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Dear FCC,

I am writing on behalf of the Minot State University Professional Communications Department in regards to our request to obtain a construction permit for a Low Power FM antenna.

We seek to obtain this permit and ultimately build the antenna in our newly renovated Hartnett Hall which will host our department upon completion. Once constructed, we will broadcast our station KMSU Radio locally in the community of Minot, North Dakota, via our assigned frequency, and comply with all regulations pertaining to broadcasting from a non-profit educational institution. As we currently broadcast our station via the Internet, we are familiar with many of the rules and regulations regarding radio broadcasting in a non-profit capacity and will fully comply with any additional regulations specific to over-the-air broadcast.

We are looking to add over-the-air radio in order to bolster our community presence as our current station is Internet-only and many local residents are not aware of it or do not regularly utilize internet radio for local media consumption.

The Minot State University Professional Communications Department is dedicated to educating the next generation of broadcast and media professionals. Our department offers six concentrations: Sports Communications, Social Media, Public Relations, Media Production, Journalism and Communication. Within these concentrations, students are encouraged and empowered to produce local media packages that support the community, including a live, weekly local-and-campus news internet broadcast, reports covering our local sports teams and special live events like the KMSU auction which has been a community staple for 25 years, in which all the proceeds benefit local charities.

Our students learn valuable skills and create important community connections and outreach opportunities through their efforts producing our broadcasts and the addition of an over-the-air station would enhance these opportunities by bolstering public awareness of their efforts within the community.

Thank you for considering our application. We look forward to taking the next steps required in this process.

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