

Station KUOM-FM, St. Louis Park, MN (Facility ID 122699)
Modification of License Application for Full-Time Operation

By this application, the Regents of the University of Minnesota (“UMN”), licensee of noncommercial educational FM radio station KUOM-FM, St. Louis Park, Minnesota, respectfully requests a modification of license to specify unlimited hours (24 hours/day) operation. Station KUOM-FM previously participated in a time sharing license operation with noncommercial educational FM radio station KDXL(FM), Facility ID 28505, St. Louis Park, Minnesota, licensed to Independent School District #283 (“ISD”). ISD has filed to voluntarily surrender the KDXL(FM) license, such that its relinquished hours of operation may now be assumed by KUOM-FM.

Background. Pursuant to a 1999 Sharetime Agreement, as amended, between UMN and ISD, and Section 73.561 of the FCC’s Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 73.561, stations KUOM-FM and KDXL(FM) have shared time over frequency 106.5 in St. Louis Park, Minnesota in accordance with their respective authorizations for more than 15 years. During this period, ISD operated the station facility during school hours (8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.) on Designated School Days, and UMN operated the station facility at all other times. See station licenses in FCC File Nos. BLED-20030313AGW and BMLED-20020814AAT. The parties filed time sharing schedules regarding Designated School Days with the FCC on an annual basis.

By letter dated June 26, 2018, ISD filed notice with the FCC indicating its intent to discontinue operations over KDXL(FM) on July 1, 2018, and requesting cancellation of the KDXL(FM) license (copy attached).

Request for Unlimited Hours Operation by KUOM-FM. In connection with the KDXL(FM) license cancellation filing, UMN respectfully submits the instant application to seek modification of the KUOM-FM license to specify full-time operation, 24 hours per day, using the time relinquished by KDXL(FM). Commission precedent allows that two noncommercial educational FM stations operating pursuant to a time sharing arrangement may modify the arrangement by one party’s request for cancellation of license, and the other party’s application to modify its license to authorize full-time operations using the time relinquished by the surrendering party. See *In re: application of Nassau Community College (WHPC(FM), Garden City, New York), Memorandum Opinion and Order, 12 FCC Rcd 12234 (August 13, 1997); FCC File No. BMLED-19951024KA*. In the *Nassau Community College* decision, the Commission affirmed the decision to cancel one noncommercial educational FM station time sharing party’s license as requested by that licensee, and to modify the other time sharing party’s license for unlimited hours of operation pursuant to a modification of license application. UMN respectfully submits that the instant application will serve the public interest by facilitating full utilization of its noncommercial educational radio station license and frequency for listeners in the local community.