

**AMERICAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION  
KMRL  
FACILITY ID: 16378  
BURAS, LOUISIANA**

**REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF §73.1125**

Petitioner American Family Association, Inc. ("Family") submits the following in support of its request for a waiver of the main studio rule set forth in §73.1125 of the Commission's rules:

1. Family holds licences for approximately 190 NCE(FM) stations which it operates as the American Family Radio Network with headquarters in Tupelo, MS.
2. Family is the proposed assignee of the license for a non-commercial educational FM broadcast station in Buras, LA, (KMRL).
3. In order to obtain the economic benefits of centralized operations, as the Commission has recognized (Memorandum Opinion and Order in MM Docket 86-406, 3 FCC Rcd 5024 (1988)), Family intends to deliver its signal from the studios of American Family Radio Network in Tupelo, MS, to the licensed broadcast facility in Buras, LA.
4. Family is cognizant of its local service obligations, and has developed a plan to allow it to determine local needs and respond to them in its programming. This plan will include, at a minimum, the following components:
  - {a} Family will add to its Community Advisory Board at least one resident of Buras, LA, who will be asked to provide recommendations on community needs and programming directly to the management of Family;
  - {b} Family will, during each regular "Shareathon" (pledge drives normally held every six months), solicit listeners' opinions regarding community issues that should be addressed during program planning. Family will track the listener response by community and factor those responses in its planning of the program schedule and the issues to be addressed;
  - {c} Family will provide periodic local programming for Buras, LA, coverage of significant local news or cultural events;

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{d} Family will provide for the broadcast of local public service announcements;

{e} Family will maintain a toll-free number for the community of Buras, LA.

5. Because of the limited funding available to non-commercial educational broadcast stations, and the economic benefits of centralized operation, Family respectfully requests a waiver of the requirement of maintaining a main studio within the principal community contour, as provided in §73.1125 (a) (4) of the Commission's rules.