

Virginia Center for Public Press

1621-B West Broad Street P.O. Box 4787 Richmond, VA 23220

February 15, 2009

Dear Commissioner,

WRIR-LP, WQGG982, Facility Identification Number 126872, requests Special Temporary Authority to broadcast from the antenna and antenna coordinates detailed in the paperwork accompanying this letter. The reason for the Special Temporary Authority is as follows:

WRIR –LPFM transmission malfunctioned on Friday, February 13th, 2009, between the hours of 8 am and 6 pm. Through rigorous tests, our Chief Operator determined the problem lay within the wiring that connects our transmitter to our transmission antenna, located at Faye Towers in east Richmond, Virginia.

We believe this problem began during an ice storm when moisture penetrated the wiring and then was exacerbated during the subsequent warmer days of direct sunlight, resulting in total signal interruption on 2/13/09.

Once the engineers recognized the problem was at the Faye Towers site, Operations rerouted our transmission signal to broadcast from an emergency antenna located on the roof of our studios at 1621 W Broad Street (coordinates provided within this application). While this is not a permanent fix, we are able to broadcast our regular schedule while the Faye Towers antenna is repaired.

Any further questions you may have can be addressed to our Chief Operator and Operations Manager - Julia McCauley – either by phone at 804-622-9747 or by email at operations@wrir.org.

Thank you for your attention and continued support,

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Skrobiszewski

Vice President

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