

**Exhibit VB-11**

New noncommercial, educational FM station

Remsen New York

Waiver Request

August, 1997

**Request for waiver of Section 73.1125(a)**

WAMC hereby requests waiver of Section 73.1125(a) of the Commission's Rules in order to operate a new noncommercial educational FM station at Remsen, New York as a satellite station without a main studio within the station's principal city contour. For the reasons set forth below, WAMC believes that the public interest would be served by a waiver of the rule.

WAMC is a non for profit educational corporation chartered by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York (The State Education Department) to provide noncommercial educational programming. WAMC is committed to the goal of providing high-quality educational radio programming with strong local signals, and it does so through the facilities of WAMC(FM), Albany, New York. WAMC has found that the addition of satellite operations have successfully extended WAMC's coverage to areas previously receiving marginal or inadequate public radio service or areas that could be served by additional diverse public radio signals. This has been demonstrated by WAMC's satellite operations of stations WCAN(FM), Canajoharie, WAMK(FM), Kingston, WOSR(FM), Middletown, WCEL(FM), Plattsburgh, WANC(FM), Ticonderoga, all New York and WAMQ(FM), Great Barrington, Massachusetts. The Commission has previously granted waivers of Section 73.1125(a) at each of these stations.

The Commission has traditionally permitted noncommercial educational licensees to operate with adjunct satellite facilities. In fact, the Audio Services Division recognized that WAMC, as a public broadcasting station could provide expanded programming through the

savings realized from not operating a main studio in the community of license. In MM Docket No. 89-504, the Hearing Designation Order for a new FM station at Voorheesville, New York, adopted October 26, 1989, the Audio Services Division concluded that a waiver of Section 73.1125(a) would serve the public interest.

WAMC will effectively determine local needs in Remsen and meet those needs in its programming. WAMC will ascertain issues of importance in Remsen by several means. First, WAMC maintains a Community Advisory Board which provides recommendations of community needs and programming to WAMC's Board of Trustees. WAMC intends to add a new individual to this Community Advisory Board from the Remsen area. This addition will facilitate the direct input of Remsen area residents into the WAMC ascertainment and program planning process.

WAMC conducts a regular ascertainment study of areas where it maintains satellite stations. The Remsen area will be added to this process. A public inspection file will be maintained in Remsen and a toll free telephone number will be available to Remsen area residents.

Local needs of the Remsen area will also be met by WAMC's programming. WAMC currently broadcasts local and regional news segments in its broadcasts of *Morning Edition* and *All Things Considered*. It also provides a full hour of news and information programming weekdays at noon on the WAMC produced *Midday Magazine*. An additional WAMC produced hour of a telephone call-in, interview program *Vox Pop* is broadcast weekdays at 2:00 PM. *Vox Pop* subjects cover a wide range of issues and allows members of the public access to discuss these issues. WAMC has always attempted to cover its entire listening region. WAMC pledges to include the Remsen area in its news and public affairs programming, which has won numerous awards and recognition.

WAMC is convinced that a new noncommercial, educational station at Remsen will

enhance its ability to deliver its unique program service to an area that will benefit from its diversity. WAMC firmly believes that the station's programming in all areas, including local informational programming, will be of higher quality due to its ability to draw on programming produced at WAMC's studio complex in Albany where staff is able to produce programming in fully equipped control rooms and studios, including a performance studio where live performing arts groups do music and dramatic programs and a computerized news room where daily news and information programs are prepared. WAMC believes that the proposed satellite operation will best meet the needs for public radio service in the area at this time. Accordingly, good cause exists for waiver of Section 73.1125(a) of the Commission's Rules.