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Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
45 L Street NE  
Washington, D.C. 20554

To: Chief, Audio Division, Media Bureau

Re: Informal Objection to KEZF-FM, Grants, NM, Pending Minor Modification,  
(Facility ID 172582), (File 0000143629), Licensed to Cedar Cove Broadcasting, Inc.

**INFORMAL OBJECTION**

The Albuquerque Public Schools ("APS"), through its counsel, hereby submits this Informal Objection pursuant to Section 73.3587 of the Commission's Rules. APS requests that the Commission defer action on the above pending minor modification, until after the Commission's announced NCE application window concludes on November 9, 2021.

The grant of the pending minor modification would substantially preclude filing of a new NCE FM application on channel 216 (91.1 MHz) at Belen, NM, to provide local noncommercial service to that community. On May 19, 2021 the Commission deleted NCE DKQGC-FM at Belen, NM for being silent more than one year.

By granting the pending minor modification, the Commission would be granting additional broadcast service to Grants, NM, a larger community 90 miles away, while depriving Belen, NM of its sole opportunity to secure a replacement, full power local, noncommercial service. It is noteworthy, that Grants, NM has at least 10 licensed radio stations, compared to only 3 radio stations licensed to Belen, NM.

For the above reasons, the public interest would be best served by deferring processing of the pending minor modification until after the November, 2021 NCE application window.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ernest T. Sanchez", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ernest T. Sanchez, Esq,  
Communications Counsel for  
the Albuquerque Public Schools

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Ernest T. Sanchez, certify that on July 12, 2021, I served a copy of the above Informal Objection on Cedar Cove Broadcasting, Inc. by emailing a copy to its contact representative, Victor A. Michael, Jr. at vicmichael@aol.com



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