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In re: KKEQ(FM), Fosston, MN
Facility ID No.: 52634
Pine to Prairie Broadcasting, Inc.
Request for confirmation of compliance with
47 C.F.R. § 73.1125

Dear Licensee:

This refers to your attorney letter requesting confirmation that the main studio location of KKEQ, Fosston, MN complies with 47 C.F.R. § 73.1125. The letter included a supplemental showing of technical statements and studies which use an alternate propagation methodology to demonstrate that the main studio location is within the 70 dBu field strength contour for the facilities specified by KKEQ's license BLH-20140918ADO, as required by 47 C.F.R. § 73.1125. The main studio is located at 206 5th Street N.W., Bemidji, MN 56601 (47° 27' 21" N.L., 94° 52' 53" W.L.).

The engineering study which KKEQ submitted calculated the desired field strength contours using the Institute of Telecommunications Sciences Irregular Terrain Model, also known as the "Longley-Rice" model, permitted by 47 C.F.R. § 73.313(e) and (f). Your study indicates that the 206 5th Street N.W. location lies within the 70 dBu contour as defined using the Longley-Rice prediction methodology. Furthermore, the exhibit demonstrates that the distance to KKEQ's authorized 70 dBu field strength contour exceeds the distance to the 70 dBu field strength contour as calculated using the F(50,50) propagation curves by approximately 33% along the azimuth from KKEQ's transmitter location in the direction of the proposed main studio.¹ Therefore, your engineering showing was referred to the Commission's Office of Engineering and Technology ("OET") for a detailed propagation analysis.

By way of a Memorandum dated October 7, 2014, the OET confirmed that the main studio location is encompassed by the 70 dBu field strength contour of the facilities specified in KKEQ's license. Accordingly, we find that KKEQ's main studio location would be in compliance with 47 C.F.R. § 73.1125.

Sincerely,



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¹ By policy, the extension must be 10% or more for referral to OET for analysis.