

Main Studio Waiver Request

Family Stations, Inc. ("Family") hereby amends its pending application for a new noncommercial FM educational station at Bay City, Texas, Facility ID 91338 (the "Bay City Station") to request a waiver of the Commission's main studio rules to allow the Bay City Station to operate as a "satellite" station. Consistent with similar waivers granted to Family for the noncommercial stations it is licensed and authorized to operate, Family will operate the new station in Bay City, Texas, as a satellite of parent station, WBFR, Birmingham, Alabama, Facility ID 20989, a noncommercial, educational station licensed to Family. Station WBFR has been authorized by the Commission to serve as the parent station for satellite stations KTXB(FM), Beaumont, Texas, WFCH(FM), Charleston, South Carolina, WFRC(FM), Columbus, Georgia, WFTI-FM, St. Petersburg, Florida, WJFR(FM), Jacksonville, Florida, WMFL(FM), Florida City, Florida, and WWFR, Stuart, Florida.

Family will operate the Bay City Station as part of a network of noncommercial, educational radio stations with national network programs originating from Oakland, California, and Sacramento, California. The parent station, WBFR, is located at 244 Goodwin Crest Drive, #118, Birmingham, Alabama, and is fully staffed with experienced management level personnel. The distance between Bay City and Birmingham is approximately 626 miles.

Family management personnel at Station WBFR will supervise the operations of the Bay City Station including maintaining regular contact with Family's part-time employees and volunteers in the Bay City area, supervising the ascertainment of community needs and interests on a quarterly basis and assisting in the development of programming responsive to those needs. All mail received by Family that involves the Bay City Station will be handled by the parent station personnel; the parent station address will be used as the mailing address for the Bay City Station.

Family staff will also travel to Bay City on a regular basis to strengthen contact with the community. Family personnel at WBFR will also subscribe to the *The Daily Tribune*, a local newspaper published in the Bay City area, as an additional means of staying abreast of programming needs for the Bay City community. The Bay City Station will broadcast 45 minutes per week of local Public Affairs programming as determined by its ascertainment efforts. A toll free telephone number will be established that can be used by listeners of the Bay City Station. Family will keep the public inspection file for the satellite station at the main studio of the parent station, and will keep a duplicate file in the Bay City area for the convenience of our listeners. Family will maintain program origination equipment at the Bay City Station in order to be able to originate and broadcast material directly from the Bay City Station transmitter if necessary.

Peggy Renschler, Compliance Coordinator and Assistant Secretary for Family, will assist the parent station personnel in handling their ascertainment and programming responsibilities under the parent-satellite station model.