

MAIN STUDIO WAIVER REQUEST

Texas Public Radio (“TPR”) hereby seeks a waiver of 47 CFR §73.1125(a), which requires that a station’s main studio be located within a station’s community of license, within the principal community contour of a station licensed to the community, or within 25 miles of the reference coordinates of the station’s community of license. As contemplated by 47 CFR §73.1125(b)(2), good cause exists to locate the proposed station’s main studio at a location other than that specified in Section 73.1125(a) and such operation would be consistent with the public interest.

The main studio for the proposed station is to be co-located with the main studios of two stations of which TPR is licensee, namely, KPAC(FM) and KSTX(FM) in San Antonio, Texas. It should be noted that those studios also serve as the main studio for KTXI(FM), Ingram, Texas, pursuant to a main studio waiver granted to TPR. See BLED-19980922KH. TPR, which is a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Texas, is committed to the goal of providing high quality educational programming to all of the citizens of the proposed community of license even though economic realities preclude the provision of a full schedule of programming tailored to the community.

TPR will determine the needs of the community of license by a variety of methods and will respond to them in its programming.

Specifically, TPR will:

- Establish a toll free telephone number and e-mail address to permit the public to reach the TPR San Antonio studios without charge;
- Maintain a Public Inspection File for the proposed station at the TPR San Antonio studios and, upon request, provide photocopies of documents in the file, by mail, to persons within the service area of the proposed station;
- Conduct ascertainties of community needs in the proposed community of license, including contacting public officials and conducting interviews concerning the needs of the proposed community of license; and
- Subscribe to local newspapers and publications in order to cover local news and cultural events in the area around the proposed community of license.

Co-locating the studio for the proposed station with the TPR San Antonio studios will enable TPR to provide high quality noncommercial public affairs and educational programming to a significantly expanded and unserved audience. The Commission has previously “recognized the benefits of centralized operations for non-commercial educational stations, given the limited funding available to these stations, and [has] granted waivers to ...regional public television and radio networks...” *Amendment of Sections 73.1125 and 73.1130*, 3 FCC Rcd. 5024, 5027 (1988).

Therefore, the applicant believes that this request for a waiver of 47 CFR §73.1125(a) is in the public’s best interest, convenience, and necessity and respectfully requests that it be granted.