

MAIN STUDIO WAIVER REQUEST
FOR PROPOSED NEW STATION IN PIRTVILLE, ARIZONA
FCC File No. BNPED-20071016AFE

Radio Bilingue, Inc. (“Bilingue”) hereby seeks a waiver for its proposed new station in Pirtleville, Arizona of 47 CFR §73.1125(a), which requires that a station’s main studio be located within a station’s community of license, within the principal community contour of a station licensed to the community, or within 25 miles of the reference coordinates of the station’s community of license. As contemplated by 47 CFR §73.1125(b)(2), good cause exists to locate the proposed Pirtleville station’s main studio at a location other than that specified in Section 73.1125(a) and such operation would be consistent with the public interest.

Radio Bilingue is the licensee of noncommercial FM broadcast stations KSJV in Fresno, California, (as well as noncommercial educational FM broadcast stations KMPO in Modesto, KUBO In Calexico, California, KTQX in Bakersfield, California, KVFR in Laytonville, California, and KHDC in Chualar, California.) Bilingue proposes to co-locate the main studio for the Pirtleville station with its existing KSJV studios in Fresno.

The Commission has recognized the benefits of centralized operations for noncommercial educational stations. *Amendment of Sections 73.1125 and 73.1130*, 3 FCC Rcd. 5024, 5027 (1988). The population of Pirtleville is 95% Hispanic. All Radio Bilingue stations serve similar population: mostly Latino and specifically Mexican or of Mexican ancestry. They are low-income, predominantly Spanish-speaking and with little formal education, high percentage of uninsured and with little or no access to health and social services. A high percentage of young people and recent immigrants have little knowledge of how the system works in the United States.

Radio Bilingue’s News Department very actively maintains close and constant access to the most current information on issues affecting its listeners. Members of Radio Bilingue’s Board of Directors are knowledgeable on issues affecting local Latino communities, including health, education and social issues.

Radio Bilingue maintains an Internet site in both Spanish and English with extensive program information and contact numbers for use by residents of each of the communities it serves. <http://www.radiobilingue.org/>. It provides capability for listener comment from the site itself as well as its toll-free call-in and local numbers.

Radio Bilingue will serve the programming needs of Pirtleville listeners with the production of news and public affairs programs in Spanish and Mixtec languages and production of music programs, covering the variety of Latino musical genres,

Radio Bilingue also distributes English language news and information programming. These programs are produced by other public stations and deal with topics that are of interest to its bilingual and English-speaking listeners. It also distributes news and cultural programs produced by public stations in Mexico and Puerto Rico.

Bilingue will determine the needs of the community of license by a variety of methods and will respond to them in its programming.

Included among Bilingue's efforts it will undertake the following steps:

- 1.) It will establish a toll free telephone number and e-mail address to permit the public to reach the studios in Fresno without charge. At the present time, it provides 800-345-4632 a nationwide number that listeners of Bilingue's national/international talk shows listeners can use to participate in the programs with their comments, suggestions and greetings and 800-200-5758, a nationwide request line that listeners can use around the clock to call the on-air studios in Fresno where its satellite programming is produced.
- 2.) It will maintain a Public Inspection File for the proposed in initially in Fresno and, upon request, provide photocopies of documents in the file, by mail, to persons within the service area of the Pirtleville station;
- 3.) It will conduct ascertainties of community needs in the proposed community of license, including contacting public officials and conducting interviews concerning the needs of the proposed community of license; and
- 4.) It will subscribe to the Subscribe to the Douglas Dispatch which serves the Pirtelville and other publications in order to cover local news and cultural events in its area.

Co-locating the studio for the proposed Pirtleville station in Fresno will provide high quality noncommercial public affairs and educational programming to a significantly expanded and unserved audience. Therefore, this request for a waiver of 47 CFR §73.1125(a) is in the public's best interest, convenience, and necessity and Bilingue respectfully requests that it be granted