

MAIN STUDIO WAIVER REQUEST

The applicant seeks a waiver of 47 CFR §73.1125(a), which requires that a station's main studio be located within its principal community contour. As contemplated in 47 CFR §73.1125(d)(2), the applicant believes that there is good cause to locate the station's main studio outside of the principal community contour and that such operation is consistent with the public interest.

The main studio for the proposed station is to be co-located with the main studios of WEVO, Concord, New Hampshire, located at 207 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301. WEVO is licensed to the applicant, New Hampshire Public Radio ("NHPR"), a not-for-profit educational corporation organized under the laws of the State of New Hampshire. NHPR is committed to providing high quality educational programming to all of the citizens of the proposed community of license for the new station, even though economic realities preclude the provision of a full schedule of programming tailored to the community.

NHPR will determine the needs of the proposed community of license by a variety of methods and will respond to them in its programming.

Specifically, NHPR will:

- Establish a toll free telephone number and e-mail address to permit the public to reach the studios of WEVO without charge;
- Maintain a Public Inspection File for the proposed station at the WEVO main studios, and upon request, provide photocopies of documents in the file, by mail, to persons within the service area of the proposed station;
- Conduct ascertainties of community needs in the proposed community of license; and
- Subscribe to local newspapers and publications in order to cover local news and cultural events.

Co-locating the studio for the proposed station with the WEVO main studio will enable NHPR to provide high quality non-commercial public affairs and educational programming to a significantly expanded and unserved audience. The Commission has previously "recognized the benefits of centralized operations for non-commercial educational stations, given the limited funding available to these stations, and [has] granted waivers to ...regional public television and radio networks..." *Amendment of Sections 73.1125 and 73.1130*, 3 FCC Rcd. 5024, 5027 (1988).

Therefore, the applicant believes that this request for a waiver of 47 CFR §73.1125(a)(1) is in the public's best interest, convenience, and necessity and respectfully requests that it be granted.