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**In Re: WRLJ(FM), White Hall, Illinois**  
Cornerstone Community Radio, Inc.  
Facility ID No. 89433

License to Cover  
File No. BLED-20021104AEF

Request for Waiver of 47 C.F.R. §  
73.1125 (Main Studio Rule)

Dear Counsel:

The staff has under consideration the referenced license application for a noncommercial educational (“NCE”) FM station in White Hall, Illinois, filed by Cornerstone Community Radio, Inc. (“CCR”). In addition, CCR seeks a waiver of Section 73.1125 of the Commission’s Rules in order to operate WRLJ(FM) as a “satellite” of its NCE FM station WLUJ(FM), Springfield, Illinois.<sup>1</sup> For the reasons set forth below, we will waive Section 73.1125 and grant CCR’s license application.

Pursuant to Section 73.1125(a), a main studio must be located either (1) within a station’s community of license, (2) within the principal community contour of any other broadcast station licensed to its community, or (3) within 25 miles of the center of its community of license.<sup>2</sup> However, under Section 73.1125(b)(2), the Commission will waive these requirements where good cause exists to do so and where the proposed studio location would be consistent with the operation of the station in the public interest. Each waiver request by an NCE station seeking to operate as the satellite of another NCE station is considered on a case-by-case basis. The Commission has recognized the benefits of centralized operation for NCE stations, given their limited funding, and thus found good cause exists to waive the main studio location requirement where satellite operations are proposed.<sup>3</sup> A satellite station must, however, demonstrate that it will meet its local service obligation to satisfy the Section 73.1125 public interest standard.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> A “satellite” meets all of the Commission’s technical rules. However, it originates no programming and instead rebroadcasts the parent station’s programming. See *Amendment of Multiple Ownership Rules*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 3 RR2d 1554, 1562 (1964).

<sup>2</sup> See *Review of the Commission’s Rules Regarding the Main Studio and Local Public Inspection Files of Broadcast Television and Radio Stations*, 13 FCC Rcd 15691 (1998), recon. granted in part, 14 FCC Rcd 11113 (1999) (“*Reconsideration Order*”).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

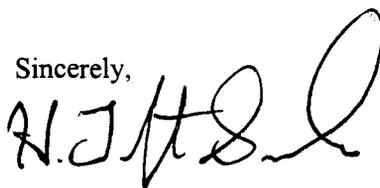
CCR's request is based on the economies of scale which would be realized by grant of its waiver, *e.g.*, avoiding the cost of equipping, staffing, and operating a studio in the White Hall area. We agree and conclude that there is good cause to waive 47 C.F.R. Section 73.1125(a) under these circumstances. As noted above, CCR proposes to operate WRLJ(FM), White Hall, Illinois as a satellite station of WLUJ(FM), Springfield, Illinois approximately 48 miles from White Hall. Where there is significant distance between the parent and the satellite station, we are particularly concerned that the licensee takes adequate measures to maintain its awareness of the satellite community's needs and interests. To that end, CCR has pledged to meet its local service obligations by: (1) consulting, at least quarterly, with members of the public in the White Hall area concerning community issues and programming interests; (2) broadcasting community calendar and other public service announcements for White Hall area organizations; (3) listing White Hall area community events and providing an opportunity for members of the public to interact with CCR staff and management via the WLUJ Internet web site; (4) providing a toll-free number from White Hall to the WLUJ(FM) studio in Springfield; and (5) maintaining a public inspection file at the public library in White Hall.

Under these circumstances, we are persuaded that CCR will meet its local service obligation and thus, that grant of the requested waiver is consistent with the public interest. We remind EMF, that, notwithstanding its commitment to maintain a public inspection file in White Hall, it must also maintain a public file for WRLJ(FM) at the main studio of the parent station, WLUJ(FM), Springfield, Illinois. It must also make reasonable accommodation for listeners wishing to examine the file's contents.<sup>5</sup> We further remind CCR that, notwithstanding the grant of the waiver requested here, the public file for the station must contain the quarterly issues and programs list, as required by 47 C.F.R. Section 73.3527(e)(8).

We have reviewed CCR's license application (BLED-20021104AEF) to cover the construction permit for WRLJ(FM) and find that the application meets all pertinent technical requirements, that the modified facilities were constructed in accordance with the Commission's authorization, and that the grant of the application would further the public interest, convenience and necessity.

Accordingly, the license application of Cornerstone Community Radio, Inc. for WRLJ(FM) White Hall, Illinois, as well as its request for waiver of 47 C.F.R. Section 73.1125, ARE GRANTED. The authorization is enclosed.

Sincerely,



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<sup>5</sup> See *Reconsideration Order*, 14 FCC Rcd at 11129.