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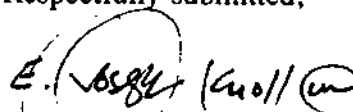
Re: FCC Form 340
Application for New Noncommercial Educational FM Station
Grand Marais, Minnesota

Dear Ms. Salas:

Transmitted herewith, in triplicate, on behalf of Minnesota Public Radio, is an application on FCC Form 340 for a construction permit for a new, noncommercial educational FM station on Channel 209A at Grand Marais, Minnesota. This application does not require a filing fee.

Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,



E. Joseph Knoll, III

Enclosures

cc: Mitzi T Gramling

FCC 340

APPLICATION FOR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FOR NONCOMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL BROADCAST STATION

(Carefully read instructions before filing form) Return only form to FCC

Section I - GENERAL INFORMATION

FOR COMMISSION USE ONLY
FILE NO.

Send notices and communications to the following person at the address below:		
Name Mitzi T Gramling		
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1. Name of Applicant Minnesota Public Radio		
Street Address or P.O. Box 45 East Seventh Street		
City Saint Paul	State MN	ZIP Code 55101
Telephone Number (include Area Code) 651.290.1500		

2. This application is for:

AM FM TV

(a) Channel No. or Frequency 209
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(b) Principal Community	City	State
	Grand Marais	MN

(c) Check one of the following boxes:

- Application for NEW station
- MAJOR change in licensed facilities; call sign: -----
- MINOR change in licensed facilities; call sign: -----
- MAJOR modification of construction permit; call sign: -----
File No. of construction permit; call sign: -----
- MINOR modification of construction permit; call sign: -----
File No. of construction permit; call sign: -----
- AMENDMENT to pending application: Application File Number: -----

NOTE: It is not necessary to use this form to amend a previously filed application. Should you do so, however, please submit only Section I and those other portions of the form that contain the amended information.

3. Is this application mutually exclusive with a renewal application?

Yes No

If Yes, state:

Call letters	Community of License	
	City	State

Section II - LEGAL QUALIFICATIONS

Name of Applicant

Minnesota Public Radio

1. Applicant is: (check one box below)

- (a) governmental or public educational agency, board or institution
- (b) private nonprofit educational institution
- (c) nonprofit educational corporation
- (d) other (specify)

2. For applicants 1(c) or (d), describe in an Exhibit the nature and educational purposes of the applicant.

Exhibit No.
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3. For applicants 1(c) or 1(d) applying for a new noncommercial educational television station only, describe in an Exhibit how the applicant's officers, directors and members of its governing board are broadly representative of the educational, cultural and civic segments of the principal community to be served.

Exhibit No.
N/A

4. Describe in an Exhibit how the proposed station will be used, in accordance with 47 C.F.R. Section 73.503 or Section 73.621, for the advancement of an educational program.

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5. Is there any provision contained in any by-laws, articles of incorporation, partnership agreement, charter, statute or other document which would restrict the applicant in advancing an educational program or complying with any Commission rule, policy or provision of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended?

Yes No

If Yes, provide particulars in an Exhibit.

Exhibit No.
N/A

CITIZENSHIP AND OTHER STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

6. (a) Is the applicant in violation of the provisions of Section 310 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, relating to interests of aliens and foreign governments? (See Instruction B to Section II.)

Yes No

(b) Will any funds, credits or other financial assistance for the construction, purchase or operation of the station(s) be provided by aliens, foreign entities, domestic entities controlled by aliens, or their agents?

Yes No

If the answer to (b) above is Yes, attach an Exhibit giving full disclosure concerning this assistance.

Exhibit No.
N/A

7. Has an adverse finding been made or an adverse final action been taken by any court or administrative body as to the applicant, any party to this application, or any non-party equity owner in the applicant, in a civil or criminal proceeding brought under the provisions of any law related to the following: any felony; mass media related antitrust or unfair competition; fraudulent statements to another governmental unit; or discrimination?

Yes No

If the answer is Yes, attach as an Exhibit a full disclosure concerning the persons and matters involved, including an identification of the court or administrative body and the proceeding (by dates and file numbers), and a description of the disposition of the matter. Where the requisite information has been earlier disclosed in connection with another application or as required by 47 C.F.R. Section 1.65, the applicant need only provide: (i) an identification of that previous submission by reference to the file number in the case of an application, the call letters of the station regarding which the application or Section 1.65 information was filed, and the date of filing; and (ii) the disposition of the previously reported matter.

Exhibit No.
N/A

PARTIES TO THE APPLICATION

3. Complete the following Table with respect to all parties to this application.

(NOTE: If the applicant considers that to furnish complete information would pose an unreasonable burden, it may request that the Commission waive the strict terms of this requirement with appropriate justification.

INSTRUCTIONS: If applicant is a corporation or an unincorporated association with 50 or fewer stockholders, stock subscribers, holders of membership certificates or other ownership interests, fill out all columns, giving the information requested as to all officers, directors and members of governing board. In addition, give the information as to all persons or entities who are the beneficial or record owners of or have the right to vote capital stock, membership ownership interests or are subscribers to such interest. If the applicant has more than 50 stockholders, stock subscribers or holders of membership certificates or other ownership interests, furnish the information as to officers, directors, members of governing board, and all persons or entities who are the beneficial or record owners of or have the right to vote 1% or more of the capital stock, membership or ownership interests. If applicant is a governmental or public educational agency, board or institution, fill out columns (a), (b), and (c) as to all members of the governing board and chief executive officers.

Name and Residence Address(es) (a)	Office Held (b)	Director or Member of Governing Board		% of: Ownership (O) or Voting Stock (VS) or Membership (M) (d)
		Yes	No	
(c)				
SEE EXHIBIT 2				

Section II - LEGAL QUALIFICATIONS (Page 4)

Does the applicant, or any party to the application, have a petition to migrate to the expanded band (1605-1705 (kHz)) or a permit or license either in the existing band or expanded band that is held in combination with the AM facility proposed to be modified herein?

Yes No

Exhibit No.
N/A

If Yes, provide particulars as an Exhibit.

10. Does the applicant or any party to the application have, or have they had, any interest in:

(a) a broadcast station, or pending broadcast station application before the Commission?

Yes No

(b) a broadcast application which has been dismissed with prejudice by the Commission?

Yes No

(c) a broadcast application which has been denied by the Commission?

Yes No

(d) a broadcast station, the license of which has been revoked?

Yes No

(e) a broadcast application in any pending or concluded Commission proceeding which left unresolved character issues against the applicant?

Yes No

If the answer to any of the questions in (a)-(e) above is Yes, state in an Exhibit the following information:

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(1) Name of party having interest;

(2) Nature of interest or connection, giving dates;

(3) Call letters of stations or file number of application or docket; and

(4) Location.

SECTION III - FINANCIAL QUALIFICATIONS

NOTE: If this application is for a change in an operating facility DO NOT fill out this Section.

1. Is this application contingent upon receipt of a grant from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration? Yes No
2. Is this application contingent upon receipt of a grant from a charitable organization, the approval of the budget of a school or university, or an appropriation from a state, county, municipality or other political subdivision? Yes No

NOTE: If either Questions 1 or 2 is answered "Yes," your application cannot be granted until all of the necessary funds are committed or appropriated. In the case of grants from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, no further action on your part is required. If you rely on funds from a source specified in Question 2, you must advise the F.C.C. when the funds are committed or appropriated. This should be accomplished by letter amendment to your application, in triplicate, signed in the same manner as the original application, and clearly identifying the application to be amended.

3. The applicant certifies that sufficient net liquid assets are on hand or that sufficient funds are available from committed sources to construct and operate the requested facilities for three months without revenue. Yes No

SECTION IV - PROGRAM SERVICE STATEMENT

Attach as an Exhibit, a brief description, in narrative form, of the planned programming service relating to the issues of public concern facing the proposed service area.

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NOTE: No program service statement need be filed where the proposed station's programming would be wholly "instructional" as that type of programming is defined in the instructions to this Section.

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EXHIBIT 1, Page 1

Refers to Section II, Item 2

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

This application is being submitted for authority to construct a noncommercial educational FM station to be located in Grand Marais, Minnesota. Minnesota Public Radio is a not-for-profit, Section 501(c)(3) organization.

The proposed station would broadcast a full schedule of news and information programming able to serve the special interests and concerns of the Grand Marais community. The purpose of this station would be to provide an alternative and a complement to existing radio services. News, public affairs, and educational programming of importance and interest to residents in the Grand Marais area, but not available on other area stations, would be provided.

Area residents would benefit from Minnesota Public Radio's ability to produce, acquire and deliver news and information programming that would be far beyond the capability or means of any single, independent station.

On a daily basis, the proposed station would present, on a noncommercial basis, a series of analytical news, public affairs and educational broadcasts, including Minnesota Public Radio's comprehensive regional and national news, analysis and feature material, "call-in" programs, live legislative and congressional hearings, public debates, political conventions, and major press conferences. In fact, such broadcasts would constitute a "primary source" public record of contemporary issues and events.

Given Minnesota Public Radio's regional staff of more than 55 full-time news people, and the finest network production facilities available, the proposed station would have the ability to broadcast stories unmatched by any other broadcast organization in the region. Because the size of Minnesota Public Radio's news department allows many of its reporters to specialize, or work on a "beat" system, the proposed station would provide continuing in-depth coverage of specific areas of interest.

For example, the "beat system" has facilitated unexcelled coverage of regional political issues. In the past, it has allowed long-form coverage of political conventions and extensive coverage from the floor of the Republican and Democratic national conventions as well as live election night analysis. This system has made possible award-winning special interest documentaries and on-going reporting on the computer and health care industries of the area, regional business issues, and continuing coverage of environmental and various government issues. Indeed, the

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time and resources available to all Minnesota Public Radio reporters would allow the proposed station to offer news and public affairs programming that goes well beyond "rip and read" newswire headlines to provide regular background analysis, current status, and indications of recent trends in these and other specific areas.

Recent examples of the kinds of broadcast services that this station would provide include the following:

- Live coverage of recent primary and general elections.
- Live coverage of the state DFL (Democratic Farm Labor) and Republican conventions.
- Live coverage of US Presidential press conferences.
- Live coverage of President Clinton's State of the Union address and the Governor of Minnesota's State of the State address.
- Frequent reports from the Minnesota State legislature and Minnesota communities concerning agriculture and industry.
- A series of reports, commentaries and call-ins entitled *Religion in Everyday Life*.
- A series of reports on Native American rights, including spear fishing, and on rural diversity issues.
- Reporting as necessary on extreme weather conditions and natural disasters, such as the spring tornadoes in Southern Minnesota, flooding in Northwestern Minnesota and recent blizzards in western and central Minnesota.
- Frequent reporting on small town and rural education, home schooling, athletics, and diversity issues.
- Reporting on tourism in Minnesota, particularly in areas outside of the major metropolitan area of the Twin Cities.
- A special series on fertility, including numerous broadcasts of a national series called *The Fertility Race* on the subject of fertility and infertility.

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- Live, remote broadcasts from various smaller communities around the region by Minnesota Public Radio's Mainstreet Radio® news reporting team.

All of these programs have been available on the Minnesota Public Radio Regional Network news and information service, and similar programs would be broadcast on the proposed new Minnesota Public Radio FM station located in Grand Marais.

In addition, the proposed station would enjoy Minnesota Public Radio's access to the resources of National Public Radio, the BBC, the Canadian Broadcasting Service, Associated Press audio services and high-speed TV news wire; and to the National Weather Service news wire.

Minnesota Public Radio enjoys a close relationship with many educational institutions in the region. Indeed, eight of these institutions are Institutional Sponsors of Minnesota Public Radio. Each institution appoints a member to the Council of Institutional Sponsors, which serves as a standing committee to Minnesota Public Radio's Board of Trustees.

St. John's University, Collegeville/St. Cloud, MN
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The participation of these institutions on the Minnesota Public Radio Council of Institutional Sponsors helps to assure that the educational needs of the residents served by Minnesota Public Radio's stations, including the proposed station, are met, both directly and as part of the news, information, public affairs and cultural programming broadcast.

Whether it is regional or national programming, the programming on the proposed station would follow Minnesota Public Radio's award-winning tradition. In its almost 32-year history Minnesota Public Radio has repeatedly received virtually every award given to acknowledge outstanding radio broadcasting. For example, Minnesota Public Radio has won over 750 awards in broadcasting, journalism and music, including four Peabody Awards, broadcasting's highest honor.

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In the past two years alone, Minnesota Public Radio received over 50 national and regional awards for its programming. Minnesota Public Radio staff earned five American Women in Radio and Television awards, four Unity awards and a National Society of Professional Journalists award. In addition, Minnesota Public Radio won 16 awards from both the Northwest Broadcasters News Association in Radio/TV Awards and the Minnesota Associated Press Achievement Awards.

One example of such an award-winning program is as follows:

"DD Blues", a two-part series, explored results of studies which found that racial minorities with mental retardation or other developmental disabilities are treated differently, and sometimes worse, than their white counterparts. John Biewen and Dan Olson tell the in-depth story of one low-income African American man and his disastrous experience in Minnesota's system for the developmentally disabled. Among its many honors, this series won a Unity award and the Public Radio News Directors award

In addition, Minnesota Public Radio station KSJN was awarded the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) Crystal Radio Award for Excellence in Community Service for 1993.

The continuous expansion of the network's "Award Wall" - now holding more than 150 such kudos - is a tribute to Minnesota Public Radio's excellence in community service, creativity, and broadcasting leadership, and a good indication of the kind of quality that would be provided by the proposed station.

Prepared by Mitzi T Gramling

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EXHIBIT 2

Refers to Section II, Item 8

Attached please find a list of the names and addresses of the members of the Board of Trustees of Minnesota Public Radio and of Minnesota Communications Group.

The offices held are indicated.

All Trustees and Officers are citizens of the United States.

The principal profession or occupation of each, if any, is as indicated.

All members are elected by the full Board, except the following:

Board Members of Minnesota Public Radio's parent organization, Minnesota Communications Group, are also Board Members of Minnesota Public Radio.

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December 2, 1998

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Jeffrey Brown is also an Australian citizen.

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