

## DECLARATION OF CRISTINA (CRIS) BARON

I, Cristina (Cris) Baron, hereby declare under penalty of perjury:

1. I am a Signal Development Specialist for Educational Media Foundation (“EMF”).
2. On October 14, 2008, upon notification from the FCC that the modification application filed for WQAI on October 7, 2008 failed to satisfy the 307(b) special operating condition and 73.7002(c), I was tasked with researching alternative tower sites that would ensure compliance.
3. At that time, EMF’s WQAI tower site options were limited because there was not enough time to build a tower, the proposed ATC tower site was not viable due to its inability to cover the original first service community and there was not enough time to fabricate a directional antenna to cover the 1<sup>st</sup> service area at any location. Our only equipment option at this point was to use a non directional antenna with a 2kw transmitter that we had in stock ready to install.
4. Because of the transmitter power limitations the tower needed to be at a high elevation to cover the community of license and the 1<sup>st</sup> service area. Therefore, the following towers were considered with theoretical radiation center assumptions due to the limited time. The towers were found not viable as they did not cover the community of license and/or the 1<sup>st</sup> service coverage area.
  - a. ASRN 1005730 / RCAMSL 236
  - b. ASRN 1020332/ RCAMSL 272
  - c. ASRN 1220004/ RCAMSL 207
  - d. ASRN 1225098/RCAMSL 195
5. The following towers were also not considered as viable options due to previous failed negotiations with the landlords on other projects or previous requests on this project, or the tower having not been built:
  - a. ASRN 1019160
  - b. ASRN 1020374
  - c. ASRN 1258985
6. As a result of my research, I believe the only viable option left was to construct WQAI on the Lincoln County tower as proposed in the instant application.

The foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



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Cristina Baron

Dated: October 27, 2008