

Exhibit 6
Re: 47 C.F.R. Section 73.1125
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Prairie Public Broadcasting, Inc. (PPB) makes this showing under Section 73.1125 of the Commission's Rules in order to obtain approval to operate its proposed new noncommercial educational DTV station at Crookston, Minnesota as a satellite/repeater station without a main studio in the city of license. For the reasons, which follow, the applicant believes that the public interest would be served by this mode of operation.

PPB's application for a new noncommercial educational DTV station will, at least for the present, be capable of limited program origination locally, and will, in essence, be operated as a satellite/repeater station for the educational TV programming originated by noncommercial educational Station KFME (TV), Fargo, North Dakota, which is licensed to the applicant.

Prairie Public Broadcasting, Inc, (PPB) is a 501(3)C non-profit corporation providing the only public television service for the state of North Dakota and west central Minnesota through nine television transmitters (KFME-TV / Fargo, KFME-DT / Fargo, KGFE-TV / Grand Forks, KBME-TV / Bismarck, KBME-DT / Bismarck, KSRE-TV / Minot, KDSE-TV / Dickinson, KWSE-TV / Williston and KJRE-TV, Ellendale.)

PPB is committed to the goal of providing high quality educational programming to citizens in the Crookston area, even if a full schedule of such programming could not ordinarily be independently produced by a separate TV station there.

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Because of the sparse population in the Crookston area, it is felt that it would be difficult to develop the amount of financial support necessary to make a main studio within the city of license economically feasible. It would not be in the public interest, however, to deny these people a public television service regardless of the population density. Prairie Public Broadcasting is committed to providing public television service to all unserved areas within the state of North Dakota and western Minnesota.

PPB is convinced that the station in Crookston could not offer the highest quality alternative educational programming if required to operate as a wholly separate entity. PPB believes that the station's programming in all respects, especially informational programming and public affairs, will be of much higher quality due to the station's retransmission of classical music, arts and information programming produced at KFME (TV)'s studio in Fargo.

The program service provided by KFME (TV) is, because of the economic and cultural homogeneity of the whole region, as well suited to the needs of Crookston Minnesota as it is to its city of license, Fargo, North Dakota. While headquartered in Fargo North Dakota, PPB is a founding member of the Minnesota Public Television Association. Prairie Public Television has, and will continue to, broadcast many of the cultural events occurring throughout the area. It maintains close contact with the varied interests of the region to assess their needs.

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As required by the FCC rules, PPB has a toll-free telephone number that permits residents of Crookston to be in contact with the studios in Fargo at no charge.

The FCC has already recognized the public interest benefits of this mode of providing public service in numerous waivers granted to statewide and regional public broadcast networks. The Commission has stated, “[W]e have recognized the benefits of centralized operations for noncommercial educational stations, given the limited funding available to these stations, and we have granted waivers to state and regional public television and radio networks to operate ‘satellite’ stations the do not necessarily meet the requirements of a main studio.” *Memorandum Opinion and Order*, 3 FCC Red 5024 (1988) (MM Docket No. 86-406).

For the foregoing reasons, Prairie Public Broadcasting believes that its proposal for a satellite DTV facility at Crookston will best meet the needs of the citizens in that area for public TV service. The applicant therefore respectfully requests the Commission to approve this mode of operation pursuant to Section 73.1125 of the Rules.

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