, MN
FCC License Number BLFT-970502TA
Request for Special Temporary Authority

Dear Ms Salas:

On March 20, 1998, Minnesota Public Radio ("MPR"), the licensee of FM Translator Station K280EB, Albert Lea, Minnesota, by its attorneys and pursuant to 47 CFR 74.1263(c), notified the Commission that MPR had discontinued operations of the facility due to technical difficulties on March 5, 1998, re-instituted service on March 13, 1998, and discontinued service again later in the day on March 13th.

MPR has been working to resolve the severe feedback of the translator's carrier into the facility's receive antenna which is overloading the receive portion of the translator, producing excessive noise, and overmodulating the carrier. MPR suspects that spurious emissions from a nearby television station may be causing the problem with the station's input signal. MPR is trying to determine the precise source of the problem and is working on a solution. However, additional time will be needed to correct the issue and restore service to the translator.

Accordingly, MPR, by its attorneys and pursuant to 47 CFR 74.1263(c), respectfully requests special temporary authority for ninety days, through July 7, 1998, for K280EB to remain off the air. MPR is a noncommercial licensee therefore, no fee is required for this filing. A signed Anti-Drug Abuse Act certification form is attached. Should there be any questions concerning this matter, please contact this office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cara B. Moylan
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cc: Mitzi Gramling, Esq.

Exhibit

Anti-Drug Abuse Act Certification

The applicant certifies that, in the case of an individual applicant, he or she is not subject to a denial of federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. §853a, or, in the case of a non-individual applicant (eg corporation, partnership or other unincorporated association), no party to the application is subject to a denial of federal benefits pursuant to that section. For the definition of a "party" for these purposes, see 47 C.F.R. §1.2002 (b).

Yes [X]

No []

Minnesota Public Radio

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Date