

GRINNELL COLLEGE



September 3, 2020

FROM: KDIC 88.5FM Facility #: 25391
Grinnell College Trustees of Iowa
Grinnell College
1115 8th Avenue
Grinnell, IA 50112

TO: Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Federal Communications Commission (FCC):

This letter serves as formal notification that the non-commercial educational radio station KDIC 88.5FM located on the Grinnell College campus at 1115 8th Avenue, Grinnell, IA 50112 is currently non-operational and will be indefinitely.

As with many radio stations in our category, we ceased live broadcast as we transitioned to virtual class instruction after sending our students away from campus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We continued to broadcast via automation with the hope of returning to normal operations this fall. On August 10, 2020 the city of Grinnell and much of Iowa experienced a derecho that devastated and paralyzed the community for almost two weeks. After an opportunity to assess all the damage, we discovered that the KDIC 88.5FM antenna is severely damaged and had to be removed on August 31, 2020. We are currently unable to broadcast and are in the process of determining the repairs needed. The college has also started the academic year offering virtual/online instruction only indefinitely. We request a waiver to continue not to broadcast until appropriate repairs are completed and we allow students back on campus for in-person classes.

Sincerely,

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Administrative Advisor for KDIC 88.5