

## Main Studio Waiver Request

Family Stations, Inc. ("Family") hereby amends its pending application for a new noncommercial FM educational station at Fort Smith, Arkansas, Facility ID 89309 (the "Fort Smith Station") to request a waiver of the Commission's main studio rules to allow the Fort Smith Station to operate as a "satellite" station. Consistent with similar waivers granted to Family for the noncommercial stations it is licensed and authorized to operate, Family will operate the new station in Fort Smith, Arkansas, as a satellite of parent station, WBFR, Birmingham, Alabama, Facility ID 20989, a noncommercial, educational station licensed to Family. Station WBFR has been authorized by the Commission to serve as the parent station for satellite stations KTXB(FM), Beaumont, Texas, WFCH(FM), Charleston, South Carolina, WFRC(FM), Columbus, Georgia, WFTI-FM, St. Petersburg, Florida, WJFR(FM), Jacksonville, Florida, WMFL(FM), Florida City, Florida, and WWFR, Stuart, Florida.

Family will operate the Fort Smith Station as part of a network of noncommercial, educational radio stations with national network programs originating from Oakland, California, and Sacramento, California. The parent station, WBFR, is located at 244 Goodwin Crest Drive, #118, Birmingham, Alabama, and is fully staffed with experienced management level personnel. The distance between Fort Smith and Birmingham is approximately 451 miles.

Family management personnel at Station WBFR will supervise the operations of the Fort Smith Station including maintaining regular contact with Family's part-time employees and volunteers in the Fort Smith area, supervising the ascertainment of community needs and interests on a quarterly basis and assisting in the development of programming responsive to those needs. All mail received by Family that involves the Fort Smith Station will be handled by the parent station personnel; the parent station address will be used as the mailing address for the Fort Smith Station.

Family staff will also travel to Fort Smith on a regular basis to strengthen contact with the community. Family personnel at WBFR will also subscribe to the *Southwest Times Record*, a local newspaper published in the Fort Smith area, as an additional means of staying abreast of programming needs for the Fort Smith community. The Fort Smith Station will broadcast 45 minutes per week of local Public Affairs programming as determined by its ascertainment efforts. A toll free telephone number will be established that can be used by listeners of the Fort Smith Station. Family will keep the public inspection file for the satellite station at the main studio of the parent station, and will keep a duplicate file in the Fort Smith area for the convenience our listeners. Family will maintain program origination equipment at the Fort Smith Station in order to be able to originate and broadcast material directly from the Fort Smith Station transmitter if necessary.

Peggy Renschler, Compliance Coordinator and Assistant Secretary for Family, will assist the parent station personnel in handling their ascertainment and programming responsibilities under the parent-satellite station model.