

MAIN STUDIO WAIVER REQUEST

The applicant seeks a waiver of 47 CFR §73.1125(a), relating to the location of a station's main studio. As contemplated in 47 CFR §73.1125(d)(2), the applicant believes that there is good cause to locate the station's main studio outside of the permitted areas specified in Rule 73.1125(a) and that such operation is consistent with the public interest.

The main studio for the proposed station is to be co-located with the main studios of WVPS, Burlington, Vermont, located at 365 Troy Avenue, Colchester, VT 05446. WVPS is licensed to the applicant, Vermont Public Radio ("VPR"), a not-for-profit educational corporation organized under the laws of the State of Vermont. VPR is committed to the goal of providing high quality educational programming to all of the citizens of the proposed community of license for the new station, even though economic realities preclude the provision of a full schedule of programming tailored to the community.

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

Specifically, VPR will:

- Establish a toll free telephone number and e-mail address to permit the public to reach the studios of WVPS without charge;
- Maintain a Public Inspection File for the proposed station at the WVPS main 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; and
- Subscribe to local newspapers and publications in order to cover local news and cultural events.

Co-locating the studio for the proposed station with the WVPS main studio will enable VPR to provide high quality non-commercial 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.