

Modification of License for Noncommercial Educational Status
Station WTQX(FM), Boothbay Harbor, ME, Facility ID 4090

Explanation of Application. Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation (“Maine Public”) submits this application to modify the license for Station WTQX(FM) from commercial to noncommercial educational status, effective upon the consummation of the assignment of station WTQX(FM) to Maine Public. This application is submitted in connection with the pending assignment of license application for WTQX(FM), from Blueberry Broadcasting, LLC (“Blueberry Broadcasting”) to Maine Public, in FCC File No. BALH-20170728AEN, and pursuant to Section 73.3517(a) (Contingent Applications) of the FCC’s Rules. Maine Public has received written authorization from Pine Tree to submit this application while the assignment application is pending (*see attached*).

This application also includes a request for waiver of the main studio location requirements of the FCC’s Rules to allow for operation of the station as a satellite of Maine Public’s co-owned noncommercial educational radio station WMEA(FM), Portland, Maine.

Previously Approved Educational Qualifications and Advancement of Educational Program. Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation (“Maine Public”) certifies that the Commission has previously granted broadcast applications that found this applicant qualified as a noncommercial educational (“NCE”) entity with a qualifying educational program. Maine Public will use WTQX(FM) to advance a program similar to that the FCC has found qualifying in connection with its other NCE-licensed radio stations.

As detailed in this application, Maine Public is the licensee of nine noncommercial educational FM radio stations (WMEW, Waterville, Maine; WMEA, Portland, Maine; WMED, Calais, Maine; WMEF, Fort Kent, Maine; WMEH, Bangor, Maine; WMEM, Presque Isle, Maine; WMEP, Camden, Maine; WFYB, Fryeburg, Maine; and WRMO, Milbridge, Maine) and is the licensee of five noncommercial educational television stations (WCBB, Augusta, Maine; WMEA-TV, Biddeford, Maine; WMEB-TV, Orono, Maine; WMED-TV, Calais, Maine; and WMEM-TV, Presque Isle, Maine).

The stated mission of Maine Public is to connect the people of Maine to each other and to the world through the open exchange of information, ideas and cultural content. As Maine’s premier, independent media resource, Maine Public creates exceptional opportunities for the communities it serves to engage with critical issues, compelling stories and quality entertainment. Maine Public was formed in 1992 through the merger of the educational radio and television stations provided by the University of Maine System and WCBB public television operated by Colby, Bates and Bowdoin Colleges. Maine Public is an independently owned and operated 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with office and studio locations in Bangor, Lewiston and Portland, Maine.

As the long-time licensee of existing NCE radio stations, Maine Public has clearly demonstrated its commitment to, and capability of, providing educational broadcast programming. Maine Public will continue to ensure that high quality public radio is available to its existing and proposed service areas. Maine Public plans to continue to provide a wide range of cultural, news, public affairs, and noncommercial entertainment programming to address issues of interest and concern to residents of its listening areas.

Attached is a completed Section II of FCC Form 340.

PERMISSION TO FILE MINOR CHANGE APPLICATION

Blueberry Broadcasting, LLC ("Blueberry Broadcasting"), pursuant to Section 73.3517 of the FCC's rules, hereby grants permission to Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation ("MPBC") to file an minor change application in its own name (for a change to noncommercial educational status) for FM radio station WTQX, Boothbay Harbor, Maine, FCC Facility ID 4090, with the understanding that such application is contingent upon the grant of the application in FCC File No. BALH-20170728AEN for the assignment of the WTQX license from Blueberry Broadcasting to MPBC and the consummation of the transaction proposed therein.

Dated: September 11, 2017

Blueberry Broadcasting, LLC

By: 

Name: Louis Vitali

Title: Manager and CEO

SECTION II - Legal and Financial

1.	Certification. Applicant certifies that it has answered each question in this application based on its review of the application instructions and worksheets. Applicant further certifies that where it has made an affirmative certification below, this certification constitutes its representation that the application satisfies each of the pertinent standards and criteria set forth in the application instructions and worksheets.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
2.	Eligibility. Each application must answer "Yes" to one and "No" to two of the three following certifications. An applicant should not submit an explanatory exhibit in connection with these Question 2 "No" responses. The applicant certifies that it is:	
	a. a nonprofit educational institution; or	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
	b. a governmental entity other than a school; or	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
	c. a nonprofit educational organization, other than described in a. or b.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
3.	For applicants checking "Yes" to question 2(c) and applying for a new noncommercial educational television station only, the applicant certifies that the applicant's officers, directors and members of its governing board are broadly representative of the educational, cultural, and civic segments of the principal community to be served.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> N/A
4.	a. The applicant certifies that the Commission has previously granted a broadcast application identified here by file number that found this applicant qualified as a noncommercial educational entity with a qualifying educational program, and that the applicant will use the proposed station to advance a program similar to that the Commission has found qualifying in applicant's previous application. b. Applicants who answered "No" to Question 4(a), must include an exhibit that describes the applicant's educational objective and how the proposed station will be used to advance an educational program that will further that objective according to 47 C.F.R. Section 73.503 (for radio applicants) and 47 C.F.R. Section 73.621 (for television applicants).	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No FCC FileNumber BPED- 19990115MC [Exhibit 2]
5.	The applicant certifies that its governing documents (e.g., articles of incorporation, by-laws, charter, enabling statute, and/or other pertinent organizational document) permit the applicant to advance an educational program and that there is no provision in any of those documents that would restrict the applicant from advancing an educational program or complying with any Commission rule, policy, or provision of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
6.	a. Parties to the Application. List separately each party to the application including, as applicable, the applicant, its officers, directors, five percent or greater stockholders, non-insulated partners, members, and all other persons and entities with attributable interests. If another entity hold an attributable interest in the applicant, list separately, as applicable, its officers, directors, five percent or greater stockholders, non-insulated partners, and board members. Create a separate row for each individual or entity. Attach additional pages if necessary. [Enter Parties/Owners Information] <hr/> <hr/>	
	b. Applicant certifies that equity and financial interests not set forth above are non-attributable pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 73.3555 and that there are no agreements or understandings with any non-party that would give influence over the applicant's programming, personnel, or finances to that non-party.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No [Exhibit 3]
7.	Other Authorizations. List call signs, locations, and facility identifiers of all other broadcast pursuant to the notes to 47 C.F.R. Section 73.3555.	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A [Exhibit 4]

8.	Character Issues. Applicant certifies that neither applicant nor any party to the application has or has had any interest in or connection with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. any broadcast application in any proceeding where character issues were left unresolved or were resolved adversely against the applicant or party to the application; or b. any pending broadcast application in which character issues have been raised. 	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No See Explanation in <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Exhibit 5</div>
9.	Adverse Findings. Applicant certifies that, with respect to the applicant, any party to the application, and any non-party equity owner in the applicant, no adverse finding has been made, nor has an adverse final action been taken by any court or administrative body in a civil or criminal proceeding brought under the provisions of any law related to any of the following: any felony; mass media-related antitrust or unfair competition; fraudulent statements to another government unit; or discrimination. If the answer is "No," attach as an Exhibit a full disclosure concerning the persons and matters involved, including an identification of the the court or administrative body and the proceeding (by dates and file numbers), and a description of the disposition of the matter. Where the requisite information has been earlier disclosed in connection with another application or as required by 47 C.F.R. Section 1.65, the applicant need only provide: (i) an identification of that previous submission by reference to the file number in the case of an application, the call letters of the station regarding which the application or Section 1.65 information was filed, and the date of filing; and (ii) the disposition of the previously reported matter.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No See Explanation in <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Exhibit 6</div>
10.	Alien Ownership and Control. Applicant certifies that it complies with the provisions of Section 310 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, relating to interests of aliens and foreign governments.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No See Explanation in <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Exhibit 7</div>
11.	Program Service Certification. Applicant certifies that it is cognizant of and will comply with its obligations as a commission licensee to present a program service responsive to the issues of public concern facing the station's community of license and service area.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
12.	Local Public Notice. Applicant certifies compliance with the public notice requirements of 47 C.F.R. Section 73.3580.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
13.	Anti-Drug Abuse Act Certification. Applicant certifies that neither applicant nor any party to the application is subject to denial of federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. Section 862.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
14.	Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO). If the applicant proposes to employ five or more full-time employees, applicant certifies that it is filing simultaneously with this application a Model EEO Program Report on FCC Form 396-A.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> N/A
QUESTIONS 15, 16 AND 17 APPLY ONLY TO APPLICANTS FOR NEW STATIONS. OTHER APPLICANTS CAN PROCEED TO QUESTION 18.		
15.	Financial. The applicant certifies that sufficient net liquid assets are on hand or that sufficient funds are available from committed sources to construct and operate the requested facilities for three months without revenue. If "No" to 15., answer question 16. and 17.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No See Explanation in <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Exhibit 8</div>
16.	Is this application contingent upon receipt of a grant from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
17.	Is this application contingent upon receipt of a grant from a charitable organization, the approval of the budget of a school or university, or an appropriation from a state, county, municipality or other political subdivision?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No

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EXHIBIT 3
Parties to the Application

a. Name and Address.	RONALD M. BANCROFT , 12 OCTOBER FARM LANE, CUMBERLAND CENTER, ME 04021
b. Citizenship.	US
c. Positional Interest.	CHAIR
d. Percentage of votes.	5.6
e. Percentage of total assets.	0.0
a. Name and Address.	MARION FREEMAN , 28 PIRATE COVE, FREEPORT, ME 04032
b. Citizenship.	US
c. Positional Interest.	VICE CHAIR
d. Percentage of votes.	5.6
e. Percentage of total assets.	0.0
a. Name and Address.	ELEANOR M. BAKER , 85 WOODLANDS DRIVE, FALMOUTH, ME 04105
b. Citizenship.	US
c. Positional Interest.	BOARD MEMBER
d. Percentage of votes.	5.6
e. Percentage of total assets.	0.0
a. Name and Address.	MAZIE COX , 25 LIMEROCK STREET, ROCKPORT, ME 04856
b. Citizenship.	US
c. Positional Interest.	BOARD MEMBER
d. Percentage of votes.	5.6
e. Percentage of total assets.	0.0
a. Name and Address.	MARIA GALLACE , 644 SHORE RD., CAPE ELIZABETH, ME 04107
b. Citizenship.	US
c. Positional Interest.	BOARD MEMBER

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d. Percentage of votes.	5.6
e. Percentage of total assets.	0.0
a. Name and Address.	BRENDA C. GARRAND , 6 PARTRIDGE CIRCLE, PORTLAND, ME 04102
b. Citizenship.	US
c. Positional Interest.	BOARD MEMBER
d. Percentage of votes.	5.6
e. Percentage of total assets.	0.0
a. Name and Address.	GEORGE S. ISAACSON , 38 LONGFELLOW AVENUE, BRUNSWICK, ME 04011
b. Citizenship.	US
c. Positional Interest.	BOARD MEMBER
d. Percentage of votes.	5.6
e. Percentage of total assets.	0.0
a. Name and Address.	PHYLLIS JALBERT , 19 JORDAN ROAD, FREEPORT, ME 04032
b. Citizenship.	US
c. Positional Interest.	BOARD MEMBER
d. Percentage of votes.	5.6
e. Percentage of total assets.	0.0
a. Name and Address.	ADAM D. LEE , 10 HARRIS ROAD, CUMBERLAND, ME 04021
b. Citizenship.	US
c. Positional Interest.	BOARD MEMBER
d. Percentage of votes.	5.6
e. Percentage of total assets.	0.0
a. Name and Address.	MARJORIE MURRAY MEDD , 267 CROCKETT RIDGE ROAD, NORWAY, ME 04268
b. Citizenship.	US

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c. Positional Interest.	BOARD MEMBER
d. Percentage of votes.	5.6
e. Percentage of total assets.	0.0
a. Name and Address.	KATHRYN J. OLMSTEAD , P.O. BOX 626, CARIBOU, ME 04736
b. Citizenship.	US
c. Positional Interest.	BOARD MEMBER
d. Percentage of votes.	5.6
e. Percentage of total assets.	0.0
a. Name and Address.	THOMAS H. PLATZ , 2 GREAT FALLS PLAZA, AUBURN, ME 04210
b. Citizenship.	US
c. Positional Interest.	BOARD MEMBER
d. Percentage of votes.	5.6
e. Percentage of total assets.	0.0
a. Name and Address.	ANN R. ROBINSON , 27 SHEFFIELD STREET, PORTLAND, ME 04102
b. Citizenship.	US
c. Positional Interest.	BOARD MEMBER
d. Percentage of votes.	5.6
e. Percentage of total assets.	0.0
a. Name and Address.	GEORGE SILVERMAN , 15 WEST ST., PORTLAND, ME 04102
b. Citizenship.	US
c. Positional Interest.	BOARD MEMBER
d. Percentage of votes.	5.6
e. Percentage of total assets.	0.0
a. Name and Address.	KENNETH S. SPIRER , 18 NEAL STREET, PORTLAND, ME 04102
b. Citizenship.	US

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c. Positional Interest.	BOARD MEMBER
d. Percentage of votes.	5.6
e. Percentage of total assets.	0.0
a. Name and Address.	ANNA MARIE THRON , 72 WEST STREET, PORTLAND, ME 04102
b. Citizenship.	US
c. Positional Interest.	BOARD MEMBER
d. Percentage of votes.	5.6
e. Percentage of total assets.	0.0
a. Name and Address.	KARL W. TURNER , 16 TOWN LANDING ROAD, CUMBERLAND FORESIDE, ME 04110
b. Citizenship.	US
c. Positional Interest.	BOARD MEMBER
d. Percentage of votes.	5.6
e. Percentage of total assets.	0.0
a. Name and Address.	MARK VOGELZANG , 1450 LISBON ST, LEWISTON, ME 04240
b. Citizenship.	US
c. Positional Interest.	MPBC PRESIDENT AND CEO
d. Percentage of votes.	5.6
e. Percentage of total assets.	0.0
a. Name and Address.	ALELXANDER G. MAXWELL, JR. , 386 DOW ROAD, ORRINGTON, 04474
b. Citizenship.	US
c. Positional Interest.	MPBC VICE PRESIDENT/CTO
d. Percentage of votes.	0.0
e. Percentage of total assets.	0.0
a. Name and Address.	MAINE PUBLIC BROADCASTING CORPORATION , 1450 LISBON STREET, LEWISTON, ME 04240
b. Citizenship.	NA

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c. Positional Interest.	ENTITY
d. Percentage of votes.	100.00
e. Percentage of total assets.	100.00

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EXHIBIT 4
Other Authorizations

Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation is the licensee of the following broadcast stations:

Call Letters	Facility ID Number	Location (City/State)	Service
WCBB	39659	AUGUSTA ME	NCE DT
WMEA-TV	39656	BIDDEFORD ME	NCE DT
WMEB-TV	39648	ORONO ME	NCE DT
WMED-TV	39649	CALAIS ME	NCE DT
WMEM-TV	39662	PRESQUE ISLE ME	NCE DT
WMEW	39645	WATERVILLE ME	NCE FM
WMEA	39655	PORTLAND ME	NCE FM
WMED	39646	CALAIS ME	NCE FM
WMEF	39653	FORT KENT ME	NCE FM
WMEH	39650	BANGOR ME	NCE FM
WMEM	39661	PRESQUE ISLE ME	NCE FM
WMEP	92566	CAMDEN ME	NCE FM
WFYB	174153	FRYEBURG ME	NCE FM
WRMO	84096	MILBRIDGE, ME	NCE FM
W03AM-D	39660	HARRISON ME	LD
W04BS-D	39647	BETHEL ME	LD
W05DD-D	39652	ST. FRANCIS ME	LD
W259BY	142052	WATERVILLE ME	FX
W281AC	87718	PORTLAND ME	FX
W291CO	139337	BANGOR ME	FX