

**Amendment to the Assignment of license Application,
File No. 0000143186, to Vector Communications:
KICN-LP**

Vector Communications, LLC hereby submits a response as requested by the FCC to their inquiry as noted:

The FCC requests amendment to the assignment of license application, File No. 0000143186, to the Vector Communications noncommercial educational showing to provide more details about the proposed programming it plans to air on the station and why that programming should be deemed educational in nature. In considering these requirements, emphasis is placed on proposed station programs that are clearly educational in nature, i.e., involving teaching or instruction, whether for formal credit or not. However, the proposed station programming does not have to be exclusively or even primarily educational in nature. The proposed assignee should also explain how the programming it proposes to air on the station will further its educational purpose.

Vector Communications is not an educational institution in that we are not a school or university. However, we are an amateur radio club with members who have an interest in educating the public about the benefits of amateur ham radio. One of our objectives is to encourage the public to become active in amateur radio. The United States has an aging population of amateur radio operators where the average ARRL¹ member is 68 years old². Experienced radio operators are diminishing and we need to encourage and recruit new, younger, members into the amateur radio community.

Some well-known radio societies have responded to the aging ham population by developing programs specifically to encourage youth participation in amateur radio, such as the American Radio Relay League's Education and Technology Program. Another way is for clubs like Vector Communications to publicize the hobby through the LPFM medium.

We plan to air news shows that are informative to amateur radio as part of our daily programming. The rest of the time we will be enabling our club members to have radio shows as long as they are proficient in knowing the FCC amateur radio rules and regulations; i.e.: Part 97 and have a license. On weekends, music programming will be supplemented with amateur radio news shows provided by the ARRL and The Amateur Radio Newline organizations. Links to sample programming is listed below.

¹ Source: <http://www.arrl.org/>

² Source: <https://www.k5nd.net/2019/11/all-ages-in-ham-radio/>

Sample link below for ARRL:

<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/News/Audio%20News/AAN-2021-09-10.mp3>

Sample link for Amateur Radio Newslines:

[Amateur Radio Newslines \(arnewsline.org\)](http://arnewsline.org)

We plan to run these shows 4X per week on weekends (2 hours Saturday and 2 hours Sunday) consuming 4 hours of airtime. Club members will be producing technical information shows to air on the weekends too. These include such topics as:

- Obtaining your FCC amateur license, different radio shows for:
 - Technician Class License
 - General Class License
- Amateur radio equipment reviews and topics
- Local Ham Club News: Meeting information and PSA promos from other amateur radio clubs in the area too
- We are debating airing a Morse Code over-the-air training classes too. However, due to the nature of the subject we are leaning towards promoting the topic on the LPFM station directing listeners who are interested in the subject to tune into specific ham radio 2-Meter repeaters operated by other clubs

We also have in our possession over 20 amateur radio PSA's that promote Ham radio. A few of which consist of Joe Walsh WB6ACU (Eagles group fame) and Walter Cronkite promoting ham radio. These will be aired liberally throughout the day integrated into members radio shows who will supplement with music and other Public Service Announcements.

We hope this addresses the question.

Regards,

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Tom Brooks