

Edisto Drive Church of God, Inc
FORM 318 Application for New Low Power FM Construction Permit
EXHIBIT – Nonprofit and Educational Nature of Applicant

Edisto Drive Church of God, Inc, is a duly certified and organized State of South Carolina Religious Nonprofit Organization, founded in 2014, physically headquartered at 1400 Baxter Street in the County of Orangeburg, SC, phone: (803) 997.0723, which will serve as the proposed publicly accessible main studio site producing local origination programming for the contemplated Low Power FM facility, and its Bylaws detail the overall educational nature of its activities.

The Applicant is a religiously oriented educational organization, with a mission of educating, empowering, and communicating information and messages of “Help, Hope and Healing” while actively serving its underserved community to encourage revitalization through learning and cultural enrichment, focusing on impacting those underserved with educational programs and community information, and will operate the proposed Low Power FM broadcast facility pursuant to Part 73, subpart G, of the Commission’s Rules.¹

With respect to the licensing requirements governing all noncommercial educational (“NCE”) facilities,² the Commission has stated that religiously oriented applicants can meet its NCE eligibility standards where the applicant (1) proposes an overall educational program and (2) its proposed programming furthers its educational objectives.³

We hereby demonstrate eligibility for a LPFM authorization inasmuch as Applicant:

- is recognized by a state government as a nonprofit entity,⁴
- proposes an overall educational program; and
- proposes broadcast programming to advance its educational purposes.

Advancement of Educational Purpose. The Applicant will provide a noncommercial broadcast service for the advancement of its educational program and community interest. Applicant’s educational objectives include the following:

- Originate local religious, educational, and cultural programs on local events of interest to the population within the broadcast area; and
- Distribute religious, educational, and cultural material available and furnished by local clergy and laity of the Church, including materials produced by various organizations and apostolates faithful to the Church, and local community organizations.
- Re-broadcast religious, educational, and cultural programs produced by local, state, and national organizations which directly educate, impact, and inform local listening population within the broadcast area and delivered via digital, internet, satellite, and/or magnetic media.

¹ 47 C.F.R. §73.801 - §73.881

² See 47 C.F.R. §73.853(a) and 47 C.F.R. §73.503(d)

³ Columbia Bible College Broadcasting Co., 6 FCC Rcd 516, ¶¶ 9-10 (1991)

⁴ See Applications for Review of Decisions Regarding Six Applications for New Low Power FM Stations, MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER, FCC 13-116, ¶14 (rel. August 23, 2013).

In order to advance these and other educational purposes, Applicant plans to broadcast in a “Religious/Community Talk” format.

Applicant intends, of course, to honor the commitments set forth in its Form 318 application, including those with respect to the local origination of programming. Such local origination programming may include broadcast of local news and current affairs programming; and broadcasts of events at local schools, universities and colleges; and broadcasts of musical performances in main studio or local festivals, whether recorded or live; interactive call-in discussion shows; live interviews with authors on educational development and training; spiritual matters and social issues; recorded instructive talks by eminent theologians, scholars, and homilists; and live airings of devotional prayers and the daily Religious Service/Mass; and the broadcast of homilies/sermons by local clergy, interviews with the local clergy, leaders and community stakeholders, or spiritual music introduced by a local on-air personality.

Applicant will work with local religious communes and other local community organizations to assist and complement existing efforts to administer to the spiritual, intellectual, and physical needs of the listening audience.

Moreover, **Applicant will not air commercials.**

In view of the foregoing, Applicant is a religiously oriented educational organization and has evidenced its intention to operate the new noncommercial education station consistent with an overall educational program. Accordingly, the nature and educational purposes of the Applicant make it eligible to obtain the broadcast authorization sought in the instant application.