

Notification of Reduced Power Operation
and Request for Special Temporary Authorization
NCE Station KCND(FM), Bismarck, ND (Facility ID 53317)

Pursuant to Sections 73.1560(d) and 73.1635 of the FCC's Rules, Prairie Public Broadcasting, Inc. ("Prairie Public"), licensee of noncommercial educational radio Station KCND(FM), Bismarck, North Dakota, notifies the FCC of the temporary reduced power operation of KCND and respectfully requests Special Temporary Authorization ("STA") to maintain the reduced power status for more than thirty (30) days.

Station KCND is operating at a reduced power (approximately 50% of authorized levels) due to equipment damage by weather conditions beyond its control. Specifically, the KCND antenna and transmission line were damaged beyond repair by storms and cannot currently operate at full power for any length of time due to high reflected power. Prairie Public is working on obtaining replacement transmission line and antenna parts as needed to restore full power operation, but the equipment manufacturer has indicated that there will be a long lead time (possibly of several months) for the necessary deliveries. A grant of reduced power STA will serve the public interest by authorizing the licensee to maintain, without interruption, the station's current noncommercial educational radio operation for its local community pending receipt of the replacement parts and completion of the repairs.

Prairie Public is a noncommercial educational broadcaster and operates KCND on a noncommercial educational basis. The licensee and station are therefore exempt from FCC fee requirements pursuant to Sections 1.1116 and 1.1162 of the Commission's Rules.