

Request for Waiver of Main Studio Rule

Radio Training Network, Inc.
WWNU(FM) Irmo, SC (Facility ID No. 17765)

Radio Training Network, Inc. (“RTN”), seeks a waiver of the Commission’s main studio rule, 47 C.F.R. § 73.1125. RTN proposes to operate WWNU, Irmo, SC (Facility ID No. 17765) (“WWNU”) as a satellite of WLFJ-FM Greenville, SC (Facility ID 54856) (“WLFJ”).

As provided in Section 73.1125(a)(4), the Commission will waive the main studio rule where good cause is shown and where the proposed studio location “would be consistent with the operation of the station in the public interest.” The Commission has recognized the benefits of centralized operations for noncommercial educational stations, given their limited resources, and has granted waivers of the main studio rule. *See Main Studio and Program Origination Rules*, 3 FCC Rcd 5024 (1988); *see also American Family Association, (Marksville, Louisiana)*, 12 FCC Rcd 15128 (Hearing Designation Order 1997); *Public Broadcasting in Northwest Ohio (Defiance, Ohio)*, 12 FCC Rcd 15114 (Hearing Designation Order February 19, 1997); *Greater Washington Education Telecommunications Association, Inc., (Leonardtown, Maryland)*, 12 FCC Rcd 15123 (1997).

RTN seeks a satellite waiver of the main studio rule in order to locate the main studio for the Stations at the main studio of WLFJ. WLFJ’s main studio is located in Greenville, South Carolina and only 94 miles from Irmo, SC.

Grant of the satellite waiver request to locate the main studio in Greenville will allow tremendous cost savings while imposing a *de minimis* inconvenience. The cost savings are in the public interest by allowing the limited funding available for noncommercial broadcasting to be used for programming. A waiver is necessary due to the limited funding available to noncommercial educational broadcast stations. The cost savings will help ensure the stations’ financial success.

In order to ensure that its public service obligations to Fort Mill, Summerville, and Cokesbury are met, RTN agrees to undertake the following:

- (1) It will maintain the public file for the Stations at WLFJ’s main studio, and make documents in the public file available to the public pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 73.3527(c)(2).
- (2) It will establish toll-free phone service to WLFJ for service area residents of the Stations.
- (3) It will provide periodic local programming for Irmo, SC residents, including coverage of significant local news or cultural events.
- (4) It will, on at least a quarterly basis, ascertain the interests, needs, and concerns of Irmo, SC residents. RTN will provide programming that addresses these community needs.