Request for Special Temporary Authorization
NCE FM Station KCND(FM), Bismarck, ND (Facility ID 53317)

Pursuant to Section 73.1635 of the FCC's Rules, Prairie Public Broadcasting, Inc. ("Prairie Public"), licensee of noncommercial educational FM Station KCND(FM), Bismarck, North Dakota, respectfully requests Special Temporary Authorization ("STA") to operate the station at a variance from its licensed parameters (with an antenna height approximately 5.8 meters below its licensed parameters).

As Prairie Public previously informed the Commission in File No. 0000193145 (filed June 9, 2022), KCND was forced to operate at a reduced power after storms damaged the station's antenna and transmission line. In the process of pursuing facility repairs and the replacement of the damaged KCND antenna, Prairie Public discovered a discrepancy in the station license regarding the antenna height. The station facility license, as last issued in 1997, listed the antenna height above ground as 274 meters, but a current analysis indicates a height of 268 meters. Prairie Public is replacing the damaged antenna with one of the same type and model, and determined that given the tower situation, it will need to operate from the same physical location and height on the tower as the antenna being replaced.

As a result, Prairie Public is seeking STA to reflect the newly discovered lower antenna height as compared to the license, and as specified in this application. Prairie Public is separately reviewing and working towards a modification of license application to update the permanent authorization for KCND.

Prairie Public respectfully submits that a grant of STA will serve the public interest by authorizing the repaired, full power facility operation of its public radio station for listeners in the Bismarck area, in accordance with the updated information and pending completion of a separate license modification process. Prairie Public is a noncommercial educational licensee and operates KCND on a noncommercial educational basis.