

Waiver Request Main Studio Location

Roaring Fork Public Radio, Inc. ("Roaring Fork") requests a waiver of Section 73.1125 to allow the main studio of KCJX Carbondale CO (the "Station") to be located at the main studio of co-owned Station KAJX (FM) Aspen, CO (Facility ID #3009).

In support of its request for a waiver, the applicant submits the following information:

1. The proposed studio location, at 110 East Hallam Street in Aspen CO, is 25.38 miles from the designated reference coordinates for the licensed community of Carbondale. The additional 0.38 miles beyond the allowed 25 mile distance is minimal.
2. The proposed studio location is within the local telephone calling area of the community of license.
3. This studio is already in use by the licensee as the studio and business office of co-owned and simulcast station KAJX-FM, Aspen CO.
4. Rent for the station's studios is subsidized by the community; the studio is in a facility specifically set aside for non-profit organizations. Setting up another studio would be a burdensome expense, reducing the funds available for developing quality programming.
5. Duplication of program origination equipment would also be a burdensome expense for the station.

Although compliance with the FCC's main studio rules was proposed in the Station's construction permit application, the decision was made by Roaring Fork to request a waiver in the instant license application after a review of the cost of establishing a second main studio in Carbondale and duplicating program origination equipment, and the opportunities to improve programming on both stations by increasing funding to expand the Station's ability to broadcast original local material of interest to the community, such as classical concerns from the Aspen Musical Festival and lectures from the Aspen Institute.

Therefore, while it recognizes the goal of the main studio rule in making a station responsive to the needs of its community of license, Roaring Fork hereby requests this waiver in view of the minimal distance the studio would be outside of the permitted 25-mile radius and in view of the public interest benefits of avoiding a burdensome expense on this community-subsidized noncommercial educational public radio station.