

Application for Change of License Status for Station WBKK(FM), Amsterdam, New York
Request for "Main Studio" Waiver

WMHT Educational Telecommunications (WMHT), proposed assignee of Station WBKK(FM) seeks through the instant application the change of license status for Station WBKK(FM) from commercial to noncommercial. This application is contingent on the concurrently-filed application for assignment of the station license from GEM Associates, Ltd. WMHT seeks a waiver of Section 73.1125 to permit the operation of the station as a satellite of Station WMHT-FM, Schenectady, New York.

WMHT presently has its studio location for its broadcast stations at 17 Fern Avenue, Rotterdam, New York. On September 26, 2005, WMHT is scheduled to move to new studios located in Troy, New York. The distance from the Station WBKK(FM) transmitter to the present WMHT studios is approximately 20 miles, such that operation under Section 73.1125 is permitted. However, when WMHT's new studios are 32 miles from the Station WBKK(FM) transmitter, and so a waiver of the studio location rule is requested.

WMHT presents the following "good cause" for waiver of the studio location rule for operation of Station WBKK(FM) as a satellite station. A separate studio for Station WBKK(FM) would divert necessary limited funding from the programming and operations of Station WMHT-TV-FM and Station WRHV(FM), Poughkeepsie.

WMHT pledges to maintain contacts in the community of Rotterdam and to direct its public affairs programming to address the needs of the Rotterdam community. As a television licensee serving the entire Albany-Schenectady-Troy area, WMHT is well versed in issues of public concern to that community and the entire broadcast coverage area. There are six members of the WMHT Board of Trustees residing in the coverage area of the station, as well as three members of the WMHT Community Advisory Board. WMHT will continue to include persons from the area in its Board of Trustees and CAB in the future.

WMHT will regularly seek out and address issues of public concern in Amsterdam.

WMHT will maintain a toll free telephone number for contacting the station studios and management, and the number will be publicized in the Amsterdam area.

The station will be remote controlled from the WMHT studios and will utilize ATS technology. All EAS regulations will be adhered to.

In sum, waiver of the studio rule will serve the public interest by conserving resources needed for the public broadcasting operations of WMHT.