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September 8, 1998

Broadcast Auxiliary Service  
Federal Communications Commission  
1270 Fairfield Road  
Gettysburg, PA 17325

Re: Intercity Relay Station WAQ-333  
Minnesota Public Radio  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Madam or Sir:

Effective July 7, 1998 the Commission granted to Minnesota Public Radio (MPR) special temporary authority until October 7, 1998 to operate its intercity relay station WAQ-333 on 944.0 MHz in lieu of its authorized frequency of 947.0 MHz. A copy of that grant is enclosed with this letter.

The problems that led to the need to operate on 944.0 MHz have been solved and on September 4, 1998 MPR went back to operating WAQ-333 on its assigned frequency.

Please send a date-stamped copy of this letter to me in the enclosed, self-addressed stamped envelope.

Please feel free to contact me at (651) 290-1259 if there are any questions about this.

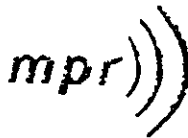
Sincerely,



Mitzi T Gramling  
Associate General Counsel

cc: Todd M Stansbury, Esq. (Wiley Rein & Fielding)

MINNESOTA PUBLIC RADIO



THOMAS J KIRIN

Vice President, Administration  
General Counsel

July 2, 1998

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BY: <u>John L. Howell</u>	
CHIEF, MICROWAVE BRANCH	

for

WAQ333

**VIA FACSIMILE**

Broadcast Auxiliary Service  
Federal Communications Commission  
1270 Fairfield Road  
Gertysburg, PA 17325

Re: Intercity Relay Station WAQ-333  
Minnesota Public Radio  
Emergency Request for Special Temporary Authority

Dear Madam or Sir:

Minnesota Public Radio ("MPR"), hereby requests emergency special temporary authority to operate intercity relay station WAQ-333 on 944.0 MHz, in lieu of its authorized frequency of 947.0 MHz, for a period of ninety (90) days, through October 2, 1998. MPR is a noncommercial educational licensee, therefore, no fee is required for this filing. An Anti-Drug Abuse Act certification form is attached.

MPR uses WAQ-333 to deliver live music programming from Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis to MPR's KSJN(FM), Minneapolis, Minnesota. The performances are also rebroadcast live by other FM stations licensed to MPR throughout Minnesota, as well as by its stations in Iowa, Michigan, South Dakota, and Idaho. MPR is currently scheduled to broadcast live performances of the Minnesota Orchestra from Orchestra Hall throughout the summer, with the first live broadcast to occur on July 8, 1998. In addition, WAQ-333 is used for live news spots and for other events in downtown Minneapolis

MPR has recently discovered that the studio to transmitter link ("STL") used in connection with WRQC(FM) (formerly WBOB(FM)), Minneapolis, which operates on co-channel 947.0 MHz, is causing objectionable interference to WAQ-333, such that MPR's intercity relay cannot provide a good quality signal to KSJN. As a result, MPR must find another frequency for its microwave link. Otherwise, the live performances currently scheduled for broadcast on MPR's stations cannot be reliably carried.

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Because of the large number of broadcast auxiliary stations licensed in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area, there is no other in-band frequency on which MPR could operate its intercity relay until the interference problem is resolved. As a result, operation of WAQ-333 on 944.0 MHz on a temporary basis appears to be the only reasonable alternative.

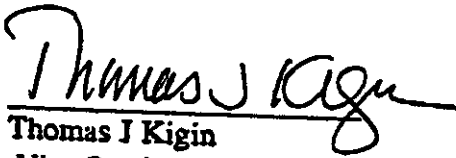
WAQ-333 previously has received STAs to deal with interference from WRQC's STL. Thus, on June 27, 1994 and March 9, 1995, the Commission granted MPR temporary authority to operate WAQ-333 on 944.0 MHz as a result of interference from WRQC's STL.

MPR did not receive any interference complaints as a result of its operation of WAQ-333 on 944.0 MHz pursuant to the previous STAs. Moreover, MPR has determined that 944.0 MHz currently is not in use in the area of WAQ-333. In particular, MPR conducted tests with a spectrum analyzer and found no evidence of emissions on 944.0 MHz. Accordingly, no interference to any other radio facility on that frequency is expected. MPR also agrees to operate on 944.0 MHz on secondary, non-interfering basis.

Because of the need to carry currently scheduled live performances, MPR respectfully seeks expedited consideration of this request for special temporary authority, which would permit it to begin operating WAQ-333 on 944.0 MHz beginning July 8, 1998. If there are any questions, please contact the undersigned, or MPR's FCC regulatory counsel, Todd M. Stansbury, at 202-828-4948.

Respectfully submitted,

MINNESOTA PUBLIC RADIO

By:   
Thomas J Kigin  
Vice President

**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

Thomas J Kigin  
Thomas J Kigin, Vice President

7-7-98  
Date

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
1270 Fairfield Road  
Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245

ATTACHMENT - Explanation of Numbers Shown on Stamp

Please note the following with respect to your recent request.

6. Associate this authorization with all appropriate station records. A new license will not be issued.
7. This authority is conditioned on our receipt, within 10 days, of a copy of the STA request bearing the original signature of the applicant.
8. This authority is conditioned on our receipt, within 10 days, of proper payment in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. This required fee and FCC Form 159 must be sent to the address identified in the fee guide for the appropriate radio service.
9. In accordance with Rule 101.31(a)(3) this Special Temporary Authority is issued on a strictly secondary, non-interfering basis, and does not in any way affect the final disposition of any application or action pending before the Commission.
10. Subject to ET Docket 92-9 which includes operation on a secondary, non-interference basis.
11. The antenna(s) may be no more than twenty (20) feet above the ground or manmade structure other than a tower or pole, or must be mounted on a structure that complies with an existing and approved Federal Aviation Administration Final Determination.
12. This facility may not cause interference to any authorized Mexican communication system and authority to operate is granted on a secondary, non-interference basis only. As a condition of grant, you are required to notify the Engineer in Charge or the appropriate Commission field office when this station is initially placed in service, and at subsequent times when any operating parameter affecting its interference potential is changed.
13. Operation under this Special Temporary Authority may not cause interference to any authorized Canadian communication system and authority to operate is on a secondary, non-interference basis only.

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