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Radio Station KIBR(FM)
Ben Efield Broadcasting, Inc.
327 Marion Avenue
Sandpoint, ID 83864

In re: KIBR (FM), Sandpoint, ID
BLH-930730KC
BLH-941102KC
Authority to increase ERP
via Form 302-FM

Dear KIBR:

On January 27, 1999 I granted license application BLH-941102KC to cover the present operation of KIBR. Copies of that license are enclosed with this letter.

The grant of this license has made further processing on an older license application for KIBR unnecessary. Accordingly, license application BLH-930730KC IS DISMISSED AS MOOT, and the underlying construction permit BMP11-920724ID (as extended) IS CANCELLED.

Further, during my review of license application BLH-941102KC, I noticed that KIBR is fully spaced under 47 CFR 73.207 with respect to all other U.S. stations, vacant allotments, and pending applications. While KIBR does not meet the minimum spacing requirements of 47 CFR 73.207 with respect to the Canadian allotments of Cranbrook, British Columbia (Channel 272B), Creston, British Columbia (Channel 275B), and Castlegar, British Columbia (Channel 273A), KIBR was cleared for operation with maximum facilities of 4.4 kW ERP at 100 meters HAAT. Because KIBR operates with 105 meters HAAT, the station could operate at 6 kW without violating the limit with respect to Canada. Consequently, I find that KIBR is eligible to increase its effective radiated power (ERP) to 6.0 kW (the maximum permitted for KIBR) using the station's licensed facilities, pursuant to the new procedures recently established by the *Report and Order* in MM Docket 96-58, 12 FCC Red 12317 (1997).

KIBR may immediately commence operations on Channel 273A with the facilities specified in license BLH-941102KC with an ERP up to 6.0 kW, subject to the

restrictions set forth in the Commission's December 8, 1997 *Public Notice* (copy enclosed, without attached lists). Provided the *Public Notice* conditions are met, KIBR must file FCC Form 302-FM (Sections I and II-B) in triplicate within 10 days of commencing operations with the increased facilities. THE FORM 302-FM LICENSE APPLICATION MUST CONTAIN A COPY OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL EXHIBIT TO FORM 302-FM (attached to the *Form 302-FM*) AND A COPY OF THIS LETTER. Only the items (iv) through (viii) of Question 1(b) in the supplemental exhibit to the Form 302-FM application need to be completed, in addition to the certifications on the last page of the supplement. You must include a copy of this letter if the application is to be processed properly.

Because a modification of license application does not require an application filing fee, the application must be sent to the following address (not Mellon Bank):

Office of the Secretary (1800B3)
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

A cover letter should be attached to each copy of the application which clearly states that an application filing fee is not required.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures