

Request for Waiver of Main Studio Rule
Spirit Communications, Inc.
KRQZ(FM), Lompoc, California (Facility ID No. 78929)

Spirit Communications, Inc. ("Spirit"), proposed licensee of KRQZ(FM), Lompoc, California (Facility ID No. 78929), seeks a waiver of the main studio rule. As provided in Rule 73.1125(a)(4), the Commission will waive the main studio rule where good cause is shown and where the proposed studio location "would be consistent with the operation of the station in the public interest." The Commission has recognized the benefits of centralized operations for noncommercial educational stations, given their limited resources, and has granted waivers of the main studio rule where satellite operations are proposed. *See Main Studio and Program Origination Rules*, 3 FCC Rcd 5024, 5027 (1988). *See also American Family Association, (Marksville, Louisiana)*, 12 FCC Rcd 15128 (Hearing Designation Order 1997); *Public Broadcasting in Northwest Ohio (Defiance, Ohio)*, 12 FCC Rcd 15114 (Hearing Designation Order February 19, 1997); *Greater Washington Education Telecommunications Association, Inc., (Leonardtown, Maryland)*, 12 FCC Rcd 15123 (1997).

Spirit seeks waiver of the main studio rule in order to locate its main studio for KRQZ(FM) as a satellite of WUFM(FM), Columbus, Ohio. Grant of the waiver request to locate the main studio in Columbus will allow tremendous cost savings while imposing a *de minimus* inconvenience. The cost savings are in the public interest by allowing the limited funding available for noncommercial broadcasting to be used for programming. A waiver is necessary due to the limited funding available to noncommercial educational broadcast stations. The cost savings will help ensure the station's financial success.

In order to ensure that its public service obligations to the community of Lompoc, California, are met, Spirit agrees to undertake the following:

- (1) It will maintain the KRQZ(FM) public file in Lompoc, California.
- (2) It will establish toll-free phone service to the station for residents of Lompoc, California.
- (3) It will provide periodic local programming for Lompoc, California, residents, including coverage of significant local news or cultural events.
- (4) It will establish a community advisory board consisting of at least one resident of Lompoc, California. This board will provide input and recommendations on community needs and programming.